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Dear NPPA supporters:

Dear Leonard: Please see the attached [letter](#) making an offer of support to Leonard Peltier. In exchange for providing a release under the Freedom of Information Act, it was offered that a complete transcript of the July 28th parole hearing would be made and provided to Peltier or his attorney at no cost.

At the United Nations:

Kari Ann Cowan, Assistant Coordinator, LPDOC, announced that she had accepted an invitation by “a delegate” (not further identified), to attend the 64th General Assembly of the United Nations. According to her press release she “graciously accepted the invite” and planned to network with the members of the United Nations on behalf of Leonard Peltier. From the lack of any coverage it’s apparent the networking was unproductive and the Secretary General didn’t have time to place the Peltier matter on the agenda.

Follow the money:

The LPDOC made another plea for supporters to purchase raffle tickets “that could win you an original painting by Leonard Peltier.” With only eight days to go in the “auction,” they had “sold less than 100 of the 500 tickets.”

This is but one more indication that Peltier’s popularity, along with financial support has waned considerably, to the point that at this rate it will dwindle down to nothing before long. That doesn’t mitigate Peltier’s charade of charitable activities that cannot be supported nor tax-deductible solicitations that are illegal. There had been efforts by some at the former LPDC to shed some light on Peltier’s finances; but that never happened—and never will.¹

Turmoil & Resignations; LPDOC: On October 2, Executive Coordinator, Betty Ann Solano's [press release](#) discussed the Peltier "family," and as families are wont to do, they don't always get along. She said *"Having said all of this, the LPDOC cannot be held accountable for individual statements or opinions, even if they come from our well known supporters. We clearly outline our platform and our beliefs on our website and through officially released statements and press releases."* What that means is that if it isn't sanctioned by Peltier, it isn't official and they have no problems at all throwing someone under the bus for the slightest infraction. The party line comes only from Leonard Peltier through the LPDOC, and as we have seen a number of times before (please see editorial essays #18, #19, #20, #31, #41), Peltier tolerates little; although, as we have also seen, some bring their own agendas that don't mix well with Peltier's version of innocence and his vision of freedom.²

Peltier lost an aggressive and effective supporter with Wanbli's [resignation](#). Peltier, Solano and all those at the LPDOC will soon realize this.

Ben Carnes, who recently camped out in Washington, D.C., on Peltier's behalf, (to the notice of nearly no one), produced a rambling and poorly written [statement](#) essentially calling for a hemispheric native peoples initiative envisioned with "...thousands of Tipi's on the Mall will have the attention of the world..." Carnes also needs support because he's behind in his land payments, he's not tax-deductible (neither is the LPDOC for that matter), and his RV needs some repairs to keep him warm for the winter. He will not resign, he says, until *he* finds someone capable to help Leonard, and that *he* is "...not quitting on Leonard, we are just going to step it up by having the freedom to speak truthfully."

"The freedom to speak truthfully?" Interesting that here's yet another statement from someone within Peltier's inner circle who has difficulty dealing with the truth as it's offered from Fargo and Lewisburg.

Carnes's also stated *"There is another generation behind us who say they want to revive AIM. I say let it die. It is a new energy and direction that needs to set course. We need this without the baggage and differences that exists."* Well, maybe Ben Carnes isn't that much of an old fool. At least he and his "ilk" recognize that AIM contributed nothing to Native American rights and thankfully there are many out there who understand that.

To make matters much worse, Ben apparently missed Leonard's memo about how important his only chance at freedom is and that all their efforts are directed towards convincing the president he is worthy of clemency. So, by saying on Facebook that he was going to Washington to see "**The Great Black Father**," Carnes stuck the proverbial moccasin firmly in his mouth, let alone the racist implication from someone who certainly should be more sensitive to that kind of bigoted rhetoric. But, we've been there before and if Peltier supporters and the

LPDOC have forgotten, we'll remind them that respect for the office of the president escaped Peltier as well when he called President Clinton a sleazebag.³

Carnes made a number of other factually incorrect statements but quite frankly they're not worth the effort of a response.

Curiously, or not, neither Wanbli's resignation nor Ben Carnes's open letter appeared on the LPDOC website. Airing dirty laundry in public is perhaps not a beneficial tactic when looking for outside support (and money), but then honesty has never been the LPDC or the LPDOC's strong suit; let alone Peltier's.

A "Life" sentence: In the past Peltier has compared his prison sentence to those of others using examples that reflect neither his crimes nor his consecutive life sentences (Please see the October NPPA Newsletter). A more appropriate comparison would be that of Melvin Bay Guyon who murdered FBI Agent Jonnie L. Oliver in a Cleveland, Ohio apartment on 8/9/79. Guyon, like Peltier, was named to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted fugitives list but surrendered just seven days after Agent Oliver's murder. Guyon was convicted and received a *life* sentence, and on this past August 15th was released from prison one day short of thirty years of incarceration. Leonard Peltier received *consecutive* life sentences, so; his total incarceration should then be sixty years, minus two days. That is, of course, in addition to the seven *consecutive* years he received for his armed escape from Lompoc.

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¹ <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#fraud>

² This common theme in Peltier's dealings with those around him doesn't deserve much additional attention; it's been described and addressed several times and quite frankly I don't have the energy to devote any more time to another Editorial Essay on the same topic. It is what it is, and Peltier isn't going to change.

³ <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/speak.html>