

SMS from Audrey Tilmouth 10/10/2011 01.42p.m.

Bill, got a copy of your paper u sent to the nation re letter Gerry McCarthy. Correction my Grand Mother did belong to the Danggalaba Clan. Both her n Tommy Lyons shared the same mother. TLs had a different father not Larrakia. Djindjabat was his name (whitemans name Miranda) my granny performed Topsy ceremony. Most people of late Darwin knew she was Boss for this country n not Topsy or her brother. U didn't do any research outside of Kulaluk. I'd like to sit down with u when next your in Darwin with documents u don't have. U r the very first to say the Romans aren't Danggalaba. From Audrey [descendant of Lindy Roman]

From Bill Day

Good to hear from you. I left you out because I am working from topsy's tree. You are on it of course but connection not clear. We have danggalba claim active you might like to be a part of it. I think Brendan spoke to you. Important to sort out who is danggalaba. I have written several letters to Helen Secretary and family. Then there is Thompsons. Get my report at Nightcliff market Sunday.

From Audrey Tilmouth 10/03/2011 04.18 p.m.

We got this information when our elders were still around Bill n recorded with the NLC Maria Brandle [sic] n Mike Walsh also Adrian Haritos spoke to a lot of our people in the early days of Kenbi. U can only go on what Topsy has told you. We lived along side of her in the days of Retta Dixon n believe me Bill the white people have promoted her to her status not the Larrakia people who lived there at Bagot. Aunt Margaret Moy had more pull than her n she wasn't Larrakia. No sorry I don't want any part of your Danggalaba group, Bill, as Im not goin to justify why the Romans are a part of it. I know we are so I'll leave it at that. There is not one piece of evidence where Tommy Lyons spoken re-Larrakia issues. Have you got anything? He's father was a Wadjigan man, that's why. Audrey [descendant of Lindy Roman]

NOTE: Margaret Moy was the first wife of Tommy Lyons and mother of Paula Thompson, who was mother of Stephanie. Tommy Lyons' father Djindjabat was accepted as Larrakia in the Kenbi claim and his grandfather was Djalamin (Solomon), brother of King Tommy. Topsy Secretary denied that the Roman's mother was a sister of Tommy Lyons. She has the family listed as Larrakia.

Kenbi 1979 list the following as Danggalaba:

Bobby Secretary, Topsy Secretary, Gabriel Secretary, Prince of Wales, Olga Singh, Rachel (or Paula) Thompson and Kathleen (or Dolphin) Minyinma. These persons were considered to have as their principal dreaming, or *durlg*, the *danggalaba*, or crocodile. Kenbi 79 also made reference to affiliates of the Danggalaba clan, i.e. those whose mothers were members of the clan. Listed as affiliates of the Danggalaba clan were Lindy Roman (Danks), Kathleen Secretary, Raelene Singh, Jason Singh, Zoe Singh and Peter Mandang. Reference was made to Josephine Rankin as a possible affiliate who had elected not to be involved in the claim.

[My argument is that it was clearly wrong in the light of precedents to insist on recognising only patrifiates ie descended from father to father]

Gray 2000:

Para 4.5.5 A genealogy of the Danggalaba clan, compiled for the purposes of Kenbi 79, shows Tommy Lyons as the son of Djindjabat and shows a woman, named as Ida Ruby, as a daughter of Djindjabat with the same mother as Tommy Lyons. Ida Ruby is shown as the mother of Lindy Roman, also known as Lindy Danks, whose father was Louis Roman, a Swiss pearl diver. The children of Lindy Roman/Danks are listed in detail in para. 4.10.13 as members of the **Larrakia** group. Among them are Annabelle Benton, Audrey Tilmouth, Susan Roman and Billy Danks,

siblings who all gave evidence that their grandmother, the mother of Lindy Roman/Danks, bore the name Amy and the Aboriginal name Yirra and was a sister in the biological sense of Tommy Lyons.

