RS#11: Assessment Option 2 – Ballad of Oliver North

Many songwriters use the events of the day as their inspiration. In 1987, Tom Bridges recorded the song, "Give 'Em Hell Ollie," about Oliver North and the Iran-Contra Affair.

Follow this link http://www.authentichistory.com/1974-1992/3-reagan/5-irancontra/19870000 Givem_Hell_Ollie-Tom_Bridges.html to listen to the song. Consider how Bridges depicts North. Was North a patriot, a pawn, or an outlaw?

Directions: Write the lyrics for your own song about Oliver North. Based on what you have learned, express your view of North. Do you see him as a patriot, a pawn, or an outlaw? Make sure to include

Your task is to develop your own song lyrics about Oliver North and the Iran-Contra Affair.

some of the other "actors" and the chronology of the events. You can use the back of this paper if you need more space. Bonus – Set your song to music!

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Source: "'Give 'em Hell Ollie' by Tom Bridges (1987)." Authentic History Center. Available from http://www.authentichistory.com/1974-1992/3-reagan/5-irancontra/index.html.