

To: Mary Campbell
From: Wilma Mankiller
Re: Fund-raising letter
Date: December 28, 1993

Mary, Please do the following letter in final on letterhead for my signature. Date in mid-December

December 15, 1993

The Honorable Skip Hayward
Chairman, Masshantuckett Pequot (check spelling with George Bearpaw or Tommy Thompsons. They will also have address)

Dear Skip:

Because of your enormous success and visibility, I am sure you get a number of requests for contributions to important causes. I am about to join those petitioning for assistance. I respectfully request your consideration of the following solicitation.

I serve on the Board of the South Africa Free Elections Fund, an organization created at the request of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Nelson Mandela to provide financial support to on-the-ground voter education projects in South Africa in preparation for the historic elections in April, 1994. This effort appealed to me because of the similarity between the colonization of Indian nations in North America and the destruction of South African family and governmental systems. It also reminded me of our own efforts to rebuild our Native communities and our own voter education projects. I think it is fitting that Indian nations here in North America extend a hand to assist South Africans as they take this important step in restoring democracy and hopefully building whole, healthy communities again.

My colleagues on the board include Dr. Anthony O'Reilly, CEO of Heinz Company, Judge Leon Higginbotham, Ten Sorenson, former Kennedy cabinet member, Cyrus Vance, Andrew Young, Daniel Tully, CEO of Merrill Lynch & Co. and many others. Almost all of the support we have received to date (over \$4 million) has come from major corporations. Our purpose is simple: to raise \$10 million in the next three to four months from a prominent group of Americans.