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LEONARD PELTIER

EVIDENCE OF A WRONGFUL CONVICTION

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This is an example of the kind of documents the FBI released after the FOIA lawsuit was won in 1987.
To: SAC, Albany
From: Acting Director, FBI

AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM)
EXTREMIST MATTERS

Re: Telephone 12/6/72 and 1/16/73 captioned "American Indian Activities, Extremist Matters."

With this May 1973 Memo the FBI launches its war against the American Indian Movement.

Officers conducting preliminary inquiries relative to individual AIM chapters, if not already done, immediately submit results of investigation conducted to date in form suitable for dissemination under caption of individual chapter with recommendation relative to additional investigation. Where evidence of extremist activity or involvement by a chapter is determined, institute full and continuing investigation thereof to determine activities, leaders, membership, and finances. Develop informants or sources in or close to each chapter. Also, institute individual investigations of members of such chapters to develop background and determine their activities and propensity for militancy or violence. Submit results thereof in form suitable for dissemination under individual's caption with your recommendation relative to further investigation.

Institute similar individual investigations of all AIM members and unaffiliated Indians arrested or involved in takeovers of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, or similar confrontations or disorders elsewhere. Submit results under individual's caption in a form suitable for dissemination. If warranted, consider subject for inclusion in Administrative Index and for designation as a Key Extremist.

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2 - All Offices (Except Honolulu and San Juan)

MAY-7 1973

SPE NOTE PAGE TWO
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Gebhardt

FROM: J. E. O'Connor

DATE: 4/24/75

SUBJECT: THE USE OF SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI IN A PARAMILITARY LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATION IN THE INDIAN COUNTRY

PURPOSE: This position paper was prepared for use of the Director of the FBI to brief the Attorney General and the Deputy Attorney General (DAG) on the role of the FBI in the event of a major confrontation in Indian country (Federal jurisdiction) where (1) the President decides against the use of troops; and (2) the FBI is ordered by the President and/or the Attorney General to deploy FBI Special Agents in a paramilitary law enforcement situation, in lieu of the use of troops.

There is attached for ready reference a document captioned "Background Paper on the American Indian and the Takeover of Wounded Knee by the American Indian Movement (AIM)." This study outlines early history of the American Indian jurisdiction of the FBI to investigate within the Indian country, background on AIM and their record for violence, history and background concerning the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation of the Oglala Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, a prelude to the occupation of Wounded Knee, the occupation of Wounded Knee by AIM and the use of FBI, U. S. Marshals and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Police at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, during the period February 27 - May 8, 1973, in a paramilitary law enforcement situation.

Enclosure: 

NOT RECORDED

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What is the status of this situation at this point. In re-conference with Mr. Sapien we had a tentative agreement on 15 Aug 14 1975?
Memorandum

TO: Mr. J. N.

FROM: Legal Co.

SUBJECT: SENSTUDY

DATE: 6-27-75

The day after the shoot-out the Senate Select Committee halts its investigation into reported FBI misconduct in regards to AIM and the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Attached is a letter from the Senate Select Committee (SSC), dated 6-23-75, addressed to the Honorable Edward H. Levi. This letter announces the SSC's intent to conduct interviews relating to Douglas Durham, a former Bureau informant. The request obviously relates to our investigation at 'Wounded Knee' and our investigation of the American Indian Movement (AIM). This request was received 6-27-75 by Legal Division.

On 6-27-75, Patrick Shea, staff member of the SSC requested we hold in abeyance any action on the request in view of the killing of the Agents at Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Adams - Enc.
1 - Mr. Wannall - Enc.
1 - Mr. Cregar - Enc.
1 - Mr. Deegan - Enc.
1 - Mr. Mintz - Enc.
1 - Mr. Hotis - Enc.
1 - Mr. Duly - Enc.

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Gebhardt

FROM: B.H.O.

DATE: June 30, 1975

SUBJECT: RESMURS

Three days after the shoot-out the FBI was already aware of the incredible inconsistencies in their story. Thus beginning the coverup.

SAC Dick Held was instructed in a phone call at 10:15 a.m. EDT, to have SA Gary Adams fly to California to meet with the Director in Los Angeles at 8:00 p.m. and to brief the Director concerning the details of the incident at Pine Ridge. SA Adams was to bring with him FD-302s for the Agents who were present at the time of the shooting and these FD-302s are to be facsimiled to the Los Angeles Office and to be received prior to 8:00 p.m. tonight so that they will be present for the briefing session.

One of the chief concerns by the way of inconsistencies that should be resolved today, is the autopsy report saying that SA Williams was instantly killed by the first bullet at close range, wherein the teletype received from Minneapolis 6/29/75 indicated that Agent heard Williams on the radio transmit the message "I'm hit." The Director has stated that it is obvious that this transmission would be impossible if the autopsy report was accurate and he desires this clarified before any statement to the press is made.

The above information is also being furnished to SA at the Command Post with the instructions that the Agents get together and resolve any inconsistencies so that SA Adams will have complete information when he arrives at Los Angeles for the briefing.

ACTION:

For information.

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ADAMS reported a pick-up truck leaving the scene of the crime, but no government agency bothers to try and apprehend this vehicle.

ADAMS advised nothing new. Firing at us again.

ADAMS asked if COWARD had portable equipment.

ADAMS advised that FBI and BIA units are being placed in an effort to surround the subjects' dwelling.

ADAMS advised O'CLOCK at this time that PRICE is with DELMER K. EASTMAN.

ADAMS to COWARD: south of Oglala, pickup came in here and he just left, can't get any BIA people on it. We have, can you get on Channel 1 and tell them to turn that tower on.

Evacuated house; Agents are repositioning.

ADAMS advised it's quiet right now; oh, here we go, they are firing again at us.

(ADAMS) We don't know where the woman is and we have not done any return fire. EASTMAN is on one side and his persons will go on one side so that they won't get out on us.

ADAMS to COWARD advising COWARD where to position himself.

ADAMS advised that there is no firing at all right now and that he will be out of his car for about 10 minutes.

(ADAMS) We are taking some fire.
In this dictated transcript three days after the shoot-out, Agent Adams states that he heard Agent Williams report of a pickup. Adams also states his unfamiliarity of the area.

At approximately 11:50 a.m., Special Agent J. Gary Adams was in his Bureau car in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, when he heard Special Agent Ronald A. Williams talking on the Bureau radio. Special Agent Williams said, "There are several guys around the house and...it looks like they're going to take off. They're getting into that pickup." Williams then stated, "...hope you have a lot of gas...."

