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10	Hearing of Witness: Mr. Louis Henri CHARDIGNY

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Saturday, December 05, 2020 at 11:40 a.m.

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We, the undersigned, Chief Warrant Officer Dominique MULLER, Judicial Police Officer in residence at UVEA 98600 Having regard to articles 16 a-19 and 74-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure We are in the office of our unit in UVEA 98600, and report the following operations:

IDENTITY OF THE WITNESS

<i>Gender</i> Name		<i>First name</i>	
MCHARDIGNY		Louis Henri	
<i>Family situation</i>		<i>Validity of civil status</i>	
<u>Concubinage</u>		declared identity	
<i>Date of birth</i>	<i>City of birth and Postal Code</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>INSEE</i>
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<i>Phone number</i>	<i>Mobile number</i>	<i>Profession</i>	<i>Nationality</i>
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<i>e-m@il</i> Fax			

COMMUNICATION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS DURING THE PROCEDURE

The person heard does not agree to receive notices, summonses and documents Interesting electronic procedure.

Let's hear from the above named person who states:

I acknowledge that I have been advised of the reasons for which my testimony is required, namely to provide you with my expertise in the handling of a sailboat.

I own a sailboat and I have been sailing for several years. I know the WALLIS lagoon perfectly, having lived on the island for 27 years.

Question: did you go out with your sailboat on Saturday 28/11/2020 ?

Answer: no, not at all.

Question: How many sailboats are currently in WALLIS ?

Answer: There is mine which is at anchor in GAHi and the American sailboat which is at anchor in MATA UTU. There is no other.

Question: We present you the satellite map of the lagoon of WALLIS south sector, the one dated and signed by Mrs. JOUBERT Cynthia. As a lagoon and sailing expert, can you tell us if it is technically possible to sail the route indicated in green on this map on Saturday 28/11/2020, without a motor, knowing that the wind was blowing from the west, north west at about 15 knots?

Answer: Yes, he can do this trip without any problem by sail. For me it could be done in 30 minutes or even less.

In any case, technically it is not a problem. The only thing he can't do with the wind in this direction is to go west or northwest.

I have read the civil status information and the above declaration and I stand by it and have nothing to change, add or subtract from it.

In UVEA 98600, on December 05, 2020 at 11 hours 55 minutes.

The person heard

The Judicial Police Officer

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Saturday, December 05, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

We, the undersigned Chief Warrant Officer Dominique MULLER, Judicial Police Officer in residence at UVEA 98600 Having regard to articles 16 to 19 and 74-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

We are in the office of our unit in UVEA 98600, and report the following operations:

IDENTITY OF THE WITNESS

<i>Sex eName</i> FJOUBERT		<i>First name</i> Cynthia	
<i>Marital status</i> Marie (e)		<i>Validity of civil status</i> declared identity	
<i>Wife</i> MOULIN		<i>INSEE</i> 38151	
<i>Date of birth</i> 38130	<i>City of birth and Postcode</i> 26/08/1981 ECHIROLLES	<i>Country</i> France	<i>INSEE</i> 38151
<i>Address Bp07 Municipality residence and Postal Code</i> 98600		<i>Country</i> France 98613	
<i>Phone number</i> 82 13 53	<i>N° tph portable</i> 72 13 53	<i>Profession</i> PROFESSOR	<i>Nationality</i> French
<i>e-m@ilFax</i>			

COMMUNICATION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS DURING THE PROCEDURE

The person heard does not agree to receive notices, summonses and documents relevant to the proceedings by electronic means.

Let's hear from the above named person who states:

I acknowledge that I have been advised of the reasons for which my statement is required, namely the disturbing disappearance of two American nationals in the WALLIS lagoon on 28/11/2020.

The 28/11/2020 I was at my residence of MATALM. I precise that our residence offers a sight on the lagoon, on the flow of the pass, the pass, the lepreux, FAIOA.

I saw the sails of the boat outside the lagoon at about 7:30 am. The sailboat was at that time behind the water of the pass.

I didn't pay attention to this sailboat until about 12:30. At that time I saw it coming back from the north of the island. In fact, from my house you can see the northern end of FAIOA and then what is further north is hidden by vegetation;

I can say with certainty that I saw this sailboat sail from north to south to the anchorage point where it stayed all afternoon until the arrival of the police boat.

I say this because I thought, when I saw this sailboat, that it was that of CHARDIGNY Louis Henry who has a sailboat at anchor in GAHi.

Question: Are you sure you can see the boat moving ?

Answer: Yes, I was absolutely sure, I followed it with my eyes and I saw it going south. **Question:** Did you have the opportunity to distinguish the number of people on board at that moment ?

Answer: No, not at all.

Question: Have you seen the sails of the boat?

Answer: No I didn't pay attention. I think I did because I thought CHARDIGNY would take advantage of the wind.

I understood that it was not the CHARDIGNY boat when my husband came back from fishing.

I saw this sailboat anchored in the lagoon and did not move until the police boat joined it. I must also point out that I did not see the dinghy of this sailboat move since I had noticed that it was hooked behind the sailboat and that it did not move from there.

I know that I saw it arrive on Thursday 26/11/2020 around 13H30 and position itself outside the lagoon towards the HONIKULU pass.

The person heard

The Judicial Police Officer

Question: Did you ask CHARDIGNY if he sailed his boat on Saturday 28/11/2020 ?

Answer: no. On the other hand, when my husband arrived from fishing, I looked at the sailboat with binoculars and realized that it was not yellow like the one at CHARDIGNY.

Question: Can you confirm that you saw the sailboat coming back from the north, entering your field of vision?

! the extreme north of FAIOA, to make its way to its anchorage place?

Answer: Yes, I am positive.

Question: Can you draw on a satellite map of the WALLIS lagoon, southern sector, the field of vision that you have from your home in MATALAA, and indicate on this map the presumed location of the entry of this sailboat in your field of vision as well as the route followed to its presumed anchorage place ?

Answer: Yes. On the map that you present to me, the field of vision from my home is indicated in red. To the north, I have a view that includes the extreme north of FAIOA, a tree hides the view further north. To the south I have an open view even beyond the oil wharf.

The letter A, is the position of my home.

The letter Best the presumed point of entry of the sailboat in my field of vision.

The green trace corresponds to the route followed by this boat, according to the vision I had from home.

The letter C is the anchorage location as I recall.

Question: Can you confirm the time when you see the sailboat enter your field of vision ?

Answer: No. For me I think it should have been 12:30. In fact, after checking my phone at your request, I realize that I sent messages to the nanny at 14:04, which means that in reality when I saw the sailboat enter my field of vision it was around 13:00, 13:30.

I also want to mention that while I was on my terrace drinking a coffee after lunch, I saw the sail being lowered to the place where it stayed at anchor.

I have nothing else to say to you.

I have read the civil status information and the above declaration and I stand by it and have nothing to change, add or subtract from it.

In UVEA 98600, on December 05, 2020 at 11:00 am.

The person heard

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Friday, December 04, 2020 at 3:55 PM

We, the undersigned Chief Warrant Officer Dominique MULLER, Judicial Police Officer in residence at UVEA 98600 Having regard to articles 16 to 19 and 74-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

We are in the office of our unit in UVEA 98600, and report the following operations:

IDENTITY OF THE WITNESS

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Family status Marie(e)	and status-civil Ide ntitle declaree
Date of birthCity of birth and codeCountry 12/05/1980ECHIROLLES 38130France	Postal INSEE 38151
AddressBP07 City residence and UVEA	Postal CodeCountry 98600France
numberMobile phone 7-1-3.58	Phone numberProfessionNationality FRANCE NAN
e-mailFax	

COMMUNICATION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS DURING THE PROCEDURE

The person heard does not agree to receive notices, summonses and documents
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Let's hear from the above named person who states:

I acknowledge that I have been advised of the reasons for which my statement is required, namely the disturbing disappearance of two American nationals in the WALLIS lagoon on 28/11/2020.

The 28/11/2020 I **went** fishing outside the lagoon with Mr GOURVEN Sebastien.

We must have been about two kilometers from the HONIKULU pass when we got a radio call from Michel SOULA who said that two people were in trouble after having jumps into the water from a sailboat. It must have been between 1:00 and 1:30 pm when this call was made.

Immediately we headed for the HONIKULU pass, trying to locate the sailboat in the lagoon.

I'm precise that I had to leave my home at about 12:30.

I saw from my home in MATALM the sailboat entering the channel. I followed it with my eyes intermittenly because I was preparing my things to **go** fishing.

I had a view of this sailboat **at** a distance of about 05 kilometres.

Once we entered the lagoon, we headed for the sailboat that was at anchor.

We were the first boat in the area.

When we approached the boat at about 2pm I think, but I'm not sure, the captain was sitting **in the** back. When he saw us he stood up and motioned for us to come closer.

He spoke in English with an American accent. I understand English well.

We asked him if there were two people who jumped into the water. He said yes. He told us that they had a fight, that they threw themselves **into** the water because they refused the tests.
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We asked him where and when they had jumped into **the** water. The answer given was not clear. He did not answer when. Nor did he answer the question of where they jumped.

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He told us that they had thrown themselves off the boat towards the island of Two. We were told that they had reached the islet of Lepreux but that they must have actually hit the islet of the pass. We thought they had jumped from the anchorage.

When I say that he was not clear, it is because we were not very close, it was windy, there was the noise of the engine and so we had the impression that he did not hear our questions well. Communication was made difficult by the surrounding noise.

We then sailed off in the direction of the lepreux. We preceded some research in this direction. We decided to come back to the boat at about 14:30 to get more information. When we arrived there, the captain was sitting at the back. We told him We asked how long they had been jumping. I didn't understand his answer, he was answering a question. I think he was saying that he had made a message or a call when they had jumped.

We asked him if they had fins and he said no.

We asked him if they were good swimmers and he said no.

We then went back to the lepreux because we had seen the gendarmerie boat. We communicated with the gendarmes and then we made a search towards FAIOA by skimming the west coast of FAIOA without detecting anything.

Question: How did you feel about this Captain ?

Answer: I did not find him very clear. At least I didn't find him worried.

There are various things that are not clear, because he does not give a clear answer to the following questions: How long have they been in the water? Which direction did they go? Did you see them swimming?

I didn't get the feeling that he was doing his best to guide us through his research and that intrigued me.

Maybe he thought he would give the information to the authorities. Maybe there's a language barrier.

Question: Did you notice any particular marks on the captain or on the boat?

Answer: The only thing that struck me is that the boat does not seem to be well maintained.

Question: Can you confirm that the captain told you that they had a fight? It can't be a translation error?

Answer: No it is not a mistake, it is a certainty that he told us that. **Question:** Do you confirm that he told you that they could not swim well? **Answer:** Yes, twice, because we asked twice.

Question: When you are at home before taking the road to HALALO for the fishing trip, is there anyone else watching the sailboat entering the pass?

Answer: Yes, there was my wife Cynthia who, a priori, observed it more than me. I was I remember that before I left I looked at the state of the sea outside the lagoon with my binoculars and while I was doing that, my wife was talking to me about the sailing boat. I didn't pay attention to that. she was telling me. She can usefully tell you what she saw.

Question: Do you know the lagoon of WALLIS ?

Answer: I have been in WALLIS for 08 years, I practice fishing, underwater hunting, and kitsurfing. I have a good experience of the lagoon.

Question: What can you tell us about the currents and the state of the sea at the presumed location of the disappearance, i.e. the southern sector of the lagoon, near the pass of HONIKULU ?

Answer: When we were in the lagoon there was a wind between 12 and 15 knots coming from the west, north west. We were in a rising tide so the current was coming in through the pass and should have pushed the swimmers towards FAIOA. The wind should push them towards the reef between the islet of the pass and FAIOA. Without fins it is impossible, in my experience, to fight against the current and the wind at this point.

Question: Do you have anything else to tell us ?

Answer: No. After reading the civil status information and the above declaration, I persist and have nothing to change, add or subtract.

In UVEA 98600, on December 04, 2020 at 5:40 PM.

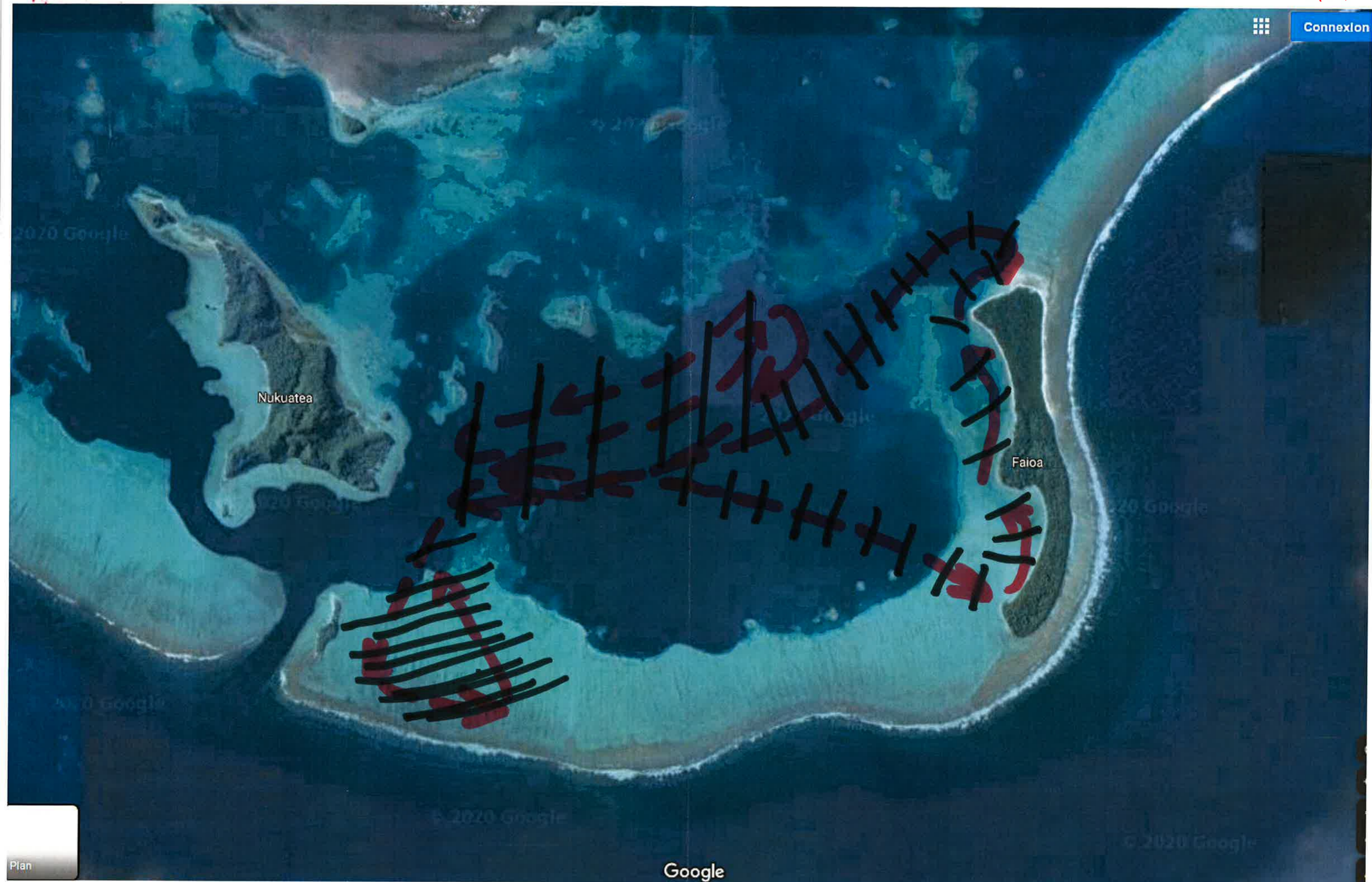
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Friday, December 04, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

We, the undersigned Chief Warrant Officer Dominique MULLER, Judicial Police Officer in residence at UVEA 98600 Having regard to articles 16 to 19 and 74-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

We are in the office of our unit in UVEA 98600, and report the following operations:

IDENTITY OF THE WITNESS

<i>GenderName</i> MGOURVEN		<i>First name</i> Sebastien	
<i>Marital status</i> Spouse		<i>Validity and status</i> Iden tite declared	
<u>Marie(e)</u>			
<i>Date of birth</i>	<i>City of birth and Postal Code</i> 07/07/1974BREST 29200	<i>Country</i> France	<i>INSEE</i> 29019
<i>Address</i> BP323			
<i>City residence and Postal Code</i> UVEA 98600		<i>Country</i> France	<i>INSEE</i> 98613
<i>Phone number</i>	<i>numberMobile</i> 82 24 25	<i>Profession</i> <u>Computer</u> technician	<i>Nationality</i> <u>French</u>
<i>e-m@ilFax</i>			

COMMUNICATION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS DURING THE PROCEDURE

The person heard does not agree to receive notices, summonses and documents relevant to the proceedings by electronic means.

Let's hear from the above named person who states:

I acknowledge that I have been advised of the reasons for which my statement is required, namely the disturbing disappearance of two American nationals on 28/11/2020 at about 12:10.

I was with Luc Moulin on his boat for a fishing trip when at about 1pm, I heard a call on the radio without understanding what was said. I specify that at this moment I am outside the lagoon.

I then heard Michel SOULA ask to acknowledge the message. I contacted him again and he advised me that there was a sailboat in the lagoon with two people in trouble in the water.

I immediately took the road towards the interior of the lagoon by entering the pass of HONIKULU.

When we entered the lagoon, we went directly to the sailboat which was already at anchor. I did not see any other boat on the way.

When we arrived at the sailboat we saw the captain sitting at the back of the sailboat. We approached him. He stood up.

