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"In the Spirit of Coler and Williams"

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Dear NPPA supporters:

--Ron Williams would have been 62 years old on July 30th and could have been able to perhaps enjoy his retirement from the FBI, maybe enjoying a family he would no doubt have wanted and perhaps grandchildren at this point, had it not been for a chance encounter with Leonard Peltier and other AIM members in an open field just south of Oglala, South Dakota. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ron, his family and friends. He was killed in the line of duty and will never be forgotten.

--On June 25, 2009 Leonard Peltier released his annual public [statement](#) for the 34th anniversary of the brutal murder of Special Agents Jack Coler and Ron Williams, or what Peltier folklore refers to as the "Incident at Oglala." Coming as it does within days of his public hearing his statement speaks volumes of what can be expected from Peltier at arguably the most critical event in his three decades behind bars.

Peltier offers two very insightful comments, but as with many statements in the past he rambles from himself as the political-prisoner-innocent-victim, to other irrelevant areas, and as usual aimlessly misses any mark.

Admittedly this statement was awaited by Peltier detractors with some expectation; this is the point where Peltier needed to lay the basis for how he will make his final plea to the parole board. He has clearly said he has not fared well in prison and wants out. His 34 years of self-imposed martyrdom has weighed heavily on his soul and physical being. He claims that he is literally "the evidence" of America's failure to protect its Native Americans, because according to him at his trial the government, lied, manufactured evidence, intimidated witnesses and that they even had "...back room conversations with the judge..."

But he goes on to add the most important piece of his legacy “..but the bottom line is my case is well documented by court after court after court by hearing after hearing after hearing, by statement after statement after statement.”

We get his point, and in that regard he could not be more correct. The record is clear and convincing and anyone taking the time to read exactly what those decisions said and the significance of the evidence against him, will come to the same conclusion regarding his unequivocal guilt.

For a further review of the details of Peltier’s guilt please see Editorial Essays #21, 25, 43, 45, 48, 49 and The Myth of Leonard Peltier;
<http://www.noparolepeltier.com/myth.html>

Of course what’s missing from his statement is even a hint of acceptance of any responsibility for what happened at Jumping Bull that day. He laments the death of Joe Stuntz but would never admit that by shooting at responding law enforcement Stuntz certainly placed himself in personal jeopardy that day. And so entrenched is the folklore surrounding Peltier that he cannot even get it straight himself anymore; the number of people who allegedly were killed during the so-called “Reign of Terror” has fluctuated over the years but now Peltier can only refer to it “60 something,” and of course, by ignoring the facts he would never admit to what that list of people was really all about. For a review of these alleged deaths that were “never investigated,” please see
<http://www.noparolepeltier.com/response.html#7>

Reading this statement, and others over the years, it’s apparent that Peltier will climb on his anti-U.S. soapbox, make some insulting statement to the board members, make no admissions whatsoever about any measure of his own culpability, continue to play the Native American race card and try to convince them that he is genuine and not just a myth perpetuated by three decades of sometimes well-meaning but uninformed supporters. But the board will no doubt be familiar with the record of his conviction and numerous appeals and Peltier’s rampant rhetoric.

It could be that Peltier has given up, resigned himself to having to serve whatever remains of his life, devoid of freedom. It will be interesting to hear exactly what he has to say.

...Lewisburg, July 28, 2009...

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