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Joseph A. Myers, Executive Director

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Wilma ManKiller, Principal Chief Cherokee Nation P.O. Box 948 Tahlequeh, Oklahoma 74465

Dear Chief ManKiller:

We are continuing to work on the Cherokee Nation Court Review Report and we anticipate completion of the report during March 1993. In the meantime, however, there are two issues which we would like to bring to your attention before the report is completed.

First, we were informed that the Judicial Department is planning to spend \$39,00.00 - \$60,000.00 for a legal publishing company to print and bind the tribal code. Due to the fact that there are serious questions concerning the present version of the code, we would strongly recommend against the code printing at this time.

Second, there are two NIJC training sessions scheduled for April 5 - 7, 1993, in Honolulu (training brochures attached) which would be very beneficial for the Cherokee Nation program staff to attend. The first session - Tribal Government Executives Management Course - would be very beneficial for tribal council members and program managers. The second session - Child Abuse and Neglect (with an emphasis upon Hawaii's very successful Healthy Start Program and possible ways to adapt to the program for implementation in Indian Country) - would be very beneficial for court personnel (such as the chief judge and prosecutor who have never attended training sessions with other tribal court personnel) and special services staff (such as Margrett Kelley). We are also pleased that Senator Inouve has agreed to address both sessions with regard to Indian Congressional legislation issues.

Sincerely.

Joseph A. Myers
Executive Director

P.S. I am sending you copies of the latest issue of the Tribal Court Record by mail.

cc: Anita Phillips
Margrett Kelley

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