A moment later Williams said, "It looks like they are going to shoot at us.... We've been hit," and sounds of shots were heard over the Bureau radio. Special Agent Adams asked Williams his location and Williams advised they were at the houses behind Jumping Bull Hall, which was known to be north of Pine Ridge, South Dakota, approximately 12 miles. Special Agent Adams immediately attempted to contact the Pine Ridge Police Department via radio but radio contact could not be established. Special Agent Adams then attempted to contact Pine Ridge Police Department via Government Channel 1 and again no answer. Special Agent Adams then heard State Radio Law in Rapid City contact Pine Ridge Police Department.

Special Agent Adams proceeded to the scene at a high rate of speed. En route Special Agent Adams asked Williams his exact location as Special Agent Adams was not familiar with the Jumping Bull Hall location. Williams then advised via radio to get on a high hill and give them some fire cover or they "would be killed." Williams advised to go to the house with the out building some distance from the main building. During these transmissions, gunshots were heard over the Bureau radio. This was 3-4 minutes after Williams' first transmission.

Upon arriving at the vicinity of the Little Ranch, Special Agent Adams stopped his Bureau car and retrieved his .308 rifle and armored vest from the trunk. Special Agent Adams put on his armored vest and loaded his rifle. Before stopping the car, Special Agent Adams had his personally owned .357 magnum on his belt and a .12 gauge shotgun under the front seat. Special Agent Adams then continued north toward Oglala and in the vicinity of the STARR place met a Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) police car being driven by Frank Two Bulls.
This Memo mentions just how many people the FBI believed to actually have been involved in the shooting. Even with this knowledge the FBI eventually only indicted three people. This also mentions the "FBI fugitive Leonard Peltier" being reported in the area. A suspect named David Skye is first mentioned here.

DATE: 7/5/75

1 - Mr. Callahan
1 - Mr. Adams
1 - Mr. Jenkins
1 - Each Assistant Director
1 - Mr. Cooke
1 - Mr. Gordon

SAC Richard Held at Command Post, Pine Ridge, South Dakota, furnished the following to Section Chief Benjamin H. Cooke by secure telephone communication on the morning of 7/5/75.

To date information has been developed through our investigative efforts in Pine Ridge that indicates possibly as many as 47 people were involved in actual shooting, either as participants or material witnesses. Investigation is progressing to identify the individuals. The one individual that appears to have been identified by more witnesses than any other is FBI fugitive Leonard Peltier, who according to the best information that we can now obtain, may have been killed during the shootout. An informant furnished us with information last night that he knows the location of a grave where he believes Peltier to be buried, and he will take Agents to that location today.

Another individual believed to be involved is Donald M. Loud Hawk. Loud Hawk's fingerprint was found on a license application in an automobile located in the tent city and this license application was dated one day before the actual shooting.

Another individual who has been identified by BIA witnesses is James Theodore Eagle, is still at large.

David Skye, who is currently in jail at Rapid City on a material witness warrant, is also believed either to have been present and participated in the shooting or to have first-hand knowledge of those who were participating. Another eye-witness has been located who personally saw Joseph Stuntz during the shooting and saw him when he was shot. You will recall that Stuntz was the Indian who was killed during the shootout and whose body was recovered at the scene.
This Memo shows the FBI's strong desire to involve Peltier in the case, as well as Frank Black Horse who was never indicted.

1) COMPLETE OR ELIMINATING THE INVESTIGATION

2) ESTABLISHING THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE SUSPECTS DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD;

3) IDENTIFY AND LOCATE ALL OF THE RESIDENTS OF "TENT CITY" WHO WERE THERE DURING ANY PERIOD OF ITS EXISTENCE AND/OR WHOSE FINGERPRINTS HAVE BEEN FOUND ON MATERIAL TAKEN FROM "TENT CITY;"

4) EXAMINING THE EVIDENCE AND CONNECTING IT TO THE SUSPECTS;

5) DEVELOP INFORMATION TO LOCK PELTIER AND BLACK HORSE INTO THIS CASE;

6) DEVELOP ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS AND SOURCES;

7) COORDINATE WITH AUXILIARY OFFICES IN ORDER TO FULLY DEVELOP BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITIES OF SUSPECTS WHO EITHER LIVE IN THEIR AREA OR HAVE ASSOCIATES THERE;


AS THE BUREAU IS AWARE, THE GRAND JURY IS BEING USED IN AN EFFORT TO FACILITATE THIS LATTER ASPECT WHERE WITNESSES ARE RELUCTANT TO FURNISH INFORMATION.

END

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR CORRECTIONS CONTACT RAPID CITY.
Memorandum

TO: Mr. Gallagher

FROM: B. H. Cooke

SUBJECT: RESUMES - CONTAMINATED 
DISMISAL OF PROSECUTION OF 
JAMES THEODORE EAGLE; 
CONTINUING PROSECUTION OF 
LEONARD PELTIER

PURPOSE: To record the decision to dismiss prosecution of James Theodore Eagle and to vigorously prosecute Leonard Peltier in the murders of SAs Jack R. Coler and Ronald A. Williams.

RECOMMENDATION: For information and record purposes.

DETAILS: On 8/9/76, Director Clarence H. Kelley conferred with U. S. Attorney (USA) Evan Hultman, Northern District of Iowa, prosecutor in the Resmurs trials, who was accompanied by William B. Gray, Director, Executive Office for USAs. Present at this conference were Associate Director Richard G. Held, Deputy Associate Director James B. Adams, Assistant Director Richard J. Gallagher, and Unit Chief John C. Gordon and SA Herbert H. Hawkins, Jr. of the General Crimes Unit.

USA Hultman stated that the Resmurs case on James Theodore Eagle was weak and he felt there was not sufficient evidence to get it to the jury. The prosecutive aspects of this case were fully discussed and all present concurred with the Director and USA Hultman that this case be dismissed, so that the full prosecutive weight of the Federal Government could be directed against Leonard Peltier.

On 8/9/76, Departmental Attorney Roger Cubbage was advised of this decision, inasmuch as Mr. Cubbage wanted to know the FBI's position prior to meeting with USA Hultman and Departmental Attorney Alfred Hantman, Chief of the General Crimes Section, on 8/10/76. Mr. Cubbage subsequently advised on 8/10/76 a decision has been made in the Department to allow the USA to dismiss the charges against James Theodore Eagle.

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Memorandum to Mr. Gallagher
RE: RESMURS - PROSECUTION OF
JAMES THEODORE EAGLE

On 9/4/75, Marvin A. Stoldt advised that on 6/26/75, he observed Eagle fleeing the crime scene carrying a rifle. On 9/11/75, Michael Erwin Anderson advised that on 6/26/75, Eagle was at the Harry Jumping Bull residence when the FBI Agents were shot. On 9/22/75, Norman Patrick Brown identified a photograph of Eagle and stated Leon Eagle, the brother of Jimmy Eagle, helped individuals escape 6/26/75, from the scene of the killing of the FBI Agents. On 10/3/75, Helvin White Wing advised he heard Eagle say "We took turns shooting the Agents." On 11/25/75, at Rapid City, South Dakota, a Federal Grand Jury indicted Eagle for the murders - first degree in the killings of SAs Coler and Williams.

Prior to being indicted, on 10/1/75, Eagle was found guilty to two counts of CIR - Assault with a Deadly Weapon in U. S. District Court, Rapid City, and sentenced to six years in the custody of the Attorney General.
During Peltier's 1985 appeal, assistant prosecuting attorney Lynn Crooks claims that Peltier was the leader of the AIM camp during the June 26th shoot-out.

Leonard Peltier was the oldest person there. He was the leader of the group. That was established even by his own people who he called. There were several people that were called to testify that he had been invited to the reservation, that he brought these young lads with him, these 14 and 15-year-old lads with him, and that he in fact was the leader of that group. That really was uncontestable and uncontested. In fact, there was no serious issue about it, and I don't think there's a serious issue about that to this day.

Leonard Peltier, unlike Robideau and Butler, was there when the shooting started. The testimony at our trial was very clear, Robideau and Butler were back in camp. Mr. Peltier, on the other hand, was there when the shooting started. He was in the vehicle which was followed into the area by the two agents. This is the red-and-white Chevrolet Suburban, which was later identified by Angie Long Visitor and others as being his. He was there when it started. He was not back in camp. Peltier, unlike Robideau and Butler at the Cedar Rapids trial, had means at hand to know who these agents were. He was with Norman Charles. Norman Charles had been in one of these agent's cars -- Agent Williams' car the night before. Norman Charles was there when Leonard came in in the van or Suburban. That was clearly in the court record.
In this Memo Michael "Baby AIM" Anderson who was present during the shoot-out informs the FBI that Bob Robideau was "in charge" of tent city.

JIMMY EAGLE, LEON EAGLE, LEONARD PELTIER, WILMA (CNU). ANDERSON ADVISED LISTED INDIVIDUAL WAS GIRL FRIEND OF JIMMY EAGLE AND WAS COOKING HIS (ANDERSON) MEAL AT TIME OF SHOOTING.

ANDERSON ADVISED THAT ON JUNE 25, 1975, HE WAS PICKED UP BY FBI PERSONNEL AND TAKEN TO PINE RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE WAS INTERVIEWED AND RELEASED. PERSONS ACCOMPANYING ANDERSON TO PINE RIDGE WERE NAMED JOHN BOYSE AND DAVID MANY HORSES. ANDERSON INDICATED THAT ROBERT ROBIDEAU WAS IN CHARGE OF THE "TENI CITY" COMMUNITY AND WAS ALSO THE LEADER OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE TRANSPORTING WEAPONS, ETC., WHEN THEIR CAR EXPLODED. ANDERSON ADVISED THAT HE AND ROBIDEAU HAD LOADED THE WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES FROM A HEAVILY WOODED AREA NEAR PARMELEE, SOUTH DAKOTA, ON SEPT. 9, 1975, AND WERE TRANSPORTING THEM TO NORTHERN OKLAHOMA TO AVOID DISCOVERY BY FEDERAL AGENTS. ANDERSON FELT THAT REASON FOR MOVEMENT OF WEAPONS, ETC., WAS INTENSE "HEAT" FBI AGENTS HAD PUT ON ROSEBUD INDIAN RESERVATION BY THEIR RECENT RAIDS ON LEONARD CROW DOG'S AND AL RUNNING'S.
On October 2, 1975 this teletype states that the shell casing supposedly found in the trunk of one of the murdered agent's car does not match the gun that they tried to link to Peltier.

RE MINNEAPOLIS LETTER TO BUREAU SEPTEMBER 15, 1975; RAPID CITY TELETYPE TO BUREAU (ATTENTION LABORATORY) SEPTEMBER 27, 1975; AND BUREAU TELETYPE TO RAPID CITY OCTOBER 2, 1975.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE, LABORATORY - FIREARMS SECTION REQUESTED TO COMPARE SHOTGUN SHELLS AND CASINGS FOUND AT SCENE OF RESURS WITH BUREAU SHOTGUN, SERIAL NUMBER 58139105, RECOVERED FROM SUSPECT DALE SHEPARD AND HANDCARRIED TO LABORATORY ON JULY 23, 1975, TO DETERMINE IF ANY WERE FIRED FROM BUREAU SHOTGUN.

REFERENCES BUREAU TELETYPE OCTOBER 2, 1975, INDICATED .223 CASINGS NOT IDENTIFIABLE WITH M-15 RIFLE LOCATED IN VEHICLE WHICH EXPLODED ON KANSAS TURNPIKE SEPTEMBER 10, 1975. LABORATORY REQUESTED TO COMPARE ALL .223 CASINGS WITH M-15 RIFLE (SERIAL NUMBER, OBLITERATED) LOCATED AL RUNKING'S PROPERTY SEPTEMBER 11, 1975, AND SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY SEPTEMBER 15, 1975, UNDER MINNEAPOLIS FILE 78-18488.
MAJORITY OF THESE WEAPONS WERE PRODUCED FOR AND RECEIVED BY THE BUREAU.

RECOVERED .223 CALIBER COLT RIFLE RECEIVED FROM SA BATF, CONTAINS DIFFERENT FIRING PIN THAN THAT IN RIFLE USED AT RESNURS SCENE.

EXAMINATIONS CONTINUING.
REPORT FOLLOWS.
Q2628 .223 Remington caliber Remington Peters cartridge case from trunk of 5A black P. Coltrin automobile.

Q2628 dent w/K40 (mm 771) by extractor w/ke.

