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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
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FOR THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHA'IS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNDER THE HEREDITARY GUARDIANSHIP, INC., a not-for-profit Corporation under the laws of New Mexico,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Civil Action
-vs-	)	No. 64 C 1878
THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHA'IS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC., a not-for-profit Corporation under the laws of Illinois,	)	
Defendant.	)	

Deposition of A. S. PETZOLDT
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Q Is Mason Remey considered the highest authority in the administration under the Guardianship Faith?

A Yes.

Q Where does he live at the present time, Mr. Petzoldt?

A He is in Florence, Italy.

Q Do you know if he is scheduled to return to this country?

A I have no information.

Q When did you last see him?

A I don't remember. It was before -- several months before he went to Europe.

Q A year ago, two years ago, three years ago?

A It was approximately three years ago. I don't really remember.

Q Do you correspond with him?

A Yes.

Q Is that correspondence in your possession?

A Some of it.

Q Where is the rest of it?

A The secretary has some of it.

Q Does he also correspond with the secretary and other people?

A Yes, many other people, yes.

MR. GILSON: Mr. Reporter, mark these Plaintiff's

assist all persons in this country who have announced their adherence to the Guardianship principle? Do I make myself clear, Mr. Petzoldt?

A No, it is not clear to me.

Q All right. Does the New Mexico corporation purport to speak for, represent and generally control and be responsible for all persons in this country that adhere to the Guardianship principle as we have discussed it here today? Who is considered to be the highest authority for that group of persons?

A I consider it to be the National Spiritual Assembly under the Hereditary Guardianship in the United States, yes.

Q And hence to exercise that national authority over all individuals who have expressed their affiliation to Mason Remey as Guardian, is that correct?

A Yes, under the Baha'i, proper Baha'i administration principles.

Q Now I think you don't understand. We are trying to define the group which the New Mexico corporation -- for which the New Mexico corporation acts as highest religious authority. What group is that?

A Well, we stand for the Baha'i administration, continuing of the Baha'i administration of Shoghi

Effendi. In other words, we stand for the administration of those tenets as far as the United States is concerned.

MR. FREY: I suggest the question has been duplicated in an earlier question.

MR. GILSON: Q Well, do you claim religious authority over persons who have not declared their affiliation to Mason Remey? Let me put it that way. That is clear enough, isn't it?

A (No response.)

Q Yes or no, please.

A No, we have no authority over anyone other than those that under the Guardianship, those in the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States of America under the Hereditary Guardianship.

Q Mr. Petzoldt, can you identify Plaintiff's Exhibits 54 and 55.

A Yes.

Q What are they, please?

A No. 54 is by Mason Remey, Charles Mason Remey, giving in detail his -- not in detail, but called "The Great Global Catastrophe" by Charles Mason Remey, Guardian of the Baha'i World Faith.

Q Who distributes that publication?

A It was printed by the Spiritual Assembly of, I