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Dr. Alessandro Martire,

Greetings from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe! I have received information that certain individuals have falsely stated that you are not affiliated with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. This letter will serve to dispel those mistruths and further acknowledge your appointment as "International Representative" for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe to the United Nations and the Italian government.

Your historic work to recognize the Rosebud Sioux Tribe with the United Nations via "Protocols of Friendship and Recognition" with the local Italian municipal governments, regions, and the Italian Parliament are noteworthy and a first amongst tribal nations in the United States. With out your tireless work, the United Nations may not have recognized the inherent sovereignty of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in 2000, as dignitaries from the Rosebud traveled to Geneva, Switzerland, where our tribal flag was presented and received by the United Nations General Assembly under your legal guidance and representation. It is understood that our flag still flies in Geneva in the hall of Nations.

Recognition to our historic and contemporary plight of the Lakota Sicangu Oyate amongst the European nations has been beneficial to awaken other governments to our needs, protection of our culture and language, and most notable your assistance in the official repudiation of the 15th century Papal Bull that deemed North American Indigenous people as "*Sine Anima*" and without protections, which laid false authority to claim all and everything with value for the colonizing authorities of those times. The "Doctrine of Discovery," has always been an historic thorn for Native Americans in their legal battles with the United States government on land issues, natural resource claims, simple human rights and now wildlife and environmental protections. Your assistance to the Papal See to repudiate this Papal Bull for the Sicangu Lakota Oyate, and all Indigenous peoples, must always be recognized and remembered!

Therefore, your work and history with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe is herewith applauded and recognized. Please use this official letter to refute any and all false accusations that you may currently face, or which arise in the future. Your work for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, and its people, will forever be remembered and honored. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Scott Herman, President
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