Zinke Trump and the DOI

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As many of you know, I authored a book called *Arrow to the Heart: The Last Battle at the Little Big Horn; the Custer Battlefield Museum v. the Federal Government*.

The foundation of my book is based on an un-authored 57-page leaked document sent to me in the fall of 2012 via US mail. In a nutshell, this document connected the Gibson Guitar raid, the Custer Battlefield Museum raid, and the Four Corners raid. The common denominator was William Woody, chief of BLM law enforcement, who ordered his agents to select high-profile targets to garner national publicity, thereby justifying his $266 million-dollar annual congressional appropriation every October 31st. That $266 million-dollar budget is for 211 BLM agents.

When my book was published I felt as though a weight had been lifted off my shoulders. I was finally able to tell my story and thought I would now be able to put the drama and expense of defending myself against unwarranted raids by federal law enforcement behind me.

In early September 2018, I was once again contacted by the anonymous leaker who had sent me the 57-page document five years prior. His USPS-delivered message included another anonymous 119-page dossier. Part of that dossier is a 91-page letter addressed to President Trump, dated August 4, 2017. The focus of that letter to Trump is the rampant misfeasance and felonious behavior by federal agents under the direction of BLM Law Enforcement Chief William Woody.
In July of 2014, I was asked by an elected official to submit testimony to a Congressional hearing titled "Threats, Intimidation and Bullying by Federal Land Managing Agencies." Part of my submission included that 57-page leaked document which was then accepted into the Congressional record. Thus I was able to write my book based on that foundational document.

Fast forward to one year ago when I filed a FOIA request on the eighth death related to the series of unwarranted raids - Robert Weaver of Cody, Wyoming - who took his own life subsequent to interrogation by rogue Bureau of Land Management law enforcement agents. The Bureau of Land has 60 days to respond to a FOIA. However, they have stonewalled my FOIA request for 388 days.

Therefore, on November 13th I filed a FOIA appeal in federal court in Billings, Montana.

The new, 119-page dossier referred to above and received this last September opens and closes talking about Ryan Zinke. The author explains that Zinke is part of the Deep State and sternly advises Trump to fire the management team that is currently running the BLM. In my filing of this FOIA appeal, the 119-page dossier will necessarily be published by the federal court system, thus making it a public document.

The result is that, as of today, a great deal more sunshine will be shed on the rampant and illegal abuse of power in the Department of the Interior.

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P.S.: Is it a coincidence that President Trump is now considering replacing Zinke? Do you think that the president or his staff have given any credence to the information in the document that was sent to Trump and leaked to me?