Q2627 (m600mm) 35X K87 (mm 748mm)
Q: WHO WERE THE BEST WEAPONS THAT THE GOON SQUAD HAD?

A: Whoever was in charge of the group, let's say. Certain ones would shift them around, but we didn't want them to see what we had. Because we pretty much knew what they had. They had some pretty sophisticated weapons. So did we. There was a lot of shotguns and 30/30's and personal weapons there. But the big stuff we usually kept back. Like the time we went to Wounded Knee. We was out there and we thought there was going to be a war. That was after the first, the first annual. The year after they had given up Wounded Knee and they was going to have a celebration out there. But we went out there in force. Yeah, it was our Highway Safety Program, a lot of tribal workers and just goons. A lot of people. We had that whole hillside full. Well, I know that there was agents in the trees and all over with telescopic lenses 'cause I have seen a lot of their photographs. They were looking for weapons. And we knew they were. But that was one of our policies. We would never show a force of weapons.

Q: WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN RESERVE THAT DAY?

A: Well, we probably had some M16's, .30 caliber carbines, a lot of the old military stuff.

Q: IF THE GOON SQUAD HAD M-16'S, THAT IS AN ILLEGAL WEAPON?

A: They were around. A few of them were gifts. A few of them were paid for. And like I said, you know, when we was in Rapid City at the Grand Jury hearing, we had a lot of visitors, you know, that would say, "I want to meet with four or three or four of your people for a short meeting." And you'd go to their room with this big suitcase and show you a bunch of weapons, grenades, plastic explosives, deadcord blasting caps, whatever. And give you some. Here, take this. A couple guys I know of walked around with blasting, you know, a dozen blasting caps in their shirt pockets.

Q: HOW ABOUT GRENADES?

A: A few of them. Oh, we had one guy shoot a weapon in the Holiday Inn one time when he was having a fashion show. You know, screwing around up there. You know, when we would go in at night, everybody would take a weapon in.
do you know?
A It does.
Q The purchase amm. designation?
MR. LOW
It is quite
THE COURT
(Counsel)
Q (By Mr. Sikma) Would ammunition purchased from Lake City have a designation?
A Yes, sir.
Q And that designation would be what?
A LC.
Q Are you familiar with the -- how rounds are ejected from {3252} an AR-15 or a M-16?
A Yes, sir.
Q Now, would you designate or tell the jury what the difference is between an AR-15 and a M-16, if you know?
A Both the AR-15 and the M-16 is manufactured by Colt's Firearms Company in Connecticut. The essential difference is that the M-16 is a military rifle, and it has a full, fully automatic capability of fire through a selector switch on the receiver. There is also a rod on the side of the weapon which allows the bolt to be driven home should the gun become dirty, and that is the essential difference.
In appearance they are almost exactly like with the exception of that rod on the side of the receiver.
Q Where would that be on this Government Exhibit 34-AA?
A It would be right on the right side of the weapon coming out back to here (indicating). The selector switch is identical to this except that it has one more position on it, and that's fully automatic.
Q To your knowledge, or do you have an opinion as to whether or not the automatic rifle designator switch has any effect on the -- on whether or not how the expended cartridge casings are expelled from the firearm?
A The fully automatic switch adjusts the sear only. It does not interfere with the spring mechanism or the recoil operation of the weapon.
{3253}
Since the parts are interchangeable in the bolt, it would not in my opinion affect the way that the cartridge cases were ejected from the weapon when the weapon is fired in the semi-automatic method of firing.
Q Did you conduct any test to determine general ejection patterns of various random AR-15's?
A Yes, I did.
Q Or M-16's?
A Yes, sir, I did.
Q Would you tell the jury what you did in this regards, what kind of tests you ran?
A I selected five weapons of this type, two were AR-15's, the civilian model, and three M-16's which are the military weapon.
I took them to our training facilities at Quantico, Virginia and fired 20 rounds from each weapon in -- 10 from the shoulder area and 10 from the hip. I used both military and commercial ammunition, and I charted where the cartridge cases were thrown from the gun.
As the only person to ever physically examine Coler and Williams' bodies, Dr. Bloemendaal in this sworn affidavit implies that Agent Williams was first shot in the head, thus conflicting the FBI's account of the "up close" double murders.

The body of Jack R. Coler further identified to Kenneth I. Parkerson of the Federal Bureau of 4444 Served that this body had sustained three gunshot wounds originating from the right side and involving the right arm and forearm with the missile soft tissue in that area creating the subcutaneous tissue of the right side of the back. I further observed what appeared to be two wounds to the head of Jack R. Coler: a right to left wound involving the top of the head, the second wound entered the body with a slight angle from right to left commencing beneath the chin and fragmenting when hitting the hyoid bone and mandible. This latter gunshot wound would have been instantly fatal.

5. I examined the body of Ronald A. Williams, said body evidencing what appeared to be three gunshot wounds. A high velocity missile had penetrated the face and skull; a second gunshot wound was present which appeared to have gone through the triceps muscle on the left arm, with what appeared to have possibly been the core of the missile striking the lateral chest but not penetrating the body. This wound appeared to be the product of a low velocity missile. The third gunshot wound was observed on the great toe on the left foot. My gross provisional diagnosis was death due to the gunshot wounds involving the face, head, left arm, left chest and flank, right hand and left foot.

6. In my opinion the deaths of Special Agents Ronald A. Williams and Jack R. Coler were direct consequence of the bullet wounds exhibited by said bodies.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of February, 1976.

[Signature]
Deputy Clerk
District of South Dakota
United States District Court

Robert D. Bloemendaal
In this Memo released the day after the shoot-out the FBI discloses their belief that the agents bodies were "dragged a considerable distance". This fact contradicts their later claim of the agents being shot while they were positioned along side of their cars. Also mentioned is the belief that the two agents were traveling in the same car. This contradicts their scenario as well.

At 12:40 a.m. we were advised by External Affairs that the parents of SA Williams were advised of their son's death and the previously approved press release was released.

At 12:40 a.m., 6/27/75, SAC Trimbach called and a three-way line was set up with the Director. Trimbach said that it appeared the subjects apparently were able to move out of the area under cover of darkness since they could find no Indians in the houses from whence the firing occurred. He said there was not a great deal Agents could do tonight because of the dark situation but they intended to secure the area and start an intensive investigation at first light.

