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The Honorable Justice Yvonne Kauger
Sovereignty Symposium VI, Co-ordinator
Supreme Court of Oklahoma
Room 204 State Capital
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Justice Kauger:

Regretfully I will have to miss my first Sovereignty Symposium. As it turns out this year is the 25th Anniversary of Robert Kennedy's presidential race. His widow, Mrs. Kennedy, invited Charlie and I to participate in a memorial in Washington, D.C. during this time period. I was very inspired by Robert Kennedy, and agreed to participate.

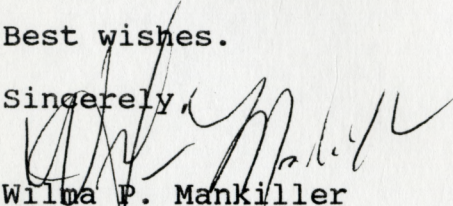
However, I am very interested in people from the Cherokee Nation fully participating in every aspect of the Sovereignty Symposium's language discussion. We have a number of outstanding people who are doing work in curriculum development, Cherokee literacy education, development of Cherokee software, community language programs and so on. Dr. Gloria Sly, though not bilingual herself has worked very hard on language development programs. She is 4/4 Cherokee. Durbin Feeling, a contemporary Sequoyah who has helped put together two Cherokee/English dictionaries, his associate Sequoyah Guess. Loretta Shade, teaches the Cherokee language at NSU on an adjunct basis. Sandy Long, another great supporter who is not bilingual but is certainly doing a great deal to help with language development. All these people are articulate and have much to share.

Any of the above people can be reached through the Cherokee Nation Education Department or my office.

I just loved having you here for the sovereignty symposium. I do hope you and your husband will be able to come for a week-end sometime, no business, just museum hopping and respite.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief