

To

ASSOCIATE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Date 2/16/93

W. DOUGLAS GOW

From

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (198A-MP-32250)

Subject:

RESMURS

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DOUG, per our conversation last week, I believe the following should be given consideration with reference to your meeting Tuesday, February 9, 1993, regarding PELTIER:

- Develop and articulate an overall strategy or plan with reference to future activity to include:
- A) Prepare briefing papers showing complete background of PELTIER to include:
 - Milwaukee attempted murder of off duty cop. I)
- Ambush/murder of Bureau agents 6/26/75 at Pine Ridge by II) PELTIER and others.
- Explosion on Kansas Turnpike and recovery of AR-15, SA III) COLER's .308 rifle, other weapons and explosives in car.
- Purchase of Plymouth station wagon in Denver, 9/9/75 by IV) PELTIER.
- RV/station wagon stop by Oregon trooper, PELTIER's escape/burglary/shooting at officer.
- Arrest of PELTIER at Chief SMALL BOY's camp, comments by PELTIER, weaponry at camp.
- VII) MYRTLE POOR BEAR affidavits explain early use, credibility and validity at time used for extradition.
- VIII) Later loss of credibility of POOR BEAR, not used as government witness, subsequent use by defense as credible in accusations against FBI after defense destroyed her credibility. (Can't have it both ways).

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- D) Option B approach "Unsolved Mysteries" or "Untold Stories" to have RESMURS/PELTIER story told completely.
- I) If done this way, FBI would lose ability to tell story completely, factually and without Hollywood sensationalism being attached. This story can't be told in sound bites and cannot be glamorized. A factual, simple documentary is necessary and best for situation.
- a) Need to start by giving the complete details of the JIMMY EAGLE, et al, assault, kidnap and thefts from two young ranchers (it's not just a "theft of cowboy boots"). Clear up the whole picture.
- E) Get the story/pictures out publicly through <u>Reader's</u>
 <u>Digest</u>, <u>Life</u>, <u>Detective</u> magazines or other publications which have worked closely with the FBI over the years. Work with the media in a positive fashion.
 - I) Remind the public what happened 18 years ago.
- a) Many young people are relying on the movies/TV to inform them and are being misguided by the present coverage.
- b) Adults have forgotten the facts and need to be reminded. They welcome the truth!
- c) Talk about these young FBI agents, their careers, their families, our jurisdiction on Indian reservations, our responsibility to investigate major crimes, that the agents had a right and responsibility to be on the reservation.
- d) Coordinate as necessary with PHIL HOGEN (United Claylor States Attorney, South Dakota, attactime) who is now with the Department of Interior as Director of Indian Trusts, Washington, who D. C.
- e) Mr. HOGEN is Oglala Sioux, grew up on a South Dakota reservation, and has excellent instincts and insight. Said he would like to help.
- F) Allow SACs to deal with news stories in their Division. Encourage them to respond, but use the same script, details, evidence. Stick to the facts.
 - G) FBIHQ respond to syndicated columns, national stories.
- I) If JACK ANDERSON, MIKE ROYKO, New York Times, Washington Post, writes a fictionalized story or column, FBIHQ respond. Needs HQ/Director/CLARKE name to show our level of concern with bad information.

- H) Continue to coordinate activity/planned activity with Minneapolis Division and share, as necessary, with all offices.
- I) Minneapolis recommends a specific, articulated, planned agenda from HQ which can be discussed, massaged and coordinated with Minneapolis FBI and AUSA LYNN CROOKS, Fargo.

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- II) Nothing should be planned or implemented which has not been coordinated with AUSA CROOKS, FBIHQ Legal Counsel Division, FBIHQ CID, and the Minneapolis Division and Public Affairs.
- III) Minneapolis Division point of contact is SAC NICHOLAS V. O'HARA or SRA DOUGLAS GRELL.
- IV) FBIHQ needs to designate a continuing point of contact in LCD, Public Affairs, CID, and Congressional Affairs.