There were four houses involved in this compound and the surrounding area is completely open. It is believed the people involved are Indians or AIM people. He noted that while there were four warrants outstanding for four subjects, one subject had been taken in custody prior to the shooting. There are still three outstanding warrants.

The bodies of the two Agents were en route to Rapid City at that time. All of the weapons including the shoulder weapons kept in the Bureau cars assigned to the Agents were missing. All of their personal identification is missing except for the credentials of SA Williams which were found on the hood of one of the automobiles. The Agents' bodies were found approximately 200 yards from the house and it appeared the bodies had been dragged for a considerable distance, were shot repeatedly and at least one shot was delivered to the head. Twenty horses are being brought in for the morning search.

One Indian is dead but they have no identity of him at the present time; however, he did have the jacket of one of the dead Agents on his person.

In reconstructing what occurred, Trimbach said the two Agents in two cars were checking for one of the fugitives. They apparently got together in one car. One of the Agents called in and announced the general area they were going to. Shortly thereafter, it was announced on the radio there was shooting and the final transmission came from one of the Agents who announced they had been hit.
RECOVERED FROM A 1975 INTERNATIONAL SCOUT IDENTIFIED AS THE PROPERTY OF LEROY CASADOS AND LOCATED ON THE AL RUNNING PROPERTY WAS ONE SMITH AND WESSON MODEL 19 .357 MAGNUM 2 ½-INCH BARREL WITH SN OBOLITERATED ON THE BUTT AND THE YOKE. ACCORDING TO THE FBI LABORATORY, THIS .357 MAGNUM SMITH AND WESSON REVOLVER WAS FOUND TO BEAR STAMPED NUMBER 310439 THIS NUMBER BEING THE DIGIT PORTION OF THE SN OF SA RONALD WILLIAMS' PERSONALLY OWNED REVOLVER. THE BOSTON DIVISION ADVISED ACCORDING TO REPRESENTATIVES OF SMITH AND WESSON THIS WEAPON WOULD BE IDENTICAL TO THAT BEARING SN 3X10439 WHICH IS THE WEAPON STOLEN FROM SA RONALD WILLIAMS AT THE TIME OF HIS MURDER.

ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1975, AL RUNNING GAVE A CONSENT TO SEARCH VICINITY OF HIS RESIDENCE. LOCATED AT THAT TIME WAS A COLT AR-15 RIFLE WITH OBLITERATED SN; ONE 30-ROUND CLIP FOR THE ABOVE RIFLE; ONE OLIVE-DRAB COLORED FIELD JACKET WHICH BORE A PATCH OF THE MEXICAN FLAG AND A PATCH SHOWING "CHICANO POWER." IN THIS JACKET WERE ONE 20-ROUND .223 CALIBER MAGAZINE WITH LIVE ROUNDS; TWO 30-ROUND MAGAZINES; .223 CALIBER WITH LIVE ROUNDS; AND THREE .45
HAS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED BUREAU FUGITIVE TROY CASADOS AS AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT (AIM) EXPLOSIVE EXPERT. CASADOS PERSONAL ASSOCIATE OF LEONARD PELTIER.

IN ADDITION, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CASADOS FLED AL RUNNING RESIDENCE, ROSEBUD, SOUTH DAKOTA, INDIAN RESERVATION DURING EXECUTION OF SEARCH WARRANT THAT RESIDENCE, SEPTEMBER 15, 1975. DURING THIS SEARCH, LARGE QUANTITIES OF DYNAMITE ALSO DISCOVERED. NUMEROUS SIMILARITIES IN WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES, ETC., HAVE BEEN NOTED BETWEEN CURRENT INCIDENT AND EXPLOSION SEPTEMBER 10, 1975, ON WICHITA TURNPIKE WHEREIN SEVEN REMNANTS SUSPECTS WERE IDENTIFIED AND CHARGED WITH PERTINENT EXPLOSIVE VIOLATIONS.

ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

END.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS/CORRECTIONS PLS CONTACT THE PORTLANDS OFFICE.

END.

PLS HOLD

IN TRIM-AGY-FOR RELAY

CC: [Signature]

For: [Signature]
Following into Tuesday, June 27, 1975, on the Pine Ridge Reservation, he attended a dinner which was held near a creek and during this he was drinking to a green house where he had heard there was trouble. Then he noticed a tip of blood and was told to go get the body. He walked back to the creek where he looked in the body of an Indian, which he recognized as being carried out by several other Indians. He said the body was carried to a creek and buried in a shallow grave near the water's edge.

On July 4, 1975, on the Pine Ridge Reservation, he attended a dinner which was held near a creek and during this he was drinking. Then he noticed a tip of blood and was told to go get the body. He walked back to the creek where he looked in the body of an Indian, which he recognized as being carried out by several other Indians. He said the body was carried to a creek and buried in a shallow grave near the water's edge.

He stated he returned to the house and saw the body lying in a pool of blood. He again told his story and he returned to the house. He stated he was told by Special Agent Ron Williams, whom he knew personally, that he saw David Sky and an Indian named Miocab, who described as male, early 20s, from South Dakota.

He said during this time, he saw two Indian men pulling Williams from his car.

He said after the shooting, he returned to Rapid City. He stated there were at least twelve Indians at the house who were participating in the shooting.
David Sky, a/k/a David Ski, a/k/a David Scott, was at the scene and vicinity of the said murder and the escape route which was taken by who had been firing at Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation subsequent to the deaths of Agents Williams and Coler. The said escape route was previously known and the dog indicated to Mc Ginn the presence of David Sky, a/k/a David Scott at the scene and along the said escape route within the last several days.

The undersigned has been advised by several Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation including Special Agent J. Gary Adams that within close proximity to the scene of the murders of Agents Coler and Williams are located several houses and at the time of the crimes there were also several tents and vehicles containing camping gear, food items and other personal property which indicated that numerous persons had been living in the immediate vicinity at the time of said crimes.

The undersigned, based on the foregoing, believes that the said David Sky, a/k/a David Ski, a/k/a David Scott is a material witness to the identities of the persons who have been occupying the vicinity of where the crime occurred and has knowledge which may lead to the apprehension and prosecution of those unknown persons who were responsible for the deaths of Agents Williams and Coler.

