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April 19th, 1994. Tuesday.

Dear Wilma,

This will be the hardest letter I've even written in my intine life, but it must be written, for I need to find out some things, that I didn't find out until three months before my dad passed away. Until than, I had no ideal what my Grandmother name was, until that time. My dad told me that my grandmother name was Martha Markillen, and i found that out in July 1992. I was told by my dad that I was $\frac{1}{2}$ Cherokee, and all I want to do is find out if I have any family left. My dad told me also that His dad would not allow my Grandmother to register my dad, on his brother, on His Sister. All of them have passed away, so all my emittly family has pass away. I still have my own children, but that is it. Am not look for any money at all. What I do want to know, is it still possible for me to get on the roll call. And to find out if your family? In may of 1993, I started to attend the Sweatlodge, and I want to learn the way of the Red Road, and I want to learn my peoples language, and there I will need some help, plus I want to learn the songs that are sung in Cherokee, durning the sweatlodge. I realize that it will take time for me to learn our ways, but am willing, and want to from my heart. Am talking about the old ways of our people. I pray that you can help me in this conquest. For I will not give up the ways of the sweatlodge, but I knowthat there is many more ceremonies than that, but I don't know if I can learn them all, for am in Prison, and it does hurt me to write you being in here. For I feel bad enough in bring our name down, and our people by being in here, but I pray that you will not hold it against me, but to forgive me, if we are related to one onother. Only you can tell me the truth that am looking for. My Grandmother came from Okla...Somewhere around Okla. City. She was 35 years old when my dad was born. That would put her date of bnith around 1881. She was aroun 15 or 16 when she left with my Grandpa. He was not born in Okla., but he was 26 years old at the time, when they we're married, but am not sure where they were married at, or if they were married at all. But I do know one very important thing, and that is I want to follow the way of my people, and I plan on continue to attend the sweatlodge, and I pray that I can have some way to learn the ways of the Cherokee, and the songs that are sung, and that are sung for the four Directions, and for the Great Spirit, and for Grand-mother(Mother Earth). Please help me in that way, plus we here can use some help in obtaining Sweet Grass, and Sage, plus tabbaco for the Pipe, and some Red Cedar Bark, and some of the other things that are used in the sweatlodge. We Also can use a Buffalo Skull. Please see what your able to do Wilma. Thank you very much.

Any of the things that are sent for the Sweatlodge must be sent to Charley Watson, Head of secruity

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Any books can be sent to me at my address, but everything must come from the store. Thank you for everything. Plus I keep all our people in my prayers every Wednesday. Please keep me in your prayers.

P.S. Please write me back.

Respectfully Yours,

Thank you.

Robert William Stroner "BYE FOR NOW."