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Judge Eugene Crumb
Superior Court
Fresno, California 93701

Re: Douglas Stankewitz

Dear Sir:

International Indian Treaty Council and the American Indian Movement oppose the death penalty. As an alternative to this irreversible process, we advocate life imprisonment.

In the case of Douglas Stankewitz, I.I.T.C./A.I.M. question the validity of this conviction. We are not convinced of his guilt. Until it has been fully established beyond reasonable doubt, we request that his conviction be commuted to life imprisonment.

We understand that the death penalty hasn't ever been a deterrent to murder. Rather, it continues to serve as a tool to legally condone the ongoing genocide practiced against our people.

Aim for Freedom,



Tom LaBlanc
Director
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