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Dear Kate:

Thank you for sending along a copy of your August 9th letter to Ken Blankenship.

I asked the White House to postpone moving my nomination forward until some time in 1995, in part because I am in the process of completing my final year of service as Principal Chief and in part because I have joined the Board of Trustees of the Ford Foundation which is considering providing support to IAIA. I want to be able to make a strong argument for Ford support of IAIA without the appearance of a conflict.

In the interim, I appreciate your keeping me advised of the progress of the rest of our "group."

Best wishes. I hope our paths cross again soon.

Sincerely,

Wilma P. Mankiller Principal Chief