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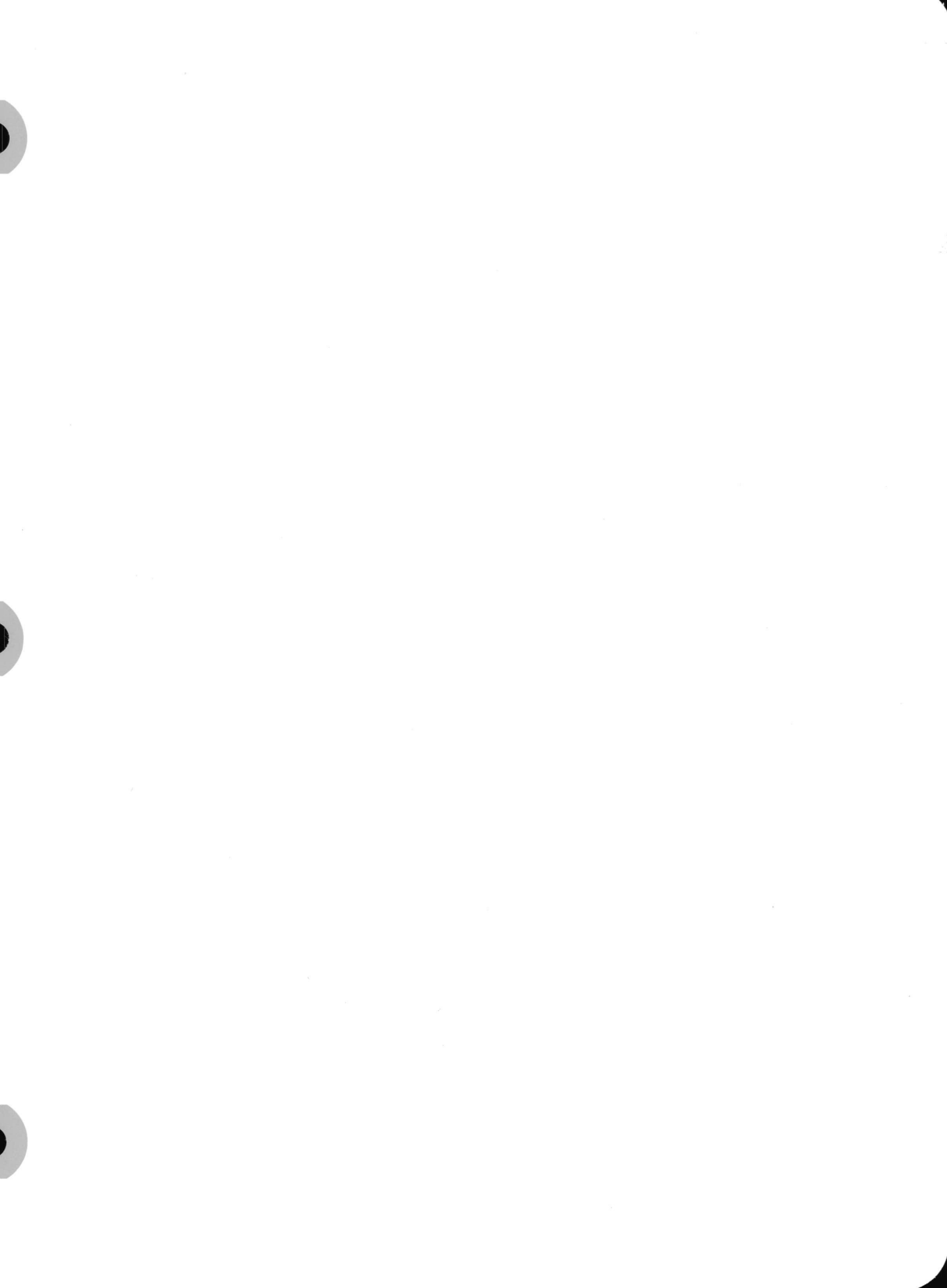
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STATEMENT OF BEUDAH ELIZABETH (Mrs. Walter) CHANT
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On the night of the stabbing in Sydney in 1971, we received a 'phone call from the Sydney City Police asking me to come in and pick up our son Maynard, who was 14 then. My husband went in. My husband told me there had been a stabbing and Maynard was supposed to be around when it happened. In the morning I asked him what was going on. Maynard said he didn't know anything. On Sunday, when we came home from church there were two Sydney policemen sitting in the yard, one was MacINTYRE, the other one I didn't know. They said they believed Maynard had lied to them. They wanted to question him again. We agreed. They talked to Maynard in the house for a short time but mostly out in the car. I told him to tell the truth and let them take him to the car alone. Maynard told us later they wouldn't believe him. Sometime later in the same week, the same two policemen came back out to see Maynard. They took him to the Town Hall for questioning. I went with him. They told me they had evidence Maynard was lying and they wanted to talk to him alone in the room. Maynard was on probation at the time. I believe Wayne McGEE was present at that time and a BOURQUE fellow. I think I went outside and waited. The police told me they had evidence that Maynard was lying.

It was in the afternoon, I think, when they questioned my son. I knew he was upset but I don't remember if he said he gave a statement or changed his story. I believe someone came from Sydney and took Maynard and I to the court house. I went to court for the first two days but my nerves couldn't stand it so I didn't go back. I didn't hear his evidence.

STATEMENT OF BEUDAH ELIZABETH (Mrs. Walter) CHANT - CONT'D

There was at least one day when they took Maynard to court alone, for the trial. I felt the police had finally learned the truth from my son. It was actually the trial with the jury I attended. None of our family were with him at the first hearing. I remember one of the two policemen telling Maynard at some stage, that he couldn't say he saw a knife, only what looked like a knife. About two years ago, Maynard told me he had given false evidence at the trial, that he had not seen anything of the murder. He said he tried to tell the truth but they had him so scared he couldn't say anything different. They wouldn't listen to him. He told his father and Rev. William LEGGE, also the RCMP, when they came to our home about two months ago about the incident.

(Sgd) Beudah CHANT

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