

MRS KINGSTON: Good Morning.

COL ROCK: Good morning, how are you?

MRS KINGSTON: Fine, thank you.

COL ROCK: If you would please raise your right hand I wish to swear you in.

MRS KINGSTON: Okay, it's raised.

COL ROCK: Do you swear that the evidence you are about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

MRS KINGSTON: I do.

COL ROCK: All right, the next question that you will hear will be that from Mr Eisman, counsel for the accused.

MRS KINGSTON: Thank you.

MR EISMAN: Mrs Kingston, what is your full name, please?

A: My full name is Josephona Sprague Kingston.

Q: And you are the wife of Colonel Kingston who has just testified in this matter?

A: Yes, I am.

Q: Mrs Kingston, have you ever had the occasion to know Captain Jeffrey R. MacDonald and his wife, Colette, and their two children?

A: Yes, I knew them both, from September 1969 until January 25th 1970.

Q: Mrs Kingston, could you please explain to the investigating officer how you knew the MacDonald's?

A: Well, I first met Mrs MacDonald at my opening tea and my daughter was with me, and Colette and Leslie, my daughter, became very close friends, and when Leslie had a friend visit her from BMI we wanted to find another young couple that they could double date with, and my husband suggested that we contact Captain MacDonald and that's how our friendship was caused.

Q: And after the friendship was formed did you/have occasion to visit with the MacDonald's in their home?

A: Yes, on many occasions we were invited to the MacDonald's with Leslie's friend who was from BMI once or twice, and then my husband left to go to

Vietnam, they became our sponsors, not because they had to but because they chose to; including taking us to the plane when we left with our luggage and they also - after which they were going to put our car in storage.

Q: When you say sponsors, how do you mean?

A: Well, we were just left with sort of a lot of things to do, and for instance putting the car in and someone to take us and put us on the plane, and just general things that, that the people help each other with, and volunteered to do that for us.

Q: And you say you've had many occasions on which you saw the entire MacDonald family in their home?

A: Yes, I did because after my husband left they were very generous and they invited us many times to their home. We went to buffet supper on Sunday at the club and then afterwards we drove to the movies and then afterwards we'd go back for a drink before we went home.

Q: Have you had occasion to view Captain MacDonald and his wife -

A: I didn't hear you.

Q: Have you had occasion to view Captain MacDonald with his wife?

A: Yes, I have. I thought that it was a very good relationship and I remarked to my daughter that I hoped she had a marriage that was successful like that, and in these times it was nice to feel that there was some people who still loved each other.

Q: Did you also have occasion to see Captain MacDonald with his children?

A: Yes, the children, the children were very sweet children and were very well behaved, and when we'd go over there on Sundays before leaving for the buffet, they would be lying on the floor on a blanket watching TV and they came with us when we left there to board the plane. Captain MacDonald took them in the car with us and his wife.

Q: How would you describe Captain MacDonald's relationship with his children?

A: I think that he was a very loving father. On several occasions I ran into him unexpectedly at the PX or just driving around, and on weekends his children were always with him, and when I went down after Christmas he had purchased a horse for the children. I remember that we tried to

persuade him to just put the horse outside and have them look at it Christmas Day, and he thought about doing it and then he - wa'd go down with him to feed the horse and the children were with us.

Q: Did you ever see Captain MacDonald abuse in any way his children either verbally or physically?

A: No, never. In fact, he was the opposite, if anything.

MR EISMAN: At this time, Mrs Kingston, thank you very much, I will now turn you over to the prosecuting attorney who may have some questions to ask you. Thank you very much.

CPT SOMERS: Mrs Kingston, this is Captain Somers. Can you hear me?

A: Good morning.

Q: Did you consider yourself and do you consider yourself to be a good friend of Captain MacDonald?

A: I certainly do. I consider them to - to be - consider myself to be one of the best friends that they have since they came into the Army in September.

Q: Would you describe, please, how well disciplined you feel the children were?

A: The children were just - were just loving, sweet, normal children, obviously from a couple that loved them. They - they were very well - they were well behaved and they were kept very clean, and Colette spent a lot of time just reading to them and I know that they were looking - she and Captain MacDonald were looking forward to the new baby and had made a lot of plans.

Q: When one of the children needed discipline, who would normally discipline them?

A: Well, I think if they - I didn't see them really need discipline, and when they were in the living room, and they were told to go to bed, whichever parent happened to be present and told them to pick up their toys and go to bed.

Q: Thank you very much, I will give the microphone back to Mr Eisman now.

MR EISMAN: Thank you Mrs Kingston. At this time I will turn the microphone over to Colonel Rock, the investigating officer who might have questions for you.

COL ROCK: I have no questions at this time. I must however advise them not to discuss this testimony.

MR EISMAN: Mrs Kingston, Colonel Rock has no questions of you at this time.

MRS KINGSTON: I see.

MR EISMAN: However he would like to advise you as to certain responsibilities you have regarding this matter.

MRS KINGSTON: I see. Can you speak a little louder because this is not clear.

COL ROCK: This is the investigating officer again. Are both of you present where you can hear? I would like both/you there by the phone so you can hear what I have to say, so that both of you can independently answer to the statement that I will read to you.

MRS KINGSTON: Yes, I will and then I'll hand the phone to my husband. Is that what you want.

COL ROCK: Yes, I'll do it independently. You are advised that you will discuss your testimony with no person other than either the counsel for the accused, that's Mr Eisman, or counsel for the government, that's Captain Somers. Do you understand that?

MRS KINGSTON: Yes.

COL ROCK: Very well, now may I speak to Bob.

MRS KINGSTON: Thank you.

COL KINGSTON: Hello.

COL ROCK: You are advised, Colonel Kingston, that you will discuss your testimony with no person other than either counsel for the accused, Mr Eisman, or counsel for the government, Captain Somers. Do you understand that?

COL KINGSTON: I understand.

COL ROCK: Fine.