That based upon the inconsistent statements given Agent Smashby by David Sky, a/k/a David Ski, a/k/a David Scott concerning his presence on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and his apparent false representations as to his previous whereabouts, it is believed that it is impractical to secure his attendance at the meeting of the Grand Jury that will be investigating into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Agents Williams and Coler by subpoenaing him inasmuch as the true identity of the
David Sky's polygraph examiner states Sky's reluctance to cooperate. The questions which were posed to him have never been released.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (70-10239)

SUBJECT: RESMURS

001: MINNEAPOLIS

Re Bureau teletype to Minneapolis dated 6/29/75 authorizing polygraph examination of DAVID SKY.

On 6/29/75, DAVID SKY, also known as SKI, was afforded a polygraph examination by SAC at Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Prior to the test, the examinee, who had previously signed his name as DAVID SKY, signed both a warning and waiver form and a polygraph consent form as DAVID SKI.

The purpose of the examination was to determine if he was involved in captioned matter. He had denied any knowledge of the murders of Agents WILLIAMS and COLE.

The examinee's attitude appeared to be sullenly hostile, and antagonistic. It was the impression of the examiner that SKI was only reluctantly cooperative.

The charts obtained contain responses to the questions set forth below, which were interpreted by the examiner as being indicative of deception.
The FBI expresses concern over David Sky failing a polygraph exam, and was then considered a "possible participant". With all the evidence that was compiled against David Sky, the FBI decided to drop the case against him and pursue the "manager" of AIM. Namely, Leonard Peltier.

MATERIAL WITNESS DAVID SKY HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AND DENIES PARTICIPATION AND/OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CRIME ALTHOUGH POLYGRAPH EXAMINER INDICATES HE WAS PRESENT AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME AND WAS A POSSIBLE PARTICIPANT. SKY WAS ARRESTED AS A FEDERAL MATERIAL WITNESS JUNE 30, 1975, AND PRESENTLY BEING HELD UNDER $25,000 BOND. ALTHOUGH SKY RELUCTANT TO TALK, HE IS BEING CONTACTED WITH HIS PERMISSION BY AN INTERVIEWING AGENT IN EFFORT TO TURN HIM. MATERIAL WITNESS EDGAR BEAR RUNNER HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AND STATES HE WAS IN THE HOUSE AT THE CRIME SCENE ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE. AT THIS POINT, HE IS HOSTILE, INDICATES HE DOES NOT KNOW ANYONE, AND DOES NOT REMEMBER WHAT WAS SAID. FROM AN INVESTIGATIVE STANDPOINT, EDGAR BEAR RUNNER WILL BE CONTACTED ADDITIONALLY IN ORDER TO ELICIT FURTHER INFORMATION. JOANNE LE DEAUX, IDENTIFIED WITH OFFENSE-DEFENSE COMMITTEE, SUBPOENA ISSUED, UNSUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED WITH SUSPECTS DURING SHOOTOUT IS BELIEVED BACK ON PINE RIDGE RESERVATION, AND MATERIAL WITNESS WARRANT BEING ISSUED. EFFORTS TO LOCATE LE DEAUX ARE BEING EXPEDITED. A TOTAL OF 39 SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR A REGULAR GRAND JURY WHICH WILL
A FOIA disclosed document to Wallace Little, Jr. was found in [302 of (deleted), 7/2/75, App. 37] that this casing could not be linked to any .30-30 rifle recovered by the FBI. Post-trial disclosures revealed that Little was regarded by the FBI as "a known militant and supporter of disruptive activity against law enforcement officers...and is always hostile toward any law enforcement officers entering his property" [Report of (deleted), 7/18/75, App. 309-310].

E. BRUCE "BEAU" LITTLE.

Pre-trial discovery revealed that Bruce Little was identified by witness Norman Brown and Mike Anderson in photographic arrays shown them by the FBI.

However, the defense was not informed that Little was placed by an eyewitness as being present at the scene while the fire-fight was in progress. According to a previously suppressed report, Little was:

Identified as an individual leaving the scene immediately after the shooting of the Agents, June 26, 1975.

[REPORT OF (deleted), 7/10/75, App. 478].

F. "SNAG".

The FOIA documents revealed for the first time, that an eyewitness had observed a man called "Snag", along with David Sky, shoot SA Williams and drag him from his vehicle [302 of (deleted) and (deleted), 7/4/75, App. 1485]. The identity of the eyewitness has never been disclosed to the defense and "Snag" was not further identified by name. According to the interview, he was described by
the witness, however, as being "male, early 20s, five feet eight inches, 190 pounds, black hair, reportedly from Oklahoma" [302 of {deleted} and {deleted}, 7/4/75, App. 1485].

G. MELVIN LEE HOUSTON.

The defense was informed prior to trial that .35 caliber casings fired from the same rifle had been seized around the Jumping Bull residences and Tent City by the FBI. The rifle which fired these cartridges was never recovered. Additionally, it had been disclosed that three bullet fragments removed from SA Coler's vehicle were identified as having been fired from a .35 caliber rifle [Laboratory Report No. PC-M0133, 8/5/75, App. 1750, 1752]. However, no evidence was provided as to who might have fired these high-velocity .30 caliber rounds.

The FOIA documents revealed that Melvin Lee Houston was considered by the FBI to be a suspect in the deaths of Coler and Williams, in part as a result of his connection to a .35 caliber rifle:

HOUSTON, DOB August 7, 1950, considered suspect because he is associate of individuals in the area and uses a .35 caliber Remington weapon. Shell casings for this caliber found at scene.

[Report of {deleted}, 7/10/75, App. 481]

The FBI characterized Houston in another FOIA document as a:

Known activist on the Pine Ridge Reservation and was recently a suspect in a murder where the victim was killed with a high-powered rifle.

[DAILY SUMMARY TELETYPE, Rapid City to Director, 8/11/75, App. 1790].

Casings found at the scene of that killing were fired by the same rifle which fired casings at RESMURS according to a previously disclosed Lab Report [No. PC-M0520, 2/10/76, App. 378, 387].

The FOIA documents additionally revealed that "(i)formation
was also received from one of the other subjects that Housto was present at the shooting" [AIRTEL, SAC, Pine Ridge to Director, 8/15/75 App. 125].

H. RICHARD LITTLE.

During the trial, the defense had no indication that Richard Little was at the scene of the shooting.

FOIA disclosures revealed, however, that he was identified at the scene by an eyewitness [302 of (deleted), 6/30/75, App. 1667] and admitted to the FBI that he "had seen the entire thing from start to finish" [302 of Held and (deleted), 6/28/75, App. 1641].

