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Dear Chief Mankiller:

It is a genuine pleasure to advise that during their March 12 meeting, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education approved Oklahoma State University awarding the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws and Letters to you at our May 9, 1992, Commencement. As you know, the Board of Regents for Oklahoma State University unanimously approved awarding you this honorary degree at their January 17 meeting -- subject to approval by the State Regents.

In behalf of the OSU Board of Regents, the College of Education, and the Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education, through which this degree is being awarded, I wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to you. We are absolutely delighted that you can be on hand May 9 to honor us by accepting this degree and participating in the Commencement program. The day's activities begin with a reception at 10:00 a.m., the Commencement Program follows at 11:00 a.m., and, then, a luncheon at approximately 12:15 p.m. We will provide additional details as plans are finalized.

The honorary degree you will receive is only the second in recent years to be conferred by Oklahoma State University, immediately following the one presented to President George Bush in 1990 (the same year you honored us as a recipient of the coveted Henry G. Bennett Distinguished Service Award). There have been only five honorary degrees presented in the 102-year history of the university. We are proud to include you as the sixth. A listing of honorary degrees granted is enclosed.

Chief Mankiller, your distinguished public service and extraordinary leadership abilities in advancing the well-being of the Cherokee Nation, in particular, and the American Indian community, in general, have brought great honor and distinction to your family, to this state, and to our nation. The emphasis you have placed on quality education and health care is an inspiration not only to American Indians, but to all Americans.

