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THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Coroner's Ordinance 1974
(Form 16.)

FORM OF INQUISITION

An Inquisition taken at ALICE SPRINGS & AYERS ROCK in the Northern Territory of Australia on the 20th day of February, 19 81, before me DENIS JOSEPH BARRITT a Coroner (~~or Deputy Coroner~~) for the said Territory, as to when, how and by what means AZARIA CHANTEL LOREN CHAMBERLAIN came to his death ~~for as to the cause and origin of a certain fire~~ which occurred on ~~or about the~~ the 17th day of August, 19 80 at AYERS ROCK in the said Territory).

I find that AZARIA CHANTEL LOREN CHAMBERLAIN a child then of nine weeks of age and formerly of Mount Isa, Queensland, met her death when attacked by a wild dingo whilst asleep in her family's tent at the top camping area, Ayers Rock, shortly after 8pm on 17th August, 1980.

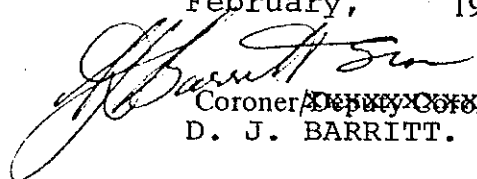
I FURTHER FIND that in attempting to remove this babe from the tent, the dingo would have caused severe crushing to the base of the skull and neck and lacerations to the throat and neck. Such injuries would have resulted in swift death.

I FURTHER FIND that neither the parents of the child, nor either of their remaining children were in any degree whatsoever responsible for this death.

I FIND that the name AZARIA does not mean and never has meant sacrifice in the wilderness. I find that after her death the body of AZARIA was taken from the possession of the dingo and disposed of by an unknown method, by a person or persons name unknown.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND

this 20th day of February, 19 81.


Coroner ~~Deputy Coroner~~
D. J. BARRITT.