

**DISPROVAL OF THE
FOX ISLANDS CAMPAIGN**
(OPERATION PISS SHOOT)

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PRELUDE

On the 17th of August, 2021, Evan and Bryan Callies of the United Republics of Michigan claimed to have invaded the Kapresh Colony of North Fox Island, and the Baustrialian Territory of South Fox Island. This claim was originally met with skepticism, and after investigation by the KCIU, this claim of invading both islands has been found to be very dubious.

1. South Fox Island is mostly private property.

The majority of South Fox Island is private land, around 60% of the island, or around 3.5 square miles of the island is owned by Mirada LLC. Both Evan and Bryan Callies could be charged with trespassing if they invaded from this territory. [1]

2. Accessing both islands by boat is impractical.

Callies claims to have got to both islands by boat, leaving from Beaver Island. All docks and marinas on Beaver Island are located at one of the highest north points of the island, and both Fox Islands are located south of Beaver Island. This would mean that just to reach North Fox Island, they would have to sail around 27 miles, and that is the shortest route. The average boat goes around 10 to 30 miles per hour [2], which means it would take anywhere from 1 to 3 hours to get to just North Fox Island. That is definitely practical, but that is a motorized boat. They face a problem when landing on the Fox Islands. Neither of the islands have any docks on them, which would make it quite difficult to get off of the boat and onto the island. They could have used use smaller craft, like a kayak or canoe, but this is highly impractical, as even if you got on the craft at the closest point to North Fox Island from Beaver Island, it would take about 3 hours of rowing to get to North Fox Island, assuming the average speed of rowing is around 3.5 miles per hour. [3] After this, getting to South Fox Island from the north island would take about an hour. All around, 8 hours of going to the islands and coming back to Beaver Island, like they said they did. Not to mention, the “8 hours” figure is just of getting to the islands. That isn’t counting getting out

and walking around. However, there it is unlikely that they took a kayak or canoe, as they stated that 10 people were part of the operation, and it would be difficult to squeeze that many people onto 3 small boats, as they also said they only took 3 boats.

3. Photos claimed to be from the islands likely were not taken on the islands.

Callies supplied us two photos which he claims were taken on both island. [4] [5] The photo which claims to be taken on North Fox Island has no metadata, but the photo claiming to be taken on South Fox Island does have metadata. First off the metadata states it was taken at 9:08 PM on the 17th of August. If this metadata is correct, then it should be almost fully dark outside in the photo. There's no way that this photo was taken with any sort of flashlight, as it is too dim and you can obviously tell that it is natural lighting. You could state that the metadata defaulted to UTC. If it did default to UTC then it would be 4:08 PM on the island. This is still problematic, due to the fact that it would be much brighter out. The photo appears to have been taken around sunset, which on August 17th in Michigan would be around 7:50 to 8:20 PM. This would mean that the metadata would be in Brasilia Standard Time, which I highly doubt it would have defaulted to. The metadata also reveals the coordinates of the photo (46° 1' 38.7" N 83° 43' 55.84" W). This would mean the photo would have to be taken in Drummond, MI on Drummond Island. The metadata also says that the photo was taken around 177 meters above sea level, which would match Drummond, MI, being at around 175 meters about sea level[6]. However, South Fox Island is around the same elevation, so the altitude isn't very definitive evidence. Another piece of evidence is that the photo claims to be taken on a beach on the island. This beach looks rocky, and according to satellite imagery there is no rocky beaches on either island. (Although I admit that this is a poor piece of evidence)

4. Anecdotes of the campaign being changed

Now both of the statements in this article could be easily dismissed as typos, but is still fishy. The MicroWiki page for the campaign was originally a sandbox, by Evan Callies himself. In the sandbox they say to have brought two boats, but the actual page states three boats. Not only this but on both the sandbox and the page state that it took place on two different dates, the 16th of August and the 17th of August.

CONCLUSION

From all the evidence presented here, I can confidently state that this campaign was a poorly put together attempt at getting Kapreburg to give up the Colony of North Fox Island, and for Baustrialia to give up South Fox Island. The KCIU has contacted Evan Callies, and will wait to see if he has any evidence proving his presence on the island.

SOURCES

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