



# CHEROKEE NATION

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Gerald E. Summerlin  
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Dear Mr. Summerlin:

This is in response to your letter to Chief Mankiller dated September 28, 1993, regarding the Camp Gruber lands. I apologize for not getting back to you sooner.

I am familiar with the history of how the federal government acquired the Camp Gruber lands from Cherokee allottees. You may be aware that over the years, since the end of the Second World War, various people connected with Cherokee Nation have looked into the federal government's actions in condemning the land and then, once the camp was decommissioned, retaining it in federal ownership and eventually conveying more than 30,000 acres of it to the State of Oklahoma.

At some point in the near future I, too, will be looking into this matter. I may be in touch with you to discuss any information you may have. In the meantime, we appreciate your concern and your efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,

David A. Mullon Jr.  
Director of Law and Justice

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cc: Wilma P. Mankiller, Principal Chief