

Memorandum

TO: Wilma Mankiller, Lynn Howard
FROM: Chad Smith
RE: PBS Production on the Cherokee Removal by Sonny Hutchinson,
Gannet Productions, Denver Colorado
DATE: 9/28/93

NO ACTION NECESSARY FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY

- * Sonny Hutchinson of Gannet Productions, Denver Colorado is doing a low budget production for the Discovery Channel on the Cherokee Removal. He has done other productions about 6 other tribes and has a good track record.

He visited with me again today about an on-camera interview. I proposed that he make this production in cooperation with the Cherokee Nation i.e. that the Cherokee Nation have significant creative input and that the Cherokee Nation provide in-kind services for research, production, on-camera interviews, and writing. Firmly but courteously, he rejected my proposal. It is clear that his production would be "his" production about Cherokees not with Cherokees. I therefore declined giving him an on-camera interview but offered other assistance. My point of view is that although he is personable and has a good track record it is the same old thing of outsiders coming in and taking something with them without leaving something in return. I am tired of it.

I suggest that he consult Chief Mankiller about designation of a tribal consultant. I am not interested.