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Wilma Mankiller
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Dear Ms Mankiller

I am sending you a picture of the bust of Yahola, which I took at the installation.

I was given an invitation to the installation of this bust in the Creek Council House. I fully expected you to be there but it appeared to be gathering of close friends and relatives and Town representatives.

I received the invitation because I have worked to prove the true location of the battles of his people and got acquainted with Yahola's great grandson. He wishes to recover the remains and return them to Oklahoma and we now have a lead on where he is buried. Your people were greatly affected by this man. He was, evidently helped a great deal by them, during his movement and then nearly 400 deserted to help him at Caving Banks. Hundreds more deserted to travel to Kansas with him, or with him in spirit. I thought you would like to have this picture of the bust.

My wife bought your book at the book sale in Okla. City. She is a card carrying Cherokee and wished to learn of you. I have been reading it and am impressed by your being Chief, coming up from your background. I still have far to read yet. I was shocked to read of the displacement as late as the 1950's. I am anxious to continue.

Sincerely

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