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Dear Chief Mankiller,

My name is Clint Phillips and I am a teacher with the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Nevada. The reason I am writing to you is threefold.

First, I will be teaching a class about Native Americans as part of our school district's multicultural program during the 1993-94 school year. I would greatly appreciate any updated, factual information about the Cherokee Nation that is available. I feel you would be the best person to recommend the sources of true history and give the current status of the Cherokee.

Secondly, I am 3/16ths or more, Cherokee, according to my family's history, but I do not have my roll number as my wife does. Sadly, my family did not keep the records or apply, as far as I know. What I would like to know is, if there are any steps I can take to try to obtain my roll number? I am extremely proud of my Cherokee heritage and would greatly appreciate any advice on this matter that I can receive.

Thirdly, my wife and I are unable to have children of our own and are considering adopting. We would like to adopt a Native American child, preferably Cherokee. We would like to know if there is an adoption agency within the Cherokee Nation and if so, how to contact them.

My wife, Cindy, and I moved to Las Vegas two years ago. We are both teachers here now, having taught in N.E. Oklahoma for several years. I graduated from Northeastern in Tahlequah and received my Masters Degree in administration from N.S.U.

I hope you can provide me with starting points to help answer my questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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