4.5.6 The genealogy for this family, produced by Dr Michael Walsh in 1995 as part of the evidence on behalf of the **Larrakia** group, shows Djindjabat as having three children, Amy Yirra (the mother of Robert and Lindy Roman), Tommy Lyons (the father of Olga Singh and Rachael/Paula Thompson) and Annie Garaga (who is shown as having had no children). Dr Walsh relied, among other sources, on a note taken by Dr Maria Brandl, one of the original researchers for Kenbi 79, to the effect that Olga Singh called a woman named Yirra her father's sister. The note did not make it clear whether this relationship was viewed as a biological or a classificatory relationship. Dr Walsh also interviewed both Lindy Roman/Danks and Rachel/Paula Thompson, seeking general genealogical information. At the time when he did so, he did not foresee controversy as to the existence of a sister for Tommy Lyons and did not direct his inquiries specifically to the issue.

4.5.8 Also in 1995, Dr Rose prepared a genealogy of the **Tommy Lyons** group. She did not include a sister for Tommy Lyons in her genealogy, which was based on information obtained from Johnny Singh, Raelene Singh and the late Topsy Secretary.

4.5.9 On the first day of my inquiry in 1995, Topsy Secretary was called to give evidence. She was asked about a sister for Tommy Lyons. She said she only knew of one sister of her father, Frank Secretary, and Tommy Lyons... Topsy later said that she called Lindy Roman/Danks 'sister', a term consistent with a relationship of first cousins. Audrey Tilmouth was permitted to ask questions of Topsy Secretary. Topsy admitted knowing Audrey's grandmother but denied knowing her brother. She said, 'I didn't know about aunty; it's not my aunty. I been call her mum, native way.' Audrey said, 'Amy', and then Topsy said, 'no grandmother.' This last reference is entirely unclear. The possible relevance of Topsy Secretary calling Audrey Tilmouth's grandmother 'mother' is dealt with below. When asked about the name 'Yirra Badoo', Topsy said that she came from Channel Island. She would not concede that Yirra Badoo was Tommy Lyons's sister. The evidence of Topsy Secretary must be viewed in the context of the strong view she was expressing that she had left the Cox Peninsula side of what she regarded as her country to Olga Singh's children.

Amy

married Louis Roman, a Swiss pearl diver. They had three children, one of whom was taken by a crocodile when young. The two surviving children were Robert Roman and Lindy Roman/Danks, both now deceased. Robert Roman is survived by his two children, Julie and Richard Roman. Julie has four children, Mark McNamara, Debbie Warren, Susan Warren and Kevin Warren. Mark McNamara has a son, Paul McNamara. Richard Roman has five children, Robert Roman, Brenda Smith, Tracy Roman, Donna Abbott and Jamie Roman. Robert Roman has four children, Alexis, Richard, Attlee and Tennielle. Brenda Smith has two children, Michael and Daniel Smith. Donna Abbott has four children, Cassandra, Gregory, Justin and Bradley Abbott.

4.10.13 Lindy Roman/Danks is survived by six children, Roger Roman, Annabelle Benton, Audrey Tilmouth, Rachel Roman, Susan Roman and Billy Danks. Roger Roman has four children, Robert Roman, Kathy Abbott, Tony Ally and David McGregor. Robert Roman has two children, Robert and Rhiannon Roman. Kathy Abbott has two children, Louis and Caitlin Buzzacott. Tony Ally has a daughter, Stacy Ally. Annabelle Benton has three children, Linda Hill, Michael Williams and Cameron Benton. Linda Hill has three children, Rhianon Hill, Curt Hill and Cindy George. Cindy is adopted. Audrey Tilmouth has three children, Jeanette, Darrel and Troy Tilmouth. Jeanette has two children, Robert and Danielle Le Rossignal. Darrel Tilmouth has two sons, Stephen and Jordan Tilmouth. Rachel Roman has four children, Carol, Kelvin, Peter and Curtis Costello. Carol has a son, Baden Quill. Peter also has a son, Justin Costello. Susan Roman has two children, Karen and

Steven McLean. Steven has a daughter, Roxanne McLean. Billy Danks has two daughters, Angela and Amy Danks.