I. DUSTY NELSON.

From the testimony of Robert E coffin and Jencks disclosures, the defense was informed that Nelson was at a Jumping Bull residence on June 25, 1975, and that his fingerprints were found on items seized from Tent City.

The documents released under FOIA revealed interviews with two eyewitnesses who tentatively identified Nelson as being present at the scene and escaping the area during the course of the firefight [302 of (deleted) and (deleted), 6/29/75, App. 732; 302 of (deleted) and (deleted), 7/3/75, App. 1560].

J. GERARD MOUSSEAU.

Prior to and during trial, the defense was provided with six documents in which Gerald Mousseau was mentioned. However, neither these documents nor testimony at trial gave any indication that Mousseau was at the scene during the shooting.

Evidence of Mousseau's presence and possible involvement was
the FOIA [See, e.g., 302 of {deleted} and {deleted}, 7/10/75, App. 331].

K. JAMES FREDERICK WAR BONNET.

Pre-trial discovery documents informed the defense of the presence of a "junked" white Chevrolet Bel-Air a short distance from where Agents Coler and Williams were killed and the identification of fingerprints of James War Bonnet on items seized at the scene. Another document reported that War Bonnet had been arrested on March 1, 1975, not far from the Pine Ridge Reservation, and charged with possession of two .223 caliber semi-automatic rifles.

The defense was not informed, however, that a South Dakota vehicle registration in the name of James War Bonnet was found by the FBI on the Chevrolet's front seat [302 of {deleted}, 6/26/75, App. 1817], and that by early July, 1975, War Bonnet was listed as a suspect due in part to the proximity of his vehicle at the scene:

His 1960 Chevrolet Bel-Air with South Dakota License 67-2557 was observed in the crime scene area on June 26, 1975. {Name and text deleted} observed War Bonnet in and around Oglala, S.D. near the time of the shooting. {Name and text deleted} War Bonnet is knowledgeable in the use of explosives and carries a gun with him at all times.

[DAILY SUMMARY TELETYPE, Rapid City to Director, 7/15/75, App. 876]. FOIA documents also revealed an FBI interview with a witness who spoke to War Bonnet after the shooting. The witness [name deleted] said that "Jimmy War Bonnett was 'scared to death' and very excited when talking about the killing of the two FBI agents" [302 of {deleted}, 7/18/75, App. 1822].
During the Butler-Robideau trial, defense attorney Bill Kunstler examined subpoenaed FBI Director Clarence Kelley who admits to AIM having "fine goals". Later Kelley admits to having a paid informant infiltrating this "fine" organization.

Q. To your knowledge is the American Indian Movement considered to be such a group by the Federal Bureau?

A. It is my very definite knowledge that the American Indian Movement is a movement which has fine goals, has many fine people, and has as its general consideration of what needs to be done, something that is worthwhile, and it is not tabbed by us as an un-American subversive or otherwise objectionable organization.

Q. And yet it is true, is it not, that you have paid informants who are utilized in connection with the American Indian Movement. Is that not correct?

A. Yes. I am sure that we have informants and possibly have paid informants but I don't know how many who do, on occasion, concern themselves with some members. Not to get into the whole organization and to, for example, inform on the entire membership.
Also during the Butler-Robideau trial attorney Kunstler then gets FBI Director Kelley to admit to the importance of self defense when a people are threatened.

Indian Reser For Pine Ridge M-16's, automatic weapons, they have bullet proof vests, they are Army type clothes issued, jackets and so on. That is somewhat different than agents normally have in, say, Cedar Rapids, or New York or Chicago, isn't it?

Q   Yes. That is different.

Q   And that is due, is it not in fact, to the fact the reservation is essentially considered to be more dangerous than Cedar Rapids, Iowa?

A   More dangerous perhaps to FBI agents, two of whom have been slain.

Q   Hundreds of native Americans have been slain, too, haven't they?

A   There have been many Americans slain but two FBI agents were slain, too, and I think they have reason to be really concerned about their own lives.

Q   One of the reasons for equipping them this way is that there is a fear that strangers who come into isolated areas on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation who are not known to the people there, might themselves come under attack out of fear. Isn't that correct?

A   I don't care who it is that comes in. If they are threatened they have the right to protect themselves.
Here the FBI admits to the blatantly obvious inconsistencies in the Poor Bear affidavits used in the extradition of Peltier.

Assistant Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Leonard Peltier

Reference is made to your letter dated April 17, 1979, ...losing a letter from the Canadian Department of Justice, Ottawa, Canada, dated March 29, 1979, concerning the extradition of Leonard Peltier, and FBI HQ memorandum dated 1/25/79.

Kyrtle Poor Bear provided three affidavits in Rapid City, South Dakota, in connection with the killings of two FBI Agents in June, 1975, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota. The first affidavit was furnished on 2/19/76 stating that she was not present during the killings of the FBI Agents, but that subsequently Leonard Peltier told her that he had killed the FBI Agents. The second affidavit was furnished on 2/23/76 stating that she was present during the killings of the FBI Agents and witnessed Peltier shoot one of the Agents. The third affidavit was furnished on 3/31/76 essentially restating what was furnished in the second affidavit, but in more detail.

All affidavits were voluntarily furnished by Kyrtle Poor Bear and taken in good faith. At the time the three affidavits were furnished, it was believed that she was totally reliable and mentally stable. The inconsistency between the first affidavit and the subsequent two affidavits is believed to be the result of Kyrtle Poor Bear's initial reluctance to fully cooperate because of her legitimate fear for her own personal safety.

Paul William Halprin, an attorney for the Canadian Department of Justice, represented the United States in the Peltier extradition hearings. In this capacity, he traveled to Rapid City, South Dakota, to confer with special prosecutor Robert Sikma and to review available evidence against Peltier. Halprin was aware of the contents of all three affidavits, and in fact, he was the reason Kyrtle Poor Bear furnished the third affidavit as he requested certain issues previously furnished by her be amplified.
During the 1979 appeal Judge Ross chastises prosecuting attorney Evan Hultman for the government's role in the illegal extradition of Peltier.

anything: et cetera. And so, it is for those two reasons that I believe the court, very realistically, and very fairly, and in the total interest of justice determined for the reasons that the court then gave, that Myrtle Poor Bear's testimony would go totally to a collateral matter, even if it were a collateral matter with some relevancy.

