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January 9, 2017

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20050

Re: Clemency for Leonard Peltier

Dear President Obama:

Please grant Executive Clemency to Leonard Peltier!

Leonard Peltier is a 71-year-old elder who was convicted and sentenced to two consecutive life sentences for aiding and abetting in the deaths of two FBI agents. Leonard has maintained his innocence expressing remorse for their loss of life and also including the Native American man Joseph Stuntz. Leonard Peltier has fulfilled his federal sentencing guideline requirements (based on 1970s) and has done almost 6 life sentences plus 20 years' good time.

Mr. Peltier is an accomplished artist and author and is renowned for his humanitarian achievements including being nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and was also awarded the Human Rights Commission of Spain's International Human Rights Prize and several other Prizes.


Leonard Peltier has several medical problems which include an Aortic Aneurysm and suffers from diabetes and its complications.

The blue represents the thunderclouds above the world where live the thunder birds who control the four winds. The rainbow is for the Cheyenne River Sioux people who are keepers of the Most Sacred Calf Pipe, a gift from the White Buffalo Calf Maiden. The eagle feathers at the edges of the rim of the world represent the spotted eagle who is the protector of all Lakota. The two pipes fused together are for unity. One pipe is for the Lakota, the other for all the other Indian Nations. The yellow hoops represent the Sacred Hoop, which shall not be broken. The Sacred Calf Pipe Bundle in red represents Wakan Tanka – The Great Mystery. All the colors of the Lakota are visible. The red, yellow, black and white represent the four major races. The blue is for heaven and the green for Mother Earth.

With the recent request of former United States Attorney, James H. Reynolds to release Leonard Peltier “in the best interest of Justice” and the numerous human Rights organizations including Amnesty International who also support clemency.

President Obama we urge you to immediately take action and unconditionally grant Executive Clemency to Mr. Peltier.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Frazier', written in a cursive style.

Harold Frazier, Chairman
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

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