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*Okauia No. 3A, Sections 1, 2, and 3.—Reference under Section 23, 1915, for Inquiry and Report.*

*Ngarino Tutahi*: I appear for Pohoi te Tahitika, the petitioner, who is dead. Our first objection to partition is that the E part of block awarded to us is rocky, steep country. The second ground is that our *urupa* is included in Section 2. Hihitaua and Tarewa are two of the *tupapaku* who are buried there, but there are others, as it is an old *urupa*. It would be about half an acre in extent. Some of the graves are marked, and a pine-tree grows alongside. We contend that all parties should share in the good land and the bad. We ask that a half-chain access be given to *urupa* from main road. So far as I know no notice was received by petitioner. Cannot say definitely when petitioners first heard of partition. One of the petitioner's daughters has now been residing on block for about eight months. Do not know where various parties resided when partition was made in 1910. I suggest that block should be repartitioned, and all partitions should be equal in value. I cannot at present call any evidence as to comparative values of land. This is all I have to say regarding the matter.

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