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Dear Chief Mankiller-

I learned of your birthday from your book, which I bought last week, along with "Selu: Seeking the Corn Mother's Wisdom."

Your words have given me a whole new dimension of my (our) Cherokee heritage. Though my father and his mother instilled in me a great sense of pride of that heritage, I have had little connection with our people.

Until reading your book, I have felt like an expatriot and a member of an endangered species. I have never felt connected - socially nor spiritually - to the white world.

Your words have been powerful medicine for my spirit.