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Dear Janet,

It was good to hear from you. Thanks also for sending along the publication "Indigenous Woman." I found it very interesting. If you have later publications like this one, please send them along. I may join this organization.

It is true that my health is not good. Since I saw you, I had a car accident in 1979 in which my friend was killed and I was almost killed. It profoundly injured my legs but I am able to walk most of the time without a cane. Then from 1980-1985 I suffered from a form of muscular dystrophy called myasthenia gravis. That eventually went into remission and then in 1990 I had a kidney transplant. During all of this time I have continued to work.

Yes I have heard of Harley Swift Deer. He is a total and complete charlatan and fake. I have denounced him in an Indian Country Today (Lakota Times) article written by Avis Little Eagle. I am sure she would send you a copy if you call her. Also, our Cherokee Tribal Council passed a resolution opposing him, a copy of which is attached. Unfortunately, these folks keep popping up everywhere. There is another woman that I used to sometimes see at Phillip Deere's. She had a simple name like Diane. Now, however, she is known as Dwanayi Yahoo and is supposedly representing Cherokees at the United Nations.

Take care of yourself and give my regards to the rest of your circle there.

Always,

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