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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing on behalf of the more than 290,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police to add our voice to the chorus of individuals asking you to deny the clemency request of convicted cop killer Leonard Peltier.

There is no doubt whatsoever that Peltier was involved in the execution of FBI Special Agents Ronald A. Williams and Jack R. Coler in 1975, and that he was rightfully convicted of this heinous crime. There should also be no doubt that anyone who murders a law enforcement officer in cold blood should be punished to the fullest extent of the law, and, at a minimum, serve the full term of imprisonment for which they were sentenced. There should not be an iota of doubt that Peltier is the most notorious cop killer of our age and has yet to repay his full debt to society.

Mr. President, the FOP has welcomed you several times to our annual Peace Officers' Memorial Service, and we have been privileged to stand by your administration as it has sought new and better ways to improve the lives of America's public safety officers. However, it would be unconscionable at best to honor the sacrifice made by our nation's law enforcement officers while simultaneously dishonoring their memories by even contemplating the release of this cold-blooded cop killer.

As we reach the end of your successful term of office, it would be tremendously unfortunate if you were to stain the legacy of your Administration with the blood of America's slain law enforcement officers. When making your final decision on this issue, I ask that you carefully weigh the sacrifice of Agents Williams and Coler and the inconsolable hurt this would inflict on the loved ones they left behind.

Again, on behalf of the membership of the Fraternal Order of Police, I ask you to remember their sacrifice and strongly deny the clemency request of Leonard Peltier. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gilbert G. Gallegos
National President