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cc Mark Seddon

RE: Chief Mel Lone Hill Invitation to Secretary General

Dear Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon,

I am Mushin Mato Wambli and brother to Chief Mel Lone Hill, of the Lakota Sioux Nation.

Chief Mel Lone Hill requested this morning on the phone to confirm his personal invitation to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The Lakota Oyate is looking forward to the meeting and already discussing the gathering necessary internally. The Chief requests the possible dates for this visit in the fall as soon as possible. The Chief has already started discussions regarding this visit and has a meeting on Thursday July 24, 2013 and time is of the essence in regards to preparations and organizing a historic meeting of the Oceti Sakowin in advance of the event.

In discussing the invite Chief Mel Lone Hill asked that I specify his concerns specifically at the outset, so adequate effective conversations begin to occur and internal Lakota self organizing is fruitful in attending to this meeting with the United Nations:

1. **Communications:** Chief Lone Hill is prepared to call together the Oceti Sakowin ~ Seven Council Fires as a gathering of the ancestral customary ruling body of the Ancient Lakota Nation. This gathering is outside and beyond the scope or authority of any BIA IRA Tribal Councils within the Ancient Lakota Territory that existed prior to Western contact. The Oceti Sakowin is the customary order of the Lakota Oyate. The concern is a firm commitment of the UN Secretary-General to commit to the visit as soon as possible in the fall and have confidence in this meeting. David Hawk is appointed by Chief Lone Hill as the liaison officer between Chief Mel Lone Hill and Secretary General Ban Bi-moon. Jhon

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Goes In Center was appointed acting secretary for the Oceti Sakowin, Tony Brave communication director on May 1, 2013, and serves in this capacity moving forward. The Chief's request is this entire Lakota UN event planning be in the strictest of confidence, security, and any public notifications be mutually agreed to prior to announcements. For numerous reasons in ongoing political conversations currently underway in regards to the settlement of political issues involving USA Federal Government and State of South Dakota. Chief Mel Lone Hill wants this meeting with Secretary General Bi-moon to be an Oceti Sakowin Council discussing the Lakota Nation perspectives, assertions and declarative stance as a Nation State meeting with United Nations Secretary-General. Confidentiality is required in this entire communication process in preparation. Once the meeting actually occurs Chief Mel Lone Hill has no fear, concern or restrictions in regards to reporters, journalists, and worldwide issues the Secretary-General desires to speak in commentaries on behalf of the United Nations.

2. **Security:** Chief Lone Hill's major concern at the outset is security for the gathering of the Oceti Sakowin meeting with the United Nations Secretary-General. Specifically limiting Tribal Leadership and State or Federal agencies in the USA to restriction and non-participation in this event. The Lakota Nation requires their own security force and Chief Lone Hill is already in discussion in this regard. The Chief asserts the Lakota Nation UN event is a gracious opportunity for the Oceti Sakowin to institute the May 1, 2013 re-assertion of sovereignty over Wounded Knee episode where 40 acres was being auctioned off for \$3.9 million, and as Chief Mel Lone Hill of the Oglala Sioux Tribe condemned the sale and called for an immediate virtual assembly of the Oceti Sakowin. The Chief is well aware of the dangers, threats and hostilities surrounding reservation life in regards to asserting sovereignty and the prejudicial bias of the white man in regards to the Lakota Nation claim for the Black Hills of South Dakota. The Oceti Sakowin is already in a process of negotiations with the USA President Obama Administration. The visit of the Secretary-General is welcomed and may lend clarification of the Lakota Nation's sovereignty under the Declaration of Indigenous Rights and assist the Oceti Sakowin in a peace through unity solution to all parties involved. This is Chief Lone Hill's prayer.
3. **Initiating On Going Communication:** Chief Mel Lone Hill and his immediate assistants: Jhon Goes In Center, Tony Brave, David Hawk perceive this visit as the beginning of a conversation that never ends in an appreciative inquiry and dialog revealing historical realities and opportunities to sculpt a new future together. The opportunity is a provision of grace within a political genocidal historic politicization of the Lakota Nation Oyate. The Chief requests, if possible, the Secretary-General to appoint a United Nations Liaison person to be the key contact in preparing and organizing the event. The Chief feels this personal contact would solidify the Oceti Sakowin self organizing efforts and minimize any confusion or breakdowns in building communication. Chief Mel Lone Hill has health issues that we intend to care for in this process and the appointments already of Jhon Goes In Center, Tony Brave and David Hawk are sufficient in

The Chief's assessment to work in coordinating the formal visit. If there is a breakdown needing intervention the Chief requested any party please call Mushin first to get the issue resolved without involving Chief Mel Lone Hill. The process being offered does not in any way infringe on any party involved to contact directly Chief Mel Lone Hill in Batesland South Dakota. Cell 605-454-2500.

The Chief appreciates being called and having conversations in this regard by anyone committed to moving the event to a successful conclusion.

4. **Finances for Oceti Sakowin:** The Oceti Sakowin does not want to rely on any Nation State, NGO's, Tribal Governments, or International funding. Chief Mel Lone Hill has been a council member of Maka Si Tomni, Colorado Non profit since 2007. Our intention starting immediately is to raise anonymous benefactors to support the upcoming event immediately. We welcome any interested parties in the UN network of conversations to contact directly David Hawk in this regard to arrange contributions.

Mark all of us appreciate your enthusiasm and commitment to this event as a possible breakthrough in raising awareness of the plight of American Natives and indigenous peoples in the world. Please feel free to contact Chief Mel Lone Hill by phone to confirm or attest to the validity of this dispatch. We look forward to your diplomatic response.

Thank you once again for your deliberate intention in this regard.

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