We had a hard time understanding what he was saying because he had a pronounced American accent, not to mention the wind. We understood that he was saying that he had two passengers who had taken to the water, or at least thrown themselves into the water to reach the lepreux island. He said that surely with the wind and the current they had been carried out to the flow of the channel.

We asked him if he had a VHF radio and he said it was broken.

I asked him if anyone was in danger and he pointed to the lepreux. We headed straight for the lepreux and went along the side of the lepreux.

We went back to the sailboat to ask for more information. We asked how long they had been jumping and asked for a physical description of the individuals. He replied that there was a "black" and a "blond". We did not understand where the individuals had jumped.

La personne entendue
The Judicial Police Officer

I think the captain wasn't precise in what he said but I'll have to confirm with Luc. I was actually handling the boat and Luc was talking to him.

I remember him saying that they had jumped in with nothing and that they did not want to be tested by COVID. He used the term "religious fanatics" several times.

We asked him if both individuals were good swimmers and he said no.

Question: What is the captain's attitude when you arrive ?

Answer: We were in stress, in search mode for people in difficulty. I found him calm, he was not under stress.

Question: Did you notice anything special about her clothes on the deck of the boat?

Answer: No, I didn't notice anything in particular. I was obsessed by the fact that there were people in trouble in the water.

Question: Have you seen the gendarmes' boat ?

Answer: Yes but we had already gone back to the lepreux and the pass. We did not see anything. I know from experience that it is very difficult to distinguish someone in the water.

But I insist on the weather conditions, it was really windy, coming from west north west, easily reaching 15 or 20 knots.

The weather was overcast but without rain.

But my colleague and I decided that it was impossible to swim to the lepreux without knowing where they had jumped.

Question: Have you made contact with people on the islet of the pass ?

Answer: No, but I saw the gendarmes do it;

Question: Have you seen any fishermen on the area ?

Answer: Yes, I saw Sione TUAULI's boat in the pass when I went out to fish, at about 1pm.

There was also a boat to the east, north east of the lepreux but I also saw that the gendarmes had made contact with it.

Question: Can you give us in chronological order your movement in the lagoon?

Answer: Yes, we started from HALALO and went out through HONIKULU to fish in the open sea.

We then went back to HONIKULU to go directly to the sailboat at anchor. Once the information was collected from the captain, we went back down to the lepreux where we searched the eastern sector of the island. We then went back up to the sailboat to get more information. From there we went back down to the lepreux, eastern sector. We then searched along the reef on the side of the islet of the pass.

When we saw the gendarmes' boat we went towards them. We exchanged information. We then went back to the south reef and sailed along it to FAIOA. At FAIOA we sailed along the coast, very close to it, in order to detect a possible human presence. We then returned to the gendarmes near the islet of the pass.

Jean Christophe, the gendarme, explained to us that the entrance of the sailboat had been signalled by someone who was at the entrance of the pass.

We then checked the reef near the islet of the pass.

Around 16H00 we went to the reef near the pass to fish.

Question: What was your impression of the Captain ?

Answer: I thought it was strange that there was no VHF radio. He referred to religious fanatics. I feel that there is something wrong, it's weird.

I would like to point out that it is confusing for us, both because of the language barrier and because we are under stress in the search for the missing.

I found the captain strangely calm. He can't go looking for the missing with his boat because he is not handy with the sails.

The person heard



The Judicial Police Officer



17834/00017/2020 **Question**: Do you have anything else **to** tell us ?

Answer: No.

I have read the civil status information and the above declaration and I stand by it and **have** nothing **to** change, add or subtract from **it**.

In UVEA 98600, on December 04, 2020 **at** 9:30 am.

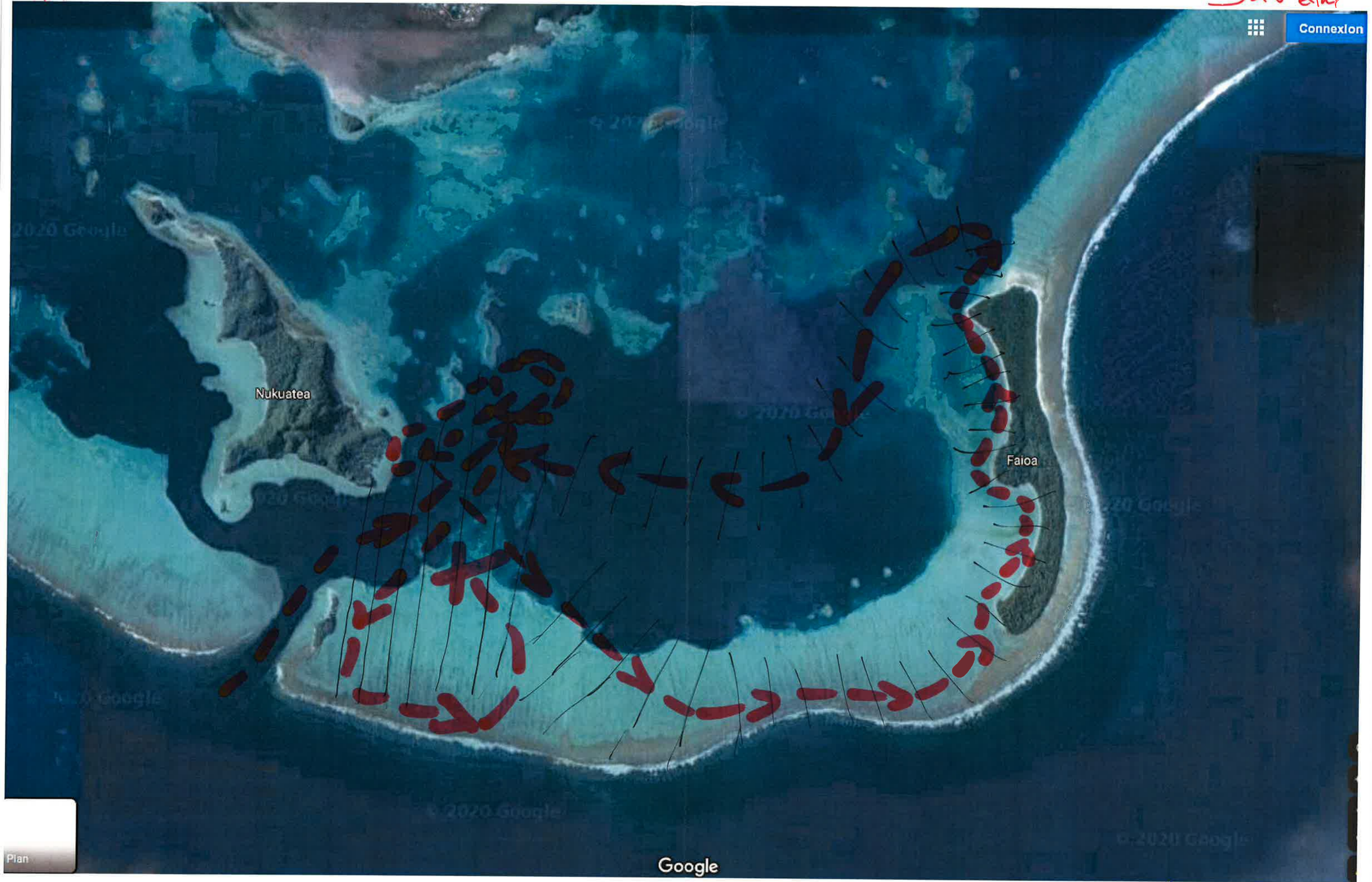
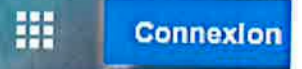
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On Wednesday 02 December 2020 at 15:55

We, the undersigned Chief Warrant Officer Dominique MULLER, Judicial Police Officer residing in UVEA, 98600 Having regard to articles 16 to 19 and 74-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

We are in the MOANA HOU hotel room in UVEA 98600 and we report the following operations:

IDENTITY OF THE WITNESS

GenderName MSCHMIDT		First name Michael	
Family statusDivorce		Validity of civil status declared identity	
Divorce(e) Date of	birthCity of birth and Postal Code 11/15/1962CANOGA PARK	CountryINSEE France	
Son ofSCHMIDT andBORUSA	Michael Suzanne		
AddressVessel Municipality residence and Postal Code HAWAI	ZULU Time	Country France	INSEE
Phone	numberMobile phone	numberOccupation Company Director	Nationality american
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COMMUNICATION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS DURING THE PROCEDURE

The person heard does not agree to receive notices, summonses and documents relevant to the proceedings by electronic means.

Let's hear from the above named person who declares, through NEGRAZ Anny, English interpreter:

Question: Did you understand the reasons for your hearing?

Answer: Yes, I understand.

Environment :

I was born in California. I have a company in online communication technologies, namely SUN DANCE - communication.com.

I got divorced in 2011 from Bary SALTZMAN. We have three gargons Dillan who is 29, Hunter who is 22 and Connor who is 18.

I have health concerns about my heart. I broke my nose a few weeks ago and have trouble breathing. I had a stroke a couple of years ago and part of my brain is still damaged. I had back and neck surgery a while back and have patches on my back.

