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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND ASSISTED HOUSING  
1133 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NORTHEAST  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20002-7599

February 23, 1993

REPLY TO:

Chief Wilma P. Mankiller  
Cherokee Nations  
P.O. Box 948  
Tahalequah, Oklahoma 74465

Dear Chief Mankiller:

Recent inquiries with the Rensselaerville Institute in New York City revealed that the institute completed a successful project in Bell Oklahoma for the Cherokee Nations. It is my understanding that the institute assisted the Cherokee Nation in constructed around 100 Pond Hill Homes utilizing approximately 140 man hours.

I am interested in implementing a similar project for the District of Columbia Department of Public and Assisted Housing Authority here in Washington, D. C. for public housing residents. However, I would like to secure some background information from you on:

- 1) How the Cherokee Nation went about securing assistance from the Rensselaerville Institute?
- 2) Ease of construction in a self help environment?
- 3) Durability of the Pond Hill homes?
- 4) Energy efficiency of the Pond Hill homes?
- 5) Recommended rating in a category from 1 to 10, with 10 designated as the highest rating of outstanding?

Thank you in advance, Chief Mankiller, for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. If you need any further clarification on the above, please do not hesitate to give me a call at (202) 535-1500 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., monday through friday.

Sincerely,

Mike Colletta  
Intergovernmental Housing  
Coordinator