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In reference to Article II of the Majority Opinion, I find that the Laws of the Sea, written in 1982, is an applicable document in this case. Although this document is written after the initial conflicts, it presents a standard that is relevant in the said case. If the islands in question were unoccupied at the present date, this document would be used as a deciding factor in which state should assume control over the islands. However, due to the principles of prescription and effective possession, the Court finds that Singapore has sovereignty over the islands in question. It is because of these findings that the Laws of the Seas lose validity. Because of the greater relationship between Singapore and the islands, recognized by the Court, the islands should not be claimed as Malaysian territory simply because where they lie geographically in accordance to the Laws of the Sea.

Justice Roberts
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