I have very little money. The only addiction I have is smoking. I also like to have a drink at the occasion.

I have no criminal record. I am an American citizen.

I bought the sailboat ZULU TIME a few months ago. I am the sole owner.

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On your periple:**Question:** What was your motivation to go to sea ?**Answer:** I had a boat in California and I sailed to HAWAI to see my son Dillan. I had the boat MACAVITY. I left California on 31/03/2020 and I arrived in HAWAI on 14 May 2020.**Question:** How long are you staying in HAWAI?**Answer:** I stayed there for several weeks. The first week someone cut my anchor and my boat sank. I bought the ZULU TIME in HONOLULU. I met Jeff MACKINLEY. I had seen him before but didn't know him, that was in fishing tournaments in LOS ANGELES. After his boat sank he contacted me and took me **to** Honolulu to buy the boat.

I don't remember when I left HAWAI.

Question: What is your goal when you leave HAWAI?**Answer:** We left with two boats with Jeff. I don't know the name of his boat but I know that it means "end game".

In fact, it was Jeff who was supposed to take the two guys I picked up on his boat at his request. There were a lot of people on Jeff's boat.

Jeff wanted to go **to** RAROTONGA, I didn't care, I wanted to sail in the South Pacific. In Jeff actually changed his mind. He wanted to go to BORA BORA. Jeff kept changing his route. It was very frustrating for me because he kept changing his destination. To get from one point to another you have to follow a route. We communicated with each other through the Garmin. We would contact each other once or twice a day.The two kids were communicating with Jeff through the Garmin while I was sleeping. **Question:** Have you made any landfall since you left HAWAI?**Answer:** No, WALLIS was the first land we touched.**Question:** Have you been to RAROTONGA ?**Answer:** No. In fact, we had very bad weather and you can see on the Garmin track that we are zigzagging because of the bad weather.**Question:** Where did the young people you had on the boat want to go?**Answer:** They just wanted to follow Jeff's boat. On Jeff's boat there was a young man and his mother.

I took these two young people with me because Jeff's boat was very heavy. He had taken on board what I was told was 150 pounds. The water line was very low. He gave me one of his books that you saw on my boat. Jeff is a Mormon or Jehovah's Witness. The two kids on my boat were arguing with Jeff about religion and they just didn't have the same one.

Question: Do you trust Jeff?**Answer:** No. Do you want to know why? Once I had the boat broken down in HAWAI, and I had to buy a part for the engine. Jeff took me with ! Jeff took the dinghy ashore. When I told him I asked him to take me back to the boat, he didn't want to do it anymore and told me that I had to pay him to buy food for him. I had to get angry to get him to agree **to** take me back to my boat, which he did. derived with the three young a bard.**Question:** Do you think Jeff was really carrying books or was it drugs or something else?**Answer:** No, not at all. In fact, the young people who were with me, like the mother and her son who were on JEFF's boat, did not drink alcohol, did not smoke, did not eat pores, did not even use my cutlery. They looked like orthodox or ultra-orthodox Jews, to the Israelite.**The person heard****L'Officier de Police Judiciaire****The interpreter**

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Question: Why did you take over the management of WALLIS ?

Answer: I asked my friend AIR JORDAN who told me to come to WALLIS after SAMOA II never came here. May not come either.

Question: Why didn't you go ashore at PAGO PAGO?

Answer: We tried to get back to port, I had an engine problem and we drifted because there was no wind. We almost ran aground and the authorities told me I had to motor back but

I couldn't because the engine had problems, that's why I turned back. The second reason was that the health authorities had to come and do some covid tests and they really didn't want to, they went crazy, completely crazy. My friend Air Jordan contacted me and said that these kids might be in trouble with the law, he checked and he said they were clean.

Question: What do you mean by "they went crazy"?

Answer: They felt nervous, weird. They categorically refused the covid test. When Air Jordan said that they were clean, it reassured me but not completely.

Question: Why did they refuse these tests?

Answer: From what I've heard they believe that the covid test will give them the mark of the beast and thus they will go to hell.

That's how it's marked in the Bible.

Question: Was there already Covid in HAWAI when you left?

Answer: I had left LOS ANGELES because of COVID because of my health problems. In BIG ISLAND there was no COVID but on OHAU Island where I bought the boat there was the COVID. That's why I wanted to go sailing.

Question: Do you think the young people were afraid of COVID or only of the tests? Is this the reason why they decided to go sailing?

Answer: They were afraid of the tests and the vaccine but not of COVID. I think they chose this moment to navigate the COVID tests and also because they had decided to follow Matt who was to teach them the Bible and moreover who was to house them and provide for them.

The two passengers:

Question: Do you know the names of these two passengers?

Answer: No. I have a copy of their identity papers but I don't know their identity. I named them with the name they had given me. The youngest said his name was ISAAC and the second said his name was Vada.

Question: Do you know if the identity papers of the two passengers were in order ?

Answer: I don't know.

Question: Did they tell you that their IDs were perimetic ?

Answer: No and I have never watched.

Question: How did these young people behave On board ?

Answer: Very good, very respectful. When I asked for something they did it. I think they are good managers.

Question: Were there any problems between you ?

Answer: No, never.

The person heard

The Judicial Police

Officer



The interpreter



Question: What do you know about ABDUL RASH ED?

Answer: I know nothing except that he was going to get his doctorate in chemistry. He is married without children. He was born in New York. He told me that he was a Muslim who converted to Christianity and knew him very well the bible. I think he was really converted. He was a bodybuilder and was very careful about his diet and his body.

Question: What do you know about the second individual, CALVIN ISAAC?

Answer: He had been involved in bible study for many years and that surprised me. They were both very serious about religion.

He was an old fat guy who decided to take charge of his life.

Question: Did the two individuals live in HAWAI?

Answer: No they came by plane. ABDUL RASHED came to OHAU by plane and Jeff picked him up by boat to Big Island but Jeff said he didn't like him, but I don't know why.

Question: Do you remember what luggage they had when they came to your bar?

Reply: The young man had a black backpack and the other had three small bags. ABDUL RASHED had a laptop computer. I never saw him using it I think the hard drive was dead. I didn't see them with a phone. The only GPS on board was mine.

Question: Did the two passengers have any contact with the outside world and if so by what means?

Answer: CALVIN had used my mobile phone to call his mother, grandmother and aunt before we left HAWAI. Afterwards I offered him once to contact his mother and he said that he was going to call her. refuses, this has the help of the Garmin.

ABDUL RASHED never contacted anyone during the trip. Before leaving for HAWAI he used my phone to send a message. The phone was found in the sink in the water just after that and I think it was ABDUL RASHED who put it there.

Question: Did the two passengers get along well?

Answer: Yes, very well.

Question: Did they try to convert you to their religion?

Answer: No.

On the entrance to the lagoon :

Question: When did you arrive at the entrance of the WALLIS lagoon?

Answer: I don't know anymore, I'm too stressed. We spent a night in front of the pass and then we were able to enter. Someone told me to anchor outside. The next morning we cleaned the boat. Some divers came and saw the guys cleaning the boat.

I decided to enter the pass because the wind was right for me to enter the pass. I specify that the engine is broken.

Question: When you decide to enter the lagoon, did you warn the two youngsters ?

Answer: Yes and the 27 year old asked me why I wasn't waiting for the tow. I told him "I don't know when the unloading of the boat will be finished, it could be in two hours or two days. The wind is good and so I'm going.

Question: Did they talk about the covid test at that time ?

Answer: No.

Question: Didn't they seem worried in the morning about the upcoming covid tests ?

Answer: No. They were cleaning up, I was concentrating on my objective of bringing the boat in. There was nothing strange in their behaviour or in their statements. They helped me to set sail and to enter the channel normally, without showing any abnormal attitude.

The person heard

The Judicial Police Officer

The interpreter

Question: What is the position of each person when passing in the pass?

Answer: I was at the helm. On the right was ISAAC and ABDUL was on the left, each with a winch. Just before entering the lagoon, as I can't see the GPS from the rudder, Abdul stayed down in the cabin and gave me the coordinates when I had to turn as the reef is difficult to see.

Question: Did you see the people on the right side of the Tlot ?

Answer: Yes. I was afraid to touch them because we were going very fast, finally those who were swimming there.

Question: How did it happen?

Answer: I had prepared on the GPS which is at the bottom of the console, the one where the screen is partially broken, the reference points to turn the bard once in the pass.

I saw the swimmers in the water and was afraid to touch them. The older one was down below to give me the landmarks. At one point I heard the radio chirping and ABDUL asked me what was going on with the radio. But I think it was ABDUL who cut the wires of the radio tricks.

But I told him "I don't care about the radio, there is the reef, give me the waypoint", but he didn't give me an answer for the waypoint. But I could not leave the rudder because of the reef. The GARMIN GPS was hooked to the rudder and then I thought that they must have wanted to take it away from me to deprive me of the means of communication.

