



March 24, 1993

Ms. Wilma Mankiller
Chief
Cherokee Nation
P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah

Dear Ms. Mankiller,

I believe Kay Timer or Pat Mitchell have spoken with you regarding our project, but I will outline it as briefly as possible. Jonathan Taplin is Executive Producer and I am helping him produce for Ted Turner and Turner Broadcasting, a six hour documentary series on the history of Native Americans from the Native American perspective. This project is separate from Kevin Costner's 500 NATIONS, and this series was originally with Don Ohlmeyer's company here in Los Angeles. We have taken over the project in the last month since Don went to NBC as it's new president.

We are approaching the series regionally and Turner will broadcast three, two-hour segments on three consecutive nights in 1994. Phil Lucas (Choctaw) will direct the evening devoted to the Southwest, Northwest and California along with his partner Gary Robinson (Choctaw/Cherokee.) George Burdeau (Blackfeet) will direct the evening on the Plains. Our third director, Peter Bate, will be working with Field Producer Carol Cornsilk (Cherokee) and their evening will cover the Northeast and Southeast.

We are already working with Alfonso Ortiz and Hanay Geiogamah who are serving as consultants in our proposal stage, and we would like to talk with you with regard to becoming a consultant to the project, and also to possibly doing an on-camera interview.

I will call after Friday in the hope that we can talk further. We are very excited to be gearing up production on this project, and we hope that you can join us. If you have any questions I can be reached at 310 917-3380 or at home over the weekend 310 273-5520.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Foulkrod".

Patricia Foulkrod
Producer
cc: Jonathan Taplin