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To Sheryl Wilcox
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Chief Wilma Mankiller
Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
W.W. Keller Tribal Complex
Tahlequah, OK 74465

Dear Chief Mankiller:

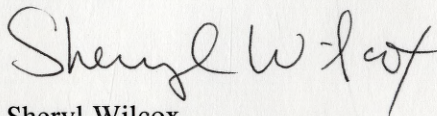
I realize the following request is rather presumptuous on my part, but one never knows the answer if the question goes unasked. Enclosed is a copy of your book MANKILLER: A Chief and Her People which I am going to give my mother for Christmas and was wondering if you could sign it for her.

Her name is Virginia Coleman (from Claremore, OK). Mom admires you very much (as we all do) and, of course, always supports you in the elections; still talks about her excitement at attending your State of the Nation address in Tahlequah this year. I know she will cherish the book whether it is autographed or not but this would be icing on the cake for her. The main reason I'm asking this favor of you is that Mother is a breast cancer survivor and during her therapy used you as an example of courage and strength for herself. Much to our dismay at times, she never let the effects of chemo and radiation slow her down from her many civic and volunteer activities in Claremore and Rogers County. My sisters and I are constantly amazed at the selfless time and energy she devotes to her church, the community and her family. Anyway, not to be too maudlin, if you could take a few moments from your busy schedule it would be much appreciated.

I have enclosed a return Federal Express label and envelope for the return of the book.

Wishing all of you a joyous Holiday Season and a wonderful 1994. I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sheryl Wilcox

P.S. I enjoyed your talk at the Smithsonian in February.

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