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Wilma Mankiller, Chief  
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Dear Chief Mankiller,

As the great-granddaughter of Chief Samuel Houston Mayes, I was terribly disappointed when the Midnight Special Bookstore in Santa Monica sold out of your autobiography so quickly, and I was unable to have you sign copies for my mother and brother for Christmas.

Would you be so kind as to sign these copies? I have included a return mailing label and postage for your convenience.

They are for:

Esmeralda Mayes Treen, my mother, granddaughter of Chief Mayes. She is known by the Cherokee side of our family as **Esmeralda**.

Joseph Mayes Treen, my brother, great-grandson of Chief Mayes, known as **Joe**.

And the last copy is for me and I'm known as **Esme**.

I hope the rest of your book tour was as successful as Los Angeles. Thank you so much for signing these for me. My family treasures our heritage and the many contributions you have made toward preserving our culture.

Sincerely,

Esmeralda T. Gibson

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*Books returned  
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