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Dear James:

It was great to hear from you. The California Rural Indian Health Board is well deserving of a good celebration. It is a tough deal to try to make sure Native people in California receive good health care. The fact that most California tribes do not have much of a land base or large institutional structures makes it even more difficult. My hat is definitely off to CRIHB.

I wish I could be with you Jim. The problem is that this is my last year serving as Chief of the Cherokee Nation and I have made a commitment to stick closer to home this year.

I need to advise you that I am giving your address and name to Bob Haas, one of the direct heirs of Levi Straus Family and a member of the Levi Foundation, both based in California. Bob serves on the Ford Foundation Board with me and wanted to get connected to some credible Native people in California for "projects" which I interpret to mean eventual funding. I am recommending that he contact you and Clay to connect him to native California Indians and just begin to cultivate a relationship.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,


Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief