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CULTURAL HERITAGE EMERGENCY IN TRINIDAD: A-class archeological site St Bernard May-4

Dear friends,

We have a situation that I wanted to bring to your attention to see if there was anyway in which you can direct or assist us in concern with the matter below. Also, we have a petition started to address the gov http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/indigenous_trinidadians/ please consider signing it

Dear Sirs,

We have an archeological emergency. Traveling to and from Mayaro in a bus on Sat Apr 28, I noticed a large area of cleared earth immediately NW of the old St Joseph Road, Mayaro.

St Bernard is Trinidad's only known super-site. It appears to be large (est 6-8 acres), complex (at least 5 separate midden deposits), and dates to say AD 300-650. In Jun 1999 and Feb 2000, the Archaeological Committee wrote to the owners, Atlantic Bay Ltd, requesting permission to do a subsurface auger hole survey of the site. Also in May 2000, I prepared a Data Summary and Recommendations Report for the Committee. Eventually in Oct 2001 the owners replied that such a survey was not necessary, as arrangements for this work were already in hand.

I understand the land has recently changed hands, but do not know who the new owner is. As one of only two professional archeologists in the country, I know that earthwork in an A-class site requires specific permission from Town and Country Planning and the Environmental Management Authority. In the national interest, I call on these two authorities (1) to immediately suspend any further work, (2) to urgently investigate the situation, (3) request the previous owners for the report of the survey mentioned by them in 2001, and (4) if it was never completed, to place in escrow the costs of a survey to be organized by the Archeological Committee as soon as conveniently possible.

Yours sincerely

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