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“Lake Huggers” Facing Indictments for Fraud? Grand Jury met for months, Rumors link Cutters with tax dodge

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The word around the Thompson County Courthouse is that the officers of the Lake Kennedy Federation, Connie and Casey Cutter, are this close to being charged with tax fraud, embezzlement, and extortion. Will all this give a new meaning to “Going Green”?

The State’s Attorney’s office refused to comment. Grand jury matters are top secret until an indictment is issued.

Attorney Connie Cutter has repeatedly stated that this investigation and these rumors are part of a plan to wreck the “good work of the Lake Kennedy Federation.” Cutter is an officer of the Lake Kennedy Federation, and its general counsel.

“Our [the Federation’s] offices were burglarized and trashed last summer. Our files were all stolen. Vandals tagged the wall with an offensive message. The same night, the home of one of our staff people was burglarized, and backup files were stolen,” Cutter told reporters at an impromptu press conference yesterday.

“I personally appeared before that grand jury, and cooperated. We have nothing to hide. We are proud of our work. Apparently the politicians want to make

us go away. Well, we want clean water and clean air. We are hereto stay.”

Cutter quoted the famous final lines of Tennyson’s poem, *Ulysses*: “We are going ‘to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.’”

Not everyone was impressed.

“I don’t know what Tennyson has to do with this,” commented Marshall University law professor Albert DeVito. “Why not quote Don Rickles. He’s funnier and just as irrelevant to the grand jury’s investigation.”