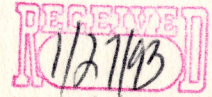


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Chief Wilma Mankiller  
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Dear Chief Mankiller,

Greetings from my family! Today is Inauguration Day, and I imagine you are enjoying the festivities in Washington, welcoming what appears to be a fresh, clear breeze across the land. I hope, as Maya Angelou said, that we no longer linger in the shadow of the dinosaur, but are ready to stand on his back and show our faces to the sun.

I'm writing to you neither concerning the Foundation, nor NAPS, but about a call I received from the organization Cultural Survival on whose board I serve. On December 10th 1992 Cultural Survival launched a three year effort entitled The Indigenous Rights Campaign. The primary goals of the campaign as described by Pam Solo, Executive Director, are as follows:

- ▲ to increase popular awareness of the state of indigenous people around the world;
- ▲ to build popular, elite, and political support for the UN Year and the Universal Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- ▲ to build support for policy and institutional changes in the US, Europe, the UN, key international institutions and elsewhere that positively affect indigenous rights; and
- ▲ to build popular, political, and financial support for specific indigenous groups, and to help effect positive change with regard to their particular goals.

A key component of this campaign will be the publication of STATE OF THE PEOPLES; A Human Rights Report on Societies in Danger. I am enclosing a synopsis of the report written by Marc Miller, Director of Communications and Publications at CS. Cultural Survival would be honored if you would consider writing a short preface for the publication. It need only be one page in length, and is not due until April. However, Marc will need to know your answer within the next couple of days in order to complete the catalogue copy. I, for one, have always respected your voice and vision, and would like as many people as possible to experience it. If you would be so kind as to let Marc Miller at Cultural Survival know, or me at my home/office as soon as possible it would be greatly appreciated.