Just before point 18 on the bottom GPS in the cabin, the wind dropped and we slowed down. The wind came back and we picked up speed. I saw ABDUL RASHED run out of the cabin and jump over the bard on the left side without saying anything. He had a little pouch like a glasses case in his hand.

I saw CALVIN run out of the booth at that moment, he said "I'm sorry about 9a" and he jumped.

Question: How long does it take between the two jumps?

Answer: There are a few seconds between the two jumps. I am surprised, I do not understand what is happening.

Question: How were they dressed ?

Answer: They had shorts and a t-shirt but I don't know what color. None of them had shoes.

Question: When they jump are you close to the reef of Tlot des Iepreux ?

Answer: No, on the contrary I was very close to the reef of the Tlot de la passe.

Question: When they jumped did they end up in the channel, the deep part of the channel?

Answer: No, in fact when they jumped, we were very close to the reef on the right after the island of the pass. But I saw them swimming but I don't know in which direction.

Question: How long after their jump did you press the Garmin to make a plot?

Response: Immediately.

Question: What is your route before anchoring in the lagoon ?

Answer: I went to my mooring.

Question: A witness claims that he saw your veil approaching FAIOA before returning to the channel and drop anchor. What do you think?

Answer: That's not true.

Question: Did you try to see where the two young people went after their jump in the lagoon?

Answer: Yes I took the binoculars once I was at anchor and all I could see was people walking along the island of the pass.

I don't know if I saw both because I was too far away.

The person heard

The Judicial Police Officer

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Question: Do you think Abdul and CALVIN swim well?

Answer: I don't know but they both looked sporty.

Question: Did you feel that they have difficulty swimming when you see them swimming?

Answer: No, not at all.

Question: Do you think it makes sense that they threw themselves in that place ?

Answer: No. They could have taken the dinghy during the night when we were waiting at the pass and they could have left on the Tlot easily.

I am very worried for them and I am also angry about what they did.

Question: How do you explain this gesture?

Answer: They jumped when I told them I had just sent a message to the local authorities to help me navigate the lagoon.

Question: How do you send this message?

Answer: By the garmin, while navigating.

Question: Did you dial a message on the garmin while entering the pass ?

Answer: I made the message on the garmin while sailing. I have always sent messages while holding the helm, even in bad weather.

I must say that I never left the garmin to them.

The most important thing is that they jumped when I sent the message, again to avoid the covid test.

Question: Don't you think they must have known that the authorities were going to come and check you?

Answer: There are places where there are no covid tests when you have sailed for a long time without touching land.

Question: You dropped anchor at about 12:39. Did you pass another boat between the time the two youngsters jumped in the water and the time you anchored?

Answer: Yes, a fishing boat, well I think I was already at anchor. I called them by voice, they came, they were two white people in a white fiber fishing boat. I told them that two people had jumped into the water and that we should go and look at the reef towards the islet of the pass. This is what they did after taking the description of the individuals.

Question: Can you confirm that they jumped without water, without food, without clothes, without shoes?

R onse: Yes, I confirm.

Question: How did you see the small bag the size of an eyeglass case when you were surprised and sailing?

Answer: He passed right in front of me and he jumped and when I saw him in the water I saw that he had this little bag that I had never seen before. If he jumped with anything else I didn't see it.

Question: Do you think that the two young people wanted to play a joke on you?

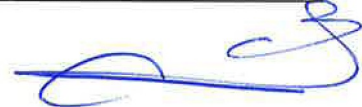
Answer: No, not at all. One would have to be crazy to do that.

Question: How do you think they can imagine that they could survive on a desert Tlot, without water, food, means of communication, in a country that they do not know, do not know the language?

Answer: It is inexplicable.

The person heard

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The interpreter



Question: Isn't that suicidal?

Answer: no, they wouldn't have taken their IDs, credit cards. They had credit cards.

Question: Do you think they could have taken refuge on an islet and maybe waited for a sailboat to arrive to pick them up ?

Answer: No, not at all. I don't think it's possible to swim to the leprechauns by the way. I think if they were able to damage the radios, they are capable of anything. Desperate people do desperate things.

Question: Did these individuals have their heads on their shoulders during the crossing ?

Q: Its were sensible.

Question: When you enter the lagoon, what do you have left in terms of water and food on the boat?

Answer: I ran out of water when I anchored in the lagoon. There was very little food left.

Question: Did both individuals jump with life jackets?

Answer: No, not at all.

On the Garmin:

Question: Do you have access to GARMIN EXPLORER?

Answer: I have an email address but I can't remember the password. My email address is 11USD77@gmail.com

Question: Who knows the login to ACCESS garmin explorer or garmin share ?

Answer: It's just me.

Question: How do you explain that the part of the route between PAGO PAGO and WALLIS was deleted this morning?

Reply: I sent an email to my friend John Mazur, from my laptop yesterday. I asked him to call my brother and father to say I was fine. I gave him the My father and brother's numbers and I even sent him a picture of me in the bathroom.

My friend went to the Garmin website and found my brother's number because I gave him the old one. I don't think it was deleted. It happens that the data disappears and reappears later.

Question: You have not deleted anything since ! How do I know if I've deleted anything from the GARMIN interface on the internet?

Answer: no, not at all.

Question: Who is Jordon Air?

Answer: He is a sailor who is in HAWAII. I know him only as a r/a. His identity is written in the book of bard.

Question: Who is Jeff?

Answer: This is Jeff MACKINLEY. He is now in BORA BORA.

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Question: Who is Matt Mellow?

Answer: This is the gang on who is on Jeff's sailboat with his mother Petra. They are currently in BORA BORA. I think that he is the guru of the two young people because he is the one who organized the expedition. I think the two guys who were with me already knew Petra and Matt Mellow.

Question: Why does MATT ask you if his friends are still alive on Sunday 29/11/2020?

Answer: He knows we are in the harbour. I don't know why he is asking this. Either he's threatening me or he's asked those kids to do something stupid before we leave HAWAII.

The two youngsters exchanged messages on the Garmin, messages that they deleted. They must still be on Jeff's Garmin.

It was Matt who was sending messages and I was giving them the Garmin to read the messages. After Samoa I didn't trust them anymore and so I didn't give them the Garmin.

I think we should have stayed in SAMOA.

I'm pretty sure that the two young people met MATT on a YOUTUBE site called SHEEPEAT SHEEP.

Matt is not right in the head. I had overheard a conversation between Matt and the kids and they were talking about bible verses.

Question: Do you think CALVIN and ABDUL-RASHED can get by with nothing on a desert island?

Answer: CALVIN said that he had already spent from 01 to 04 weeks in the forest isolated and alone. The other I do not know.

Question: What is your feeling about what happened to these two individuals?

Answer: For me they were so close to the reef that they could have reached it and waited for the right moment to reach the islet. I had heard ABDUL RASHED say that he had done the YMCA to train for swimming.

For me they could be on an island but the more time goes by the more I am worried.

Question: What did you plan in WALLIS ?

Answer: I thought I would repair the engine, the damage and refuel.

I had no idea how long it would take. I asked MATT to get plane tickets for ABDUL-RASHED and CALVIN to go to BORA BORA. I don't remember if Matt answered. It was just before we got to SAMOA

When I arrived in WALLIS, I just told the two passengers "when we arrive in WALLIS, you shut up and I'll talk to the authorities". ABDUL-RASHED just asked why we didn't wait for the cargo ship to leave before entering the lagoon.

I know that the two youngsters had asked the gendarmes on the first day of their arrival at the entrance of the WALLIS lagoon if there was a quarantine and if they could do it on board the boat. The gendarme had not answered.

Question: If they are on an island how do you think they can leave the island ?

Answer: It's impossible for them to get away from here. I know that if I had been in on the boat I would have left them on an island in the American Samoas.

Question: Did the two individuals ask you to put them on a boat?

Answer: Yes Abdul-Rashed and Calvin asked me to drop them off on an island in Samoa but I refused.

They did not ask me again when they arrived here. I told them that they had to respect the rules of the country they were coming to.

The person heard

The Judicial Police Officer

Question: Do you think that both individuals have some money?

Answer: Calvin has money. For Abdul-Rashed I don't know.

Question: If the two individuals had planned to hide on an island, could they not have prepared some things in order to reach this island ?

Answer: I don't know. This is the message that triggered their escape.

Question: Do you have anything else **tO** tell us ?

Answer: Yes, I hope we'll find them quickly. In any case I don't want them on my boat anymore. It's overwhelming to me what's going on.

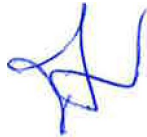
The person interviewed stated that he could neither read nor write French, and read his The declaration was made to him by NEGRAZ Anny, interpreter in American language, who declared that the interested party persists, having nothing **tO** change, add or subtract from it.

In UVEA 98600, on December 02, 2020 **at** 20 hours 40 minutes.

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Monday, November 30, 2020 at 12:05 a.m.

