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Dear NAAFA,

Here's a "**Lesson from History**" you might appreciate.

A documented treaty conversation took place in the Dakota Territory between General Custer and Sitting Bull. During the treaty conversation, General Custer looked at Sitting Bull and said to him, "The wind has blown through my hair for some 40-ought years and has turned my hair white with wisdom. It is with that wisdom I tell you and the entire Indian nation that this treaty is in your best interest to sign." Without hesitation, Sitting Bull responded by saying, "Yeh too, Long Knife, the wind has blown through my hair for some 40-ought years, turning my hair white, too, but it has not totally blown my brains away.

This story comes to mind every time I hear American Family trying to convince me something is in the "best interest of the agent." History states that General Custer was an arrogant man, often taking matters into his own hands. Ironically, General Custer's attitude reminds me of that of American Family's. They are all knowing, do not listen to anyone, and talk down to agents much like Custer did with the Indians.

In the end we all know what happened to General Custer when his arrogance led him into the Battle of Little Big Horn. Perhaps American Family management should learn, too, from history. Stop the arrogance. Stop talking down to agents. Prevent an agent uprising!

Just another loyal NAAFA Member.

NOTE FROM THE NAAFA EDITING DEPARTMENT:

While obtaining this agent's permission to post this letter, we learned some interesting information about this agent. He had been privileged to personally know Dennis Means in the 70's and this story came directly from him. As many of you know, Dennis Means was the head of the American Indian Movement (AIM) and this agent traveled sometimes with Mr. Means' entourage as a part of his independent college internship with the school he attended and their public relations department. He said he learned that Indians often referred to soldiers as "long knives" in reference to their swords.