The Susan J. Ferrell Intercultural Human Rights Moot Court Competition

Clarifications to the 2015 Problem

**Question 1:** When did Astavia gain independence?

**Answer:** In 1998.

**Question 2:** How many of the other 13 Provinces that were formerly in the MU are now a part of the SPCC and the MEA?

**Answer:** Three.

**Question 3:** What is the past history of aggression and violence that is attributed to Restrepian influence that led the MEA and SPCC to think of Restrepia as “agitators” and “the main impediment to peace”?

**Answer:** These facts are not known.

**Question 4:** What date did the protest in Harimon with the students and the wheat farmers begin?

**Answer:** On December 15, 2013, following the calling off of the Agreement with the MEA by President Amos on December 13, 2013.
Question 5: What date did the media start making the opposition towards Amos a part of mass media?

Answer: The exact date is unknown.

Question 6: What date did protestors go to the Triangle and when did they begin to clash with the police?

Answer: On December 18, 2013, student protestors went to the Triangle, and on December 22, 2013, clashes with the police began.

Question 7: Are the special operations unit that uprooted some of the barricades in the Triangle a part of the special operations team RMO?

Answer: No.

Question 8: What citizens were the RMO comprised of?

Answer: They were citizens of Restrepia.

Question 9: Was the RMO commando that “made the call” Restrepian or Astavian? And was it Sinta or the AB who specifically handpicked this commando? Also, what was the exact call made, to shoot the potential threat or both the threat and the ringleader?

Answer: The call was made jointly by an AB agent and the RMO commando. President Sinta handpicked the members of the RMO Commando. No additional facts are known about the exact content of the call made.

Question 10: Are the RMO commander and the AB agent referred to in paragraph 20 of the same military status and hierarchy?

Answer: The exact structures of authority within the RMO commando are not known. The call had to be made jointly between an AB agent and the RMO Commando.
**Question 11:** Where is the Eastern Steppes?

Answer: “Eastern Steppes” is another name for “Eastern Plains.” Amos withdrew into the Eastern Plains on January 18, 2014 (correction of Problem, para. 21, originally stating “mid-March”). Talisman convened parliament on January 20, 2014 (correction of Problem, para. 22, originally stating “April 1”).

**Question 12:** Because Restrepian-speaking Astavians in Lena and the Eastern Plains supported Amos’ policies and opposed Talisman, is it a fair presumption that both Lena and the Eastern Plains pursue the same political agenda? And that the political position in Lena is a reflection of the position in the Eastern Plains?

Answer: No additional facts are known.

**Question 13:** How did Pomas’ experienced advisors “ensure compliance” with the Astavian Constitution in the Astavian cities under EPL control?

Answer: These facts are not known.

**Question 14:** In paragraph 28, is the New Restrephia and the “need to bring it home to Restrephia” an indication of a new independent country or a territory of the already established Restrephia?

Answer: No additional facts are known.

**Question 15:** Was there ever any actual suppression of Restrebian language and culture in Astavia?

Answer: Nothing beyond the facts as mentioned in the Problem.

**Question 16:** What was past president Nisin’s cultural background? Did Nisin speak the Restrebian language?

Answer: (1) This fact is not known. (2) Nisin spoke the Astavian as well as the Restrebian language.
Question 17: Are the Restrepian-speaking Astavian citizens in the Lena Peninsula an indigenous group?

   Answer: This is an issue of law, not of fact.

Question 18: What was the cultural and language composition of the members of the Astavian Parliament?

   Answer: These facts are not known.

Question 19: Did President Amos personally authorize Sinta and RMO troops to enter into Astavia to regulate the activity in the Harimon town center?

   Answer: No.

THE END