



May 10, 1994

Wilma Mankiller
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Dear Ms. Mankiller:

On behalf of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council, I would like to invite you to a meeting of tribal leaders on our reservation at the Foxwoods Resort on May 17 - 19, 1994. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss opportunities for intertribal investment and political organization. We are extending this invitation to the leadership of tribes and Alaska Native corporations which have either the financial or other tribal resources to participate in such business initiatives. In our assessment, we need to consider the full range of tribal resources which might be effective, including the production of goods and services, skilled personnel and potential investment projects. If only to manage the size of the meeting, I suggest that you bring not more than one other principal officer, employee or business advisor to the meeting.

The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Council would like to host this meeting to explore the possibilities of a joint approach or approaches to mobilize and leverage investment capital and other resources by participating tribes and Alaska Native corporations. In our strategic planning, we have concluded that there is now a true opportunity for like-minded tribes to make sound investments in Indian Country from the profits from our various enterprises. If we can take the initiative through our joint efforts, we can have a positive impact on the "Indian Economy." Similarly, there is little question that as tribal leaders we need to increase our collective political influence over policy making in Congress and

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