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Dear Principal Chief Mankiller:

Thank you for responding to the request of the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) for 1993 Victim Service Award nominations. I am happy to inform you that OVC has selected your nominee, Mr. Joseph A. Myers for recognition. The Award is a high honor -- one reserved for unique individuals, such as Mr. Myers, whose work on behalf of crime victims is characterized by exceptional commitment and effectiveness.

The official presentation of the Awards has traditionally been the high point in the annual observance of National Crime Victims Rights Week. The ceremony, which takes place in Washington, D.C., focuses national attention on the plight of victims of violent crime, and provides us an opportunity to acknowledge and applaud the many fine victim advocates who support and assist them. This year, Attorney General Janet Reno will be presenting the Victim Service Awards on behalf of the Administration.

National Crime Victims Rights Week is also an opportunity for those of us at the Federal level to reflect on the purpose for which this Office was established. Learning firsthand of individual achievements encourages us to strive for excellence in fulfilling our own responsibility to innocent victims of violent crime.

We thank you for helping to make National Crime Victims Right Week, 1993, a success.

Sincerely,

Brenda G. Meister
Acting Director