

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF SANTA FE

No. SF 96-421

JAY COURTNEY FIKES, Ph.D.,

Plaintiff,

v.

PETER T. FURST, Ph.D.,

Defendant

**Affidavit of David Maybury-Lewis, D.Phil., in Support of Plaintiff's  
Response to Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgement**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned notary, did personally appear DAVID MAYBURY-LEWIS,  
D.Phil., who, upon his oath, did say as follows:

"My name is David Maybury-Lewis, D.Phil. I am over the age of eighteen, have never  
been convicted of a felony and am fully competent to make this affidavit.

Dr. Jay Fikes sent me a copy of his doctoral dissertation on the Huichol Indians sometime  
around 1987. It presented a wealth of information Dr. Fikes had obtained during his fieldwork  
and interpreted aspects of Huichol religion and ritual which were, at that time, little understood.  
He was highly recommended by Dr. Phil Weigand and Juan Negrin, two colleagues who knew  
him and the Huichol Indians well.

When Cultural Survival, the non-profit organization of which I am President, advertised  
for a position for which Dr. Fikes was well qualified, he applied. I invited him to come to  
Harvard University to interview for that position in September 1992. There were, however,

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financial constraints within Cultural Survival at that time which forced us to delay appointing someone to the position for which we were considering Dr. Fikes. In my letter dated October 25, 1993 ( a true and correct copy if which is attached hereto) I told Dr. Fikes: "It would be really nice if you come to work for us one day but that will have to wait for a while." We would have paid him about \$40,000. per year, exclusive of fringes benefits.

I spoke with Jay Fikes again at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in November 1993. At that same meeting I was approached by Dr. Peter Furst who had seen me speaking to Dr. Fikes. Dr. Furst warned me not to believe anything Dr. Fikes said and stated that Dr. Fikes was paranoid. It struck me as peculiar that Dr. Furst, whom I knew only slightly, should make a point of taking me aside in order to vilify a scholar whose work, both as an academic and as a defender of human rights, had always seemed to me to be above reproach. It made me wonder about Dr. Peter Furst and it also made me wonder whether the hiring of Dr. Jay Fikes would involve Cultural Survival in unwanted controversy.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

*David Maybury-Lewis*  
DAVID MAYBURY-LEWIS, D.Phil.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO on this the 1 day of December, 1997.

*Leola E. Wallin*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
5-11-2001

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