

3. The question I raised with you in my letter about the role of radicals in real-world, on-the-ground mass struggles is one which activists are discussing throughout the world--because they are getting involved in them and leading them, in the trade unions, feminist movement, communities of color, etc. I agree with what you say about it, and I think Bulletin IDOM should show how the Cherokee experience demonstrates in practice the way to win people's trust and work with them to win improvements in their living standards and greater political power.
4. I watched an interview you gave to Charlie Rose on PBS in which you expressed admiration for the Dineh people because a big majority of them knew and continued to use their native language. I agree with that, and I think it's important for people if they are to respect themselves to have a sense of their history and heritage, and that includes their language and literature. I'm curious to know if it has been possible to increase the knowledge of the Cherokee language over the past ten years, whether young children are learning it--especially children from homes where English is spoken. Just as a parallel--Chinese immigrant families in Baltimore when I was a teenager organized a Chinese-language school for their children, so that they would not only be able to communicate with their grandparents but would have a sense of pride in their Chinese heritage (which they considered superior to the culture they saw in this country!).
5. In the book review I kind of put words in your mouth on the issue of economic development--that developing the northeast corner of the state as nothing more than a recreational area where people from the cities could go to waterski and hunt is not the kind of development which would really help the people who live there. In 1964 I remember my great-aunt Opal and her daughter working as waitresses and struggling to stay one step ahead of poverty. When I have visited more recently, I have noticed an improvement in economic conditions, but how deep and broad does it go? So my question is the fundamental economic question: employment. Are the zinc mines still open and operating? Do people commute out of the area to work? Has the depressed state of the domestic oil industry affected the Cherokee Nation? Most importantly, has your administration succeeded in bringing job-creating development to the region? What kind of jobs? What are the wage levels relative to prices?--I know that living costs are considerably lower throughout Oklahoma than they are here on the East