Judge Ross: But can't you see, Mr. Hultman, what happened happened in such a way that it gives some credence to the claim of the—

Mr. Hultman: I understand, yes, Your Honor.

Judge Ross: —the Indian people that the United States is willing to resort to any tactic in order to bring somebody back to the United States from Canada.

Mr. Hultman: Judge—

Judge Ross: And if they are willing to do that, they must be willing to fabricate other evidence. And it's no wonder that they are unhappy and disbelieve the things that happened in our courts when things like this happen.

Mr. Hultman: Judge Ross, I in no way do anything but agree with you totally.

Judge Ross: And you try to explain how they got there is not legally relevant in the case, and they don't understand that.

Mr. Hultman: I understand, Your Honor.

Judge Ross: We have an obligation to them, not only to treat them fairly, but not give the appearance of manufacturing evidence by interrogating incompetent witnesses.

Mr. Hultman: Your Honor, I agree wholeheartedly, and I certainly have no quarrel with that, and that is why I say, as I indicated, I ultimately made a decision that I made, and I made that decision personally. I think the trial, itself, Your Honor, and the record in its totality, as well as
During a televised interview with Steve Kroft from the show "West 57th Street" in 1992, assistant prosecuting attorney Lynn Crooks admits to not caring about the false affidavits used in the extradition.

CROOKS:

Yeah, during a probable cause stage. Wouldn't have bothered me at all. I'd basically said, Judge, here's what we got!

KROFT:

No matter how you cut it, you can't get away from the fact that it was her testimony that got Leonard Peltier extradited from Canada to stand trial.

CROOKS:

I guess I don't ultimately know and ultimately, I don't really care. Doesn't bother my conscience. If everything they say is right on that, doesn't bother my conscience one bit. The man's a murderer. He got convicted on fair evidence. Doesn't bother my conscience one whit! Now, I don't agree that we did anything wrong with that, but I can tell you, it don't bother my conscience if we did.
719PM URGENT APRIL 19, 1976 U.H.
TO: DIRECTOR (89-3229)
FROM: ASAC, RAPID CITY (78-14239)
ATTN: LEGAL DIVision, FBI LABORATORY, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION.

RE: MAKING AVAILABLE NOTES AND RELATED WRITINGS OF LAB,
IDENT, AND OTHER EXPERTS AS A JENCKS ACT REQUIREMENT
(FEDERAL RULES, EVIDENCE, 85).

REBUTAL CAL TO RAPID CITY APRIL 8, 1976.

SPECIAL PROSECUTORS (SP) CONCERNED THAT THE JENCKS ACT
REQUIRES PER DEFINITION OF "STATEMENT" SECTION (E) (1) OF THE
ACT THAT THE NOTES AND RELATED WRITINGS OF FBI LAB, IDENT, AND
OTHER EXPERTS MUST BE PRODUCED. SP RELIES IN PART ON TEXT AND
LANGUAGE OF RECENT U.S. SUPREME COURT CASE, GOLDBERG VS.

SP STATED HE DOES NOT INTEND TO MAKE THE NOTES AND
WRITINGS AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENSE, AND THAT
LAB AND IDENT PERSONNEL DISCONTINUE ANY PLANS TO COPY SAME. SP
STILL CONCERED THAT THE DEFENSE WILL STILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN
THEM AND THAT THE JUDGE MIGHT REQUIRE THAT THEY BE TORNED
OVER TO THE DEFENSE. SP ADVISED THAT ANY ASSISTANCE HE LEGAL RESEARCH
AND RECOMMENDATIONS
During Peltier's trial the prosecution's witness and AIM member Michael Anderson testified of FBI coercion.

Michael: Erwin Anderson

Q: Yes, let me ask you one more time. You're stating that you're not guilty at all. And what happened at the end of that interview? You don't talk, I will beat you up in the cell.

A: Well, I was refusing to talk until Gary Adams told you that.

Q: Gary Adams told you that?

A: Yes.

Q: And the other agent was present when he said that?

A: Yes.

Q: And did that make you afraid?

A: Yes.

Q: And did you understand that you would get beat up if you didn't give him the answers that he wanted?

A: Yes.

Q: And did you then give him the answers that you understood he wanted?

A: Yes.

Q: When was the next time that Special Agent Gary Adams talked with you?

A: I don't remember.

Q: Was it while you were still in Wichita?

A: I don't remember.

Q: Did Special Agent Gary Adams in that first interview with you tell you that one of the dead agents was a good friend of his?

A: Yes.
Myrtle Poor Bear: False Affidavits

Mr. Leonard Peltier was arrested in Canada on February 6, 1976, and extradited from Canada in December on the basis of one of three separate (and different) affidavits signed by Myrtle Poor Bear, a Native American woman known to have serious mental health problems.

Affidavit of 19 February 1976—Here, Special Agents David Price and William Wood have Myrtle Poor Bear recount how it was she who overheard the planning of the Northwest AIM group to lure Special Agents Coler and Williams to their deaths in an ambush. Note that there is no claim Poor Bear witnessed the shoot-out, but that she heard Leonard Peltier order the agents killed beforehand, and that he later "confessed to her."
Affidavit of 23 February 1976—With this affidavit, Price and Wood have Poor Bear present herself as being Peltier's "girl friend," and as overhearing planning for an ambush. However, with this affidavit, Poor Bear is now presented as having witnessed Peltier killing the agents. Details on an escape route apparently were designed to explain away the Bureau's embarrassing inability to apprehend suspects at the scene of the shoot-out. Also note how the method of killing corresponds to the FBI's contrived "execution" scenario.
Affidavit of 31 March 1976—This affidavit was eventually submitted to the Canadian courts. Here, the agents totally abandoned the notion of Poor Bear's having overheard planning for an ambush. Instead they have her provide considerable detail as an "eyewitness." Note also the absence of any alleged confession on the part of Leonard Peltier.
Today, the government concedes that, in fact, Myrtle Poor Bear did not know Leonard Peltier, nor was she present at the time of the shooting. She later confessed she had given false statements after being pressured and terrorized by FBI agents. Myrtle Poor Bear sought to testify in this regard at Leonard Peltier's trial. However, the judge barred her testimony on the grounds of mental incompetence.

In addition to being a violation of Leonard Peltier's rights, the United States government committed fraud on the court during the extradition proceedings and violated the sovereignty of Canada. The U.S. government has made no attempt to correct this wrong and, to date, the illegal extradition has not been corrected by the Canadian Court.