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Principal Chief

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Mr. and Mrs. Myrel Patterson
P. O. Box 187
Proctor, OK 74457

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Patterson:

You didn't indicate whether you wanted a response to your letter or simply wanted to share your experience.

I am glad your experience with Aletha Adams was positive. You sound like a very trusting and caring family. I am sure she appreciates your hospitality.

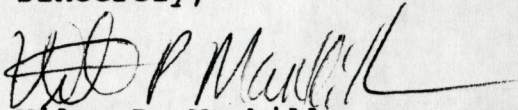
I was indeed contacted by Mr. Bill's wife. She wrote a very detailed, specific letter indicating Aletha was a con artist. She did not give a specific date for Aletha's arrival nor did she ask me to serve as her personal messenger or otherwise get involved in the breakup of her marriage. Neither I nor my office was ever contacted by Aletha Adams about her impending arrival.

I am on the National Trail of Tears Advisory Council, the group which has had the Trail designated as a National Historic Trail. During the course of this work, I have met dozens of people who have traced one of the routes of the Trail of Tears. If they want to meet with me or some other tribal official, they either call or write ahead and none, so far, has expected a press conference upon their arrival.

I hope the above is helpful to you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief

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