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Greetings,

This letter is being sent to you due to the disruption caused at the Defenders of the Black Hills meeting held on Jan. 24, 2015, in which I was handed a letter signed by all of you in 2010. Did you not receive my response back then? Yes, I am in receipt of the letter which was brought to the meeting by Theresa Red Feather, Stacy Low Dog, and Wayne Claymore. As Theresa said this was for me personally, but Stacy made it public at the meeting, I am answering you personally with copies made public. You can get copies to Theresa, Stacy, Wayne, Vincent and Frank Sioux Bob as I do not have their addresses.

Clifford, do you remember that you are the one that told me, at Tony Black Feather's wake, that I was chosen at the meeting in 1994 to be the next Spokesperson? Do you also remember that you told me at the same time that this was a lifetime appointment? And do you remember what Tony told you that week he was dying, and you told me? You said, Tony told you to support me all the way. Did you forget? Did you also forget that you translated for Alice Four Horns when she said that I was chosen to take Tony's place as the Spokesperson at the 1994 meeting? There are others who also have told me the same thing. I just don't have their comments in writing, but can get them.

Garvard, did you forget about the Spirits also choosing me to be a leader at Bear Butte in 2003? Did you forget what JoAnne Tall saw, and the ceremony she and I participated in to interpret what the painting of my face by the Spirits at Bear Butte signified? Did you forget all the times you also saw my face painted? Did you forget what JoAnne said this meant coming from the ceremony, that the Spirits chose me to be the leader? It is too bad that Wilmer Mesteth passed on as he was the one who did the ceremony and could verify this, but there were others who were there also. I can get their statements if necessary but we usually don't write about these things. Unfortunately, I have to write this now so you will know why I keep doing the work.

For me, the Spirits painting my face in 2003 confirmed what happened in 1994, even though I didn't know it at the time because Tony was still with us. For me, I will continue to carryout the decision made by the elders in 1994, and confirmed by the Spirits in 2003. I will not go against them, the elders or the Spirits, and will remain the Spokesperson as they chose and according to their decisions.

I am not afraid of the truth. I would gladly hold the pipe and say what I have previously stated. Anyone who reads this letter and doubts me can go into ceremony and ask the Spirits. I am not afraid because I am telling the truth.

If the people who disrupted the meeting had any respect, they would have asked John Long Sr. who was sitting right there at this Defenders' meeting, and who also was at the 1994 meeting when I was chosen to be the Spokesperson. He would have told them that I was chosen based on my qualifications and abilities for life. Lineage and gender have nothing to do with it, only the ability. He also said that no one else is qualified to do the work that I do at the United Nations.

I am respectful to my elders and so I would not ask him to respond to these disruptive people. They would not have listened to him. Their actions already were disrespectful to me and the others in attendance. I would not put him in a position to be disrespected. That would be disrespectful on my part.

After they left, then I asked him to tell everyone what happened in 1994 as he was at that meeting, and has been involved with the Treaty work since the 1970s. This Defenders meeting was not the place to tell what happened in 1994, but the truth has to be told. The Defenders organization does not work on the enforcement of the Treaty, but only on the protection of the environment within the Treaty territory.

Clifford and Garvard, you know the truth. It is time you support the truth and quit using these divide and conquer tactics. Our common enemy is the biggest bully in the world, the United States. If you want prestige and money, you can earn that some other way, other than causing division and misleading our people. I would never have thought you would turn against Tony's words and wishes, or against me. But you have. It's time to stop this nonsense.

I pray for your good health, the same as I pray for the good health of all people.

Sincerely,



Charmaine White Face - Zumila Wobaga

cc: Sioux Nation Treaty Council  
Defenders of the Black Hills