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OFFICE OF SINN FÉIN PRESIDENT GERRY ADAMS TO OIFIG UACHTARÁN SHINN FÉIN GEARÓID MAC ÁDHAIMH TD

Mr President, a chara,

Leonard Peltier has been in prison since 1977 following his conviction for the murder of two FBI Agents at Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota in 1975.

Mr Peltier has consistently maintained that he did not fire the fatal shots.

He has been incarcerated for almost 40 years and during that time his health has significantly deteriorated. He currently suffers from diabetes, an abdominal aortic aneurysm, high blood pressure and prostate problems.

Serious questions have been raised regarding the fairness of Mr Peltier's trial with inconsistencies in the evidence presented, alleged manipulation of witnesses, flawed ballistic evidence and the withholding of large volumes of evidence.

Mr Peltier's time spent in prison is already longer than the presumptive maximum federal sentence.

In light of these matters we appeal to you, in your last months in office, to use the powers available to you to release Leonard Peltier.

Is mise le meas,

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