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Dear Wilma,

Trust you are well. Some of my panic is over, and I have heard that you either are retired or are going to retire from your tribal position. That should be good for you. The political ocean has not enough buoyancy for me to attempt to float in. You have accomplished the impossible!

I have just graduated through the M.A. program here, have been awarded a Ford Fellowship (3 years), and am accepted into the Ph.D. program, Comparative Cultural and Literary Studies. So, for the next two years (at least), I will be here in Arizona, although my study is about my father's people in Hat Creek/Burney/Dixie Valley.

Can you, very soon, answer the questions in my March 13, 1994 letter (attached) pertaining to *Voices From The Earth?* Sun Tracks, the publishing branch of the UofA Press (Dr. Ofelia Zepeda, Ed.) has been looking over parts of the manuscript. She now is asking for a penultimate copy (the materials we wish to be in the book, in the form that we feel most important) so she can mail the materials out to reviewers. After three positive reviews, the book goes to the publisher.

We are very close to the penultimate and are saving pages for your interview, but we have only a few weeks before we have to make some very hard (and painful) decisions concerning the contents of "*Voices.*"

So, drop everything (bubble-gently) and hurry your interview to us just as soon as you can. I think the book would be incomplete without your voice among the others - worried, concerned, but with suggestions and solutions to earth's human-made and often deliberate dilemma. Sincerely,


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