We, the undersigned Chief Warrant Officer Manuella TCHONG, Judicial Police Officer in residence at UVEA
 Having regard to articles 16 to 19 and 74-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure

We are in the office of our unit in UVEA 98600, and report the following operations:

IDENTITY OF THE WITNESS

Gender	N	First name	Vincent
ame	MVALI	Validity of civil status	declared identity
Family status	Marie(e)		
Date of birth	City of birth and Postal code	Country	INSEE
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City residence and	UVEA	98600	France 98613
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COMMUNICATION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS DURING THE PROCEDURE

The person heard does not agree to receive notices, summonses and documents relevant to the proceedings by electronic means.

Let's hear from the above named person who states:

I am here today at your request.

This Saturday morning, November 28, 2020, I was on the il ot de passe, in the South. I was with Mr. Serge GOMBERT , Mr. Frederic ROURE and Eric FARAON.

A little before eleven o'clock, on our arrival on the islet, I saw a small white sailboat, with a outside the lagoon.---

We settle down on the island and go swimming towards the drop off, on the north side. We let ourselves slide along the drop off. And there, I see the sailboat which has entered the Honikulu pass. (vv is the position of M. VALIN on the map and the red line is the approximate position of the sailboat seen when he was swimming). ---

When I see him, I'm less surprised by his entrance than Serge, because I was more interested in what was going on in the water. I had a camera, and I was attracted by the stingrays. ---

I can see this sailboat parallel to us, I can't see the stern anymore. It didn't seem very far from me. I don't linger on this boat. ---

Question: What time did you see this sailboat when you were in the water?

Answer: It was about 11:45 a.m.---

Question: What do you see on this sailboat?

Answer: I don't see anything, and I'm not interested.

Question: What trajectory did he take?

Answer: (Mr VALIN draws red dots on the map to mark the route).

As far as I'm concerned, he's heading for the tip of Tufumalu. But I really see it staying in the center of the channel, I'm not sure if it's moving--

When we left the island at about 5.30 p.m., we saw the gendarmes on their boat. It was anchored, because I saw that a man was trying to pull up its anchor.

Question: Did you follow this sailboat with your eyes when you were in the water ?

Answer: No. ---

Question: Did you swim in the pass?

Answer: Yes, along the drop off. Yes, it is later in the afternoon, around 2:30 - 3:00 pm. We saw a fisherman when we were near Honikulu Pass in the afternoon. I was with Serge at the time. ---

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Question: What clothing do you wear? ' .

Answer: I was wearing a black tee shirt and yellow fins, they are not mono fins. --
(The position is marked in green on the map).

Question: Did you see any individuals on this sailboat? **Answer:** No.---

Question: Did you see someone jump off the sailboat?

Answer: No. I didn't see anything thrown into the sea either.

Question: Have you heard any eris on this boat?

Answer: No.

Question: Did you hear an argument coming from this sailboat?

Answer: No.

Question: Did you report seeing someone trying to pull up the anchor of the sailboat?

Answer: Yes. I see a gentleman with white hair, white beard, semi-open shirt revealing a tattoo on the terse. When we approached this sailboat, we were under the supervision of the gendarmerie. I only see this individual.---

Question: We present you a photograph with two individuals, do you recognize them?

Answer: No.---

Question: Did you see them on the sailboat ?

Answer: No. ---

Question: Did you see them on the island or in the sea?

Answer: No.

Question: Do you have anything else to add about this boat ?

Answer: No. ---

I have read the above information and declaration, and I stand by it and have nothing to change, add or subtract from it.

In UVEA 98600, on November 30, 2020 at 12:30 pm. ---

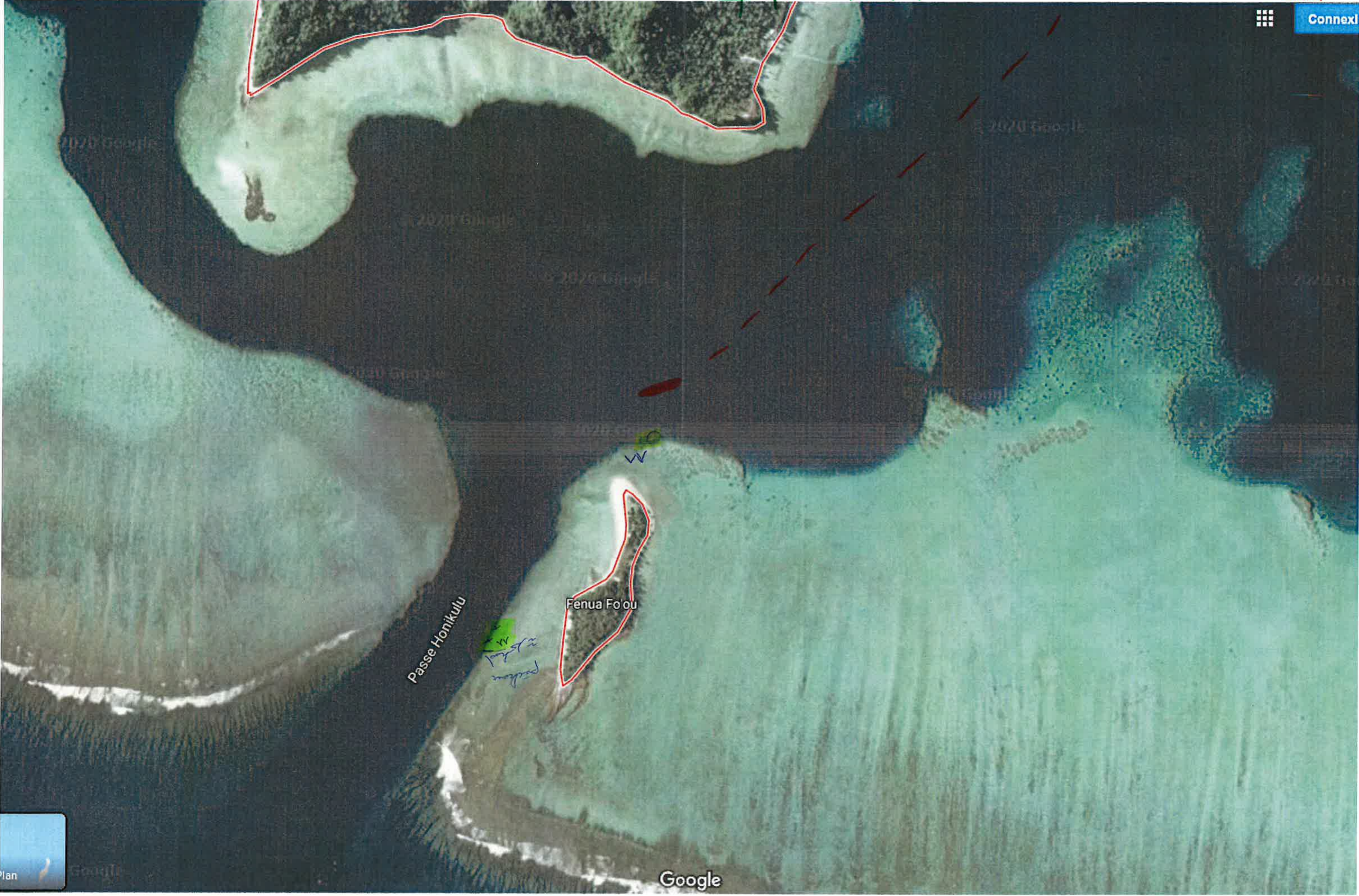
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Monday, November 30, 2020 at 12:05 a.m.

We, the undersigned Gendarme Malia TUIGANA, Judicial Police Officer in residence at UVEA Under the control of Chief Warrant Officer Dominique MULLER, Judicial Police Officer in residence at UVEA Having regard to articles 20, 21-1 and 74-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure We are in the office of our unit in UVEA 98600, and report the following operations:

IDENTITY OF THE PERSON

Gender	Na	First name	
M	ROURE	Frederic	
Family status		Spouse Validity and civil status	
<u>Marie(e)</u>		declared identity	
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e-mail		Fax	

COMMUNICATION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS DURING THE PROCEDURE

The person heard does not agree to receive notices, summonses and documents relevant to the proceedings by electronic means.

Let's hear from the above named person who states:

--I am here today to bring you my testimony regarding the disappearance of two crew members from the sailing vessel "Zulu time" on Saturday, November 28, 2020. -----

--I agree to explain myself.-----

On Saturday November 28, 2020 around 11:30 am, I was in the water with my three colleagues Serge GOMBERT, Vincent VALIN and Eric FARAON at the edge of the drop off of the islet of the pass, facing the triangular beacon towards the flat of the islet **lepreux**.---

My eyes were drawn (T1) by the rapid entry of the sailboat into the channel. The sailboat moved slowly parallel to us between our position and the lepreux island (T1bis). At that moment, I looked carefully at the stern, I could observe the presence of two people, a helmsman, rather frozen and a man with blond hair sitting on the stern of the sailboat, starboard side. His slow movement attracted my attention, but after a few dozen meters, I resumed my dive (T2). Twenty minutes later, I looked again at the sailboat which I saw parked off Faioa (**T3**).----

-During a reenactment with your comrades on Sunday, November 29 around noon, I was able to appreciate the distance of the boat from my position. I initially thought that the sailboat had passed very close to the lepreux islet but after reconstitution, I consider that it passed between the lepreux islet and the islet of the pass.

Question : Are there other people **ON** board?

Answer: No.

Question: Have there been people who have thrown themselves **into the sea**?

Answer: No.

Question : What direction was the sailboat taking ?

Answer: The sailboat was heading in the deep blue towards Mata-Utu.

Question: Have you seen people swimming with dolphin fins?

Answer: No.

La personne entendue



The Judicial Police Officer



Question: We present you with a picture of the 2 individuals we are looking for, did you see them when the sailboat passed by?

Answer: I only saw the blond on the left on the picture. It is the one who was sitting on the starboard side.

Question: Did you see them going up on the islet after the sailboat passed ?

Answer: No.

Question: Do you have anything else to add?

Answer: The lagoon was shaped and there was a strong current coming in.

I have read the civil status information and the above declaration and I stand by it and have nothing to change, add or subtract from it.

In UVEA 98600, on November 30, 2020 at 12:30 pm.

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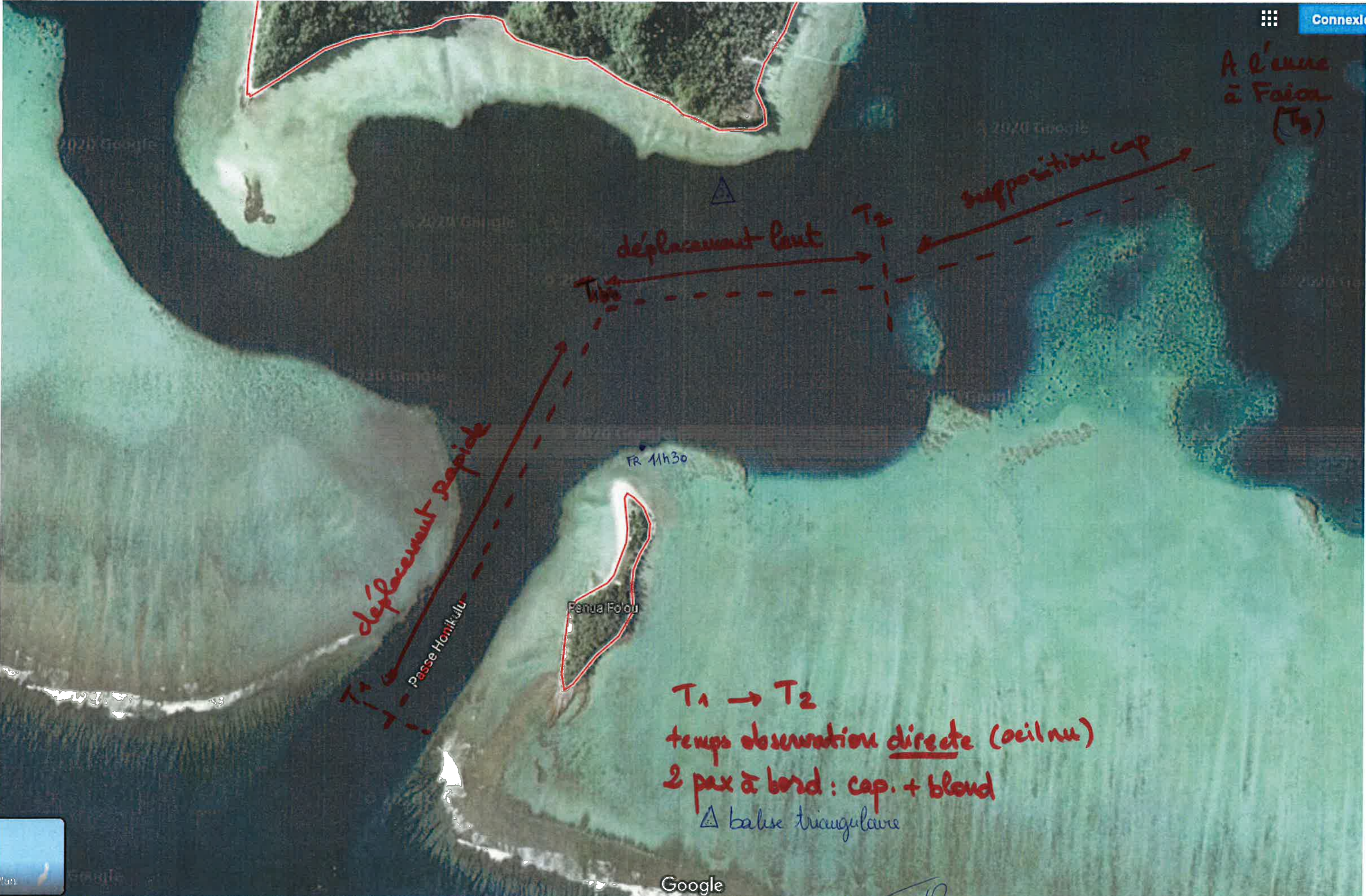
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**INVESTIGATION INTO A DISTURBING
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Monday, November 30, 2020 at 12:00 a.m.

We, the undersigned Major Lionel BOULET, Judicial Police Officer in residence at UVEA 98600
Having regard to articles 16 to 19 and 74-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure

We are in the office of our unit in UVEA 98600, and report the following operations:

IDENTITY OF THE WITNESS

<i>GenderName</i> MGOMBERT		<i>First name</i> Serge	
<i>Marital status</i> Spouse		<i>Validity of civil status</i> declared identity	
<u>Marie(e)</u>			
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COMMUNICATION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS DURING THE PROCEDURE

The person heard does not agree to receive notices, summonses and documents
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Let's hear from the above named person who states:

I am here today in response to your summons. I have taken note of the reasons for this one, a
To wit, the disappearance of two crew members from a sailboat last Saturday.

Question: Can you tell us where you were that day ?

Answer: We left Gahi at 10am with Taofi to go to the islet of your pass. When we arrived at the islet, we saw the sail and with the perspective we wondered if it had gone into the lagoon or still outside. When we approached the pass, we could see the
We found that it was outside the lagoon. I remember I was wondering because he didn't have
was to return only if he was authorized. I have mentioned on the map that you show me at point "A" the location of the sailboat when we arrived.

We had a coffee and then we decided to go swimming with Vincent VALIN, Frederic ROURE and the commander FARAON. We went to the drop off from the point of the island
marked "B". We took a course towards the land to get to position "C" in
beginning of the drop.

In general we follow the drop off to alter towards the pass. At the beginning we saw 4 stingrays and we stayed with them for a while. And I think that just after the rays, I saw the sailboat entering the pass.

For me he had the front foe and one sail deployed. The boat was pushed by the wind quite fast and even slightly inclined.

I saw some people On board but I couldn't tell if there were two or three. I know I have some seen at least two. I think they were near the mast but at least on the back part of the boat between the mast and the stern.

I thought they were going to crash into the lepreuxes because I knew they were damaged.

It was almost at the point of the maritime affairs marker materialized by a triangle. I have put on the photograph the dotted line of the estimated passage of the sailboat.

I saw that he was passing the leprechauns. I turned to the others and said, there must be a problem because there are no gendarmes with him who should take you to Halalo.

I spent a little time in Parlya and then I lost sight of her.

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We finished a part of the drop off to come to point D. At this point, there is so much current coming in that we decide to come back to land.

We came back to shore and I phoned immediately to the 17th at 12:23 to report that the sailboat had returned. I was told that it was normal and that he had to return with the Gendarmerie. I then answered that I had to inform the colonel because he had returned without anyone.

I reported to the on-call person so that he could alert the Chief Cab according to the procedure in force at senior administration.

While I'm calling, I'm looking at the position of the boat. I see her with sails out near Faioa. A few minutes after having had contacts with the chief cab, the rescue center and the colonel of the gendarmerie, I see it more difficult to see it halfway between Faioa and the mainland without sails. A few minutes passed.

Question: Have you seen people jumping into the water or swimming in your observation area?

Answer: No, I did not see anyone jumping in the water or swimming in the area.

After eating in the afternoon, we went back to swim with Vincent VALIN and the Commander FARAON to finish the drop off that we couldn't do in the morning because of the drop off.

At the end of the pass at point "E", we see a small fisherman's aluminium hull waving at us to move away from his boat as we were going towards him.

We turned around and returned with Vincent VALIN. Commander FARAON having returned to land a little earlier.

Question: Can you tell us the time of entry of the sailboat in the lagoon?

Answer: On the timetable, taking into account the journey to come to the island and coffee etc... I think that they enter the lagoon between 11:30 and noon.

During the various exchanges with the Chief of Staff and the Colonel of the Gendarmerie, I made it clear that we had fried the disaster when we passed by the Lepreux.

Question: Did you hear any noises or eris during this time?

Answer: No, I didn't see or hear anything that would have attracted my attention knowing that I was on the lookout because the fact that he was going home alone and unaccompanied was already a problem.

Question: Were there other people on the island of the pass ?

Answer: There was a group of Wallisians in a Fale next door who were fishing and who left just as the gendarmerie boat came alongside at the Islet de la Passe shortly before we left.

Question: Did the boat change its speed during the period you observed it?

Answer: No. For me, it went by quite quickly.

Question: For you, how long did it take between the passage and the next eye contact?

Answer: I estimate that it takes about 30 minutes to get to the shore.

Question: Were there any other boats on the water?

Answer: I did not see any other boats in the vicinity at that time.

When Taofi came back to pick us up, we slowly went along the beach of Ilot des Lepreux and we went to Gahi. We stopped near the sailboat and offered our services to translate.

Question: We present you the photograph of the missing individuals. Did you see them during the passage of the sailboat in the pass or would you have seen them join the islet of the pass after the passage of the sailboat?

Answer: I don't recognize them, at least I never saw them. There were people on the sailboat but I cannot tell you if it is them. In any case these people did not go up on the islet of the pass after the passage of the sailboat.

I have read the civil status information and the above declaration and I stand by it and have nothing to change, add or subtract from it.

In UVEA 98600, on November 30th 20 at 12 hours 40 minutes.

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DISTURBING DISAPPEARANCE OF A PERSON

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MINUTES OF THE HEARING

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Nmr pièce *A2* Sheet number 1/2

Monday, November 30, 2020 12:00:20

We, the undersigned, Chief Warrant Officer Dominique MULLER, Judicial Police Officer in residence at UVEA 98600, having regard to articles 16 to 19 and 74-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. We are in the office of our unit in UVEA 98600, and report the following operations:

IDENTITY OF THE WITNESS

GenderName MFARAON	First name Eric	Validity of civil status declared identity	
Marital status <i>Spouse</i>			
Date of birth <i>Marie(e)</i>	City of birth 07/06/1968	Postal code VIVIERS 07220	INSEE 07346
Country France			
Address AFALA	City residence and Postal Code UVEA 98600	Country France	INSEE 98613
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Nationality e-m@ilFax			

COMMUNICATION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS DURING THE PROCEDURE

The person heard does not agree to receive notices, summonses and documents relevant to the proceedings by electronic means.

Let's hear from the above named person who states:

I acknowledge that I have been advised of the reasons for which my statement is required, namely the disturbing disappearance of two passengers from a sailing boat which entered the WALLIS lagoon on 28/11/2020.

I was this day at the island of the HONIKULU pass in company of Serge GOMBERT, his wife Mira, ROURE Frederic and his wife Poe, VALIN Vincent and his wife Isabelle.

We must have arrived at the island around 10:45. I saw the boat outside but I don't remember seeing any movement. The sails were down.

Around 11:45 or 12:00, while I was swimming at the north end of the islet of the pass, in company of Serge, Frederic and Vincent, I saw the sailboat crossing the pass, all sails out. It was going by very fast. I was surprised because I knew she was damaged. I was surprised to see that she had all the sails out and that a priori there should not be any problem of damage on the mast.

I was obsessed with the boat and did not pay attention to the people on it. I am not able to say if there were several people on board this boat.

Question: What was the trajectory of the boat ?

Answer: It entered the pass and went east into the lagoon. I trace on the satellite view that you present to me the trajectory that I believe I saw. I specify that the letter A defines my position.

Question: Did you have the feeling that the sailboat rubbed the platier of the islet of lepreux ?

Answer: I can't tell you.

Question: Did you see people jumping into the water from the sailboat?

Answer: No.

Question: Have you seen people swimming or bathing at the lepreux float after the boat entered the lagoon ?

Answer: No.

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Question : immediately after the passage of the sailboat did you see people on the lepreux plain?

Answer : No. In fact after the passage of the sailboat I continued to snorkel.
I didn't pay attention.

I would like to point out that at about 4.30 p.m. when the taxi boat picked us up, although we already knew that two passengers were being sought, we went round the lepreux by the north without detecting anything in particular.

Question : We present you with a photograph of the two individuals we are looking for. Did you see these people going up on the islet of the pass after the passage of the sailboat ?

Answer : No, formally.

Question : You swam near the islet of the pass but did you swim in the pass itself ?

Answer : No.

Question : What can you tell us about the strength of the current when the boat entered the lagoon ?

Answer : I am categorical. After the passage of the sailboat, we went along the western side of the pass in the direction of the exit of the pass on the ocean side. The current was very strong and we had to fight to move forward. I would like to point out that at this point, the current was either incoming or the tide had to go up.

Question : Have you discussed with the wives present at the island with you, after being informed of the search for these two individuals and would one of them have important elements to communicate to us ?

Answer : No. We discussed it but nobody had seen anything in particular.

Question : Were there any fishermen nearby ?

Answer : Yes I saw a fishing boat but later, around 4pm. The fishermen's boat was on the east side between the pass and the islet.

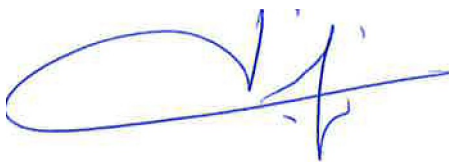
Question : Do you have another element to bring us ?

Answer : No.

I have read the above information and declaration, and I have made the following statement and have nothing to change, add or subtract.

In UVEA 98600, on November 30, 2020 at 12:30 pm.

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DISTURBING DISAPPEARANCE OF A PERSON



MINUTES OF THE HEARING

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Monday, November 30, 2020 at 9:20 a.m.

We, the undersigned, Chief Warrant Officer Dominique MULLER, Judicial Police Officer in residence at UVEA 98600 Having regard to articles 16 to 19 and 74-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure

We are in the office of our unit in UVEA 98600, and report the following operations:

IDENTITY OF THE WITNESS

<i>GenderName</i> MSIAKINUU	<i>First name</i> Maile
<i>Marital status</i> Spouse	<i>Validity of civil status</i> declared identity
<u>Marie(e)</u>	
<i>Date of birth</i> City of birth and Postal Code 21/05/1992UVEA 98600	<i>Country</i> France
	<i>INSEE</i> 98613
<i>Address</i> MALEFOOU	
<i>City residence and Postal Code</i> UVEA 98600	<i>Country</i> France
	<i>INSEE</i> 98613
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	<i>Occupation</i>
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COMMUNICATION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS DURING THE PROCEDURE

The person heard does not agree to receive notices, summonses and documents relevant to the proceedings by electronic means.

Let us hear the above named person who declares through Andrew TALUA, interpreter in the Wallisian language duly requested and after having taken the oath.

I come to your unit today to tell you what I saw on Saturday 28 November 2020 at the HONIKULU pass.

I went fishing with Sione TUAULI and his son Mika. We left HALALO around 11HOO and went directly to the pass.

When we arrived at the pass there were many people on the island.

We positioned ourselves between the green beacon and the entrance of the pass, that is to say in the south of the islet of the pass, side islet.

I would like to point out that on our way from HALALO we noticed a sailboat anchored between FAIOA and the channel.

Once in place for fishing I saw two swimmers in the pass. They had one-piece fins, like a fish tail.

They were swimming in the channel on the island. When I saw them I shouted because they were going to disturb the fish. One of the swimmers raised his hand to wave and they went back the other way.

What puzzled me was that they didn't go back to the island of the pass, they continued past the island. I didn't follow them any more with my eyes. Maybe they came back through the back of the island.

Question: What time did you see the two swimmers in the pass?

Answer: It must have been 1:00 or 1:30 pm.

Question: We present you with a photograph of the two missing individuals. Are these the people you saw?

Answer: I can't say because they had a mask and there were waves.

Question: When you start fishing, does the current go in through the pass or is it out ?

Answer: In fact there is an incoming and an outgoing current at low tide. As there was a wind, it also created eddies in the channel. It is dangerous to swim at that moment in the pass.

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The interpreter

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Question: Can you place your position and the position of the swimmers on a satellite photograph of the HONIKULU pass?

Answer: Yes, in letter A it is my position and that of Mika TUAULI. In B it is the position of Sione TUAULI. In C and D these are the positions of the swimmers.

The dotted line is the route they took when they left until I followed them with my eyes.

Question: Can you place on a satellite photograph of the WALLIS lagoon the position of the sailboat when you see it ?

Answer: Yes, I will place it on this map in position E.

Question: You who know the lagoon, do you know when the tide rises, what your drift would be if you threw yourself into the water at the place mentioned in E ?

Answer: When the tide rises, we are swept into the lagoon, then it depends on the wind.

Question: Do you have anything else to tell us ?

Answer: No.

The person heard affirming that he could neither read nor write French, read his The declaration was made to him through TALAUA Andrew, interpreter in the language, who declared to us that the interested party persists, having nothing to change, add or subtract from it.

In UVEA 98600, on November 30, 2020 at 10 hours 05 minutes.

La personne entendue

The Judicial Police Officer

The interpreter



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