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6. Lastly--and this would require an article in and of itself, or more--the issue of land ownership that you raise in the book, as I mentioned in the review, has broad implications. You remember how we were always told how terrible communism was because they had collective farms? Now, to be sure, what Stalin did in 1928 to forcibly collectivize Soviet agriculture was absolutely criminal. It is unquestionably true that the ham-handed bureaucratic management of Soviet collective agriculture has been a major factor in the failure of the Soviet economy and the poverty of the Soviet people. However, does anyone talk about how the privatization of Native American agriculture caused poverty and terrific suffering? Yes, Wilma Mankiller does. Well, let's analyze this more fully. And what does this say about private ownership of industry, especially today, when whole communities can be devastated by plant closings and environmental pollution? A lot of socialists today are coming to the realization that we actually have much to learn from precapitalist societies, which in many ways were far less "barbaric" than modern capitalist society!

So, these are the questions in which our Bulletin IDOM readers will be interested. Does the Nation have a PR department which can provide me with printed materials on your administration's accomplishments? If you put out campaign literature in your 1987 and 1991 re-election campaigns that you can share with me, that would be good, too.

But I have a personal interest, too, as I'm sure you might have guessed by now. Last Friday, with not a word of advance notice, I got laid off. I'll spare you my angry comments or the malevolent wishes I have for the boss, his son, and his son-in-law (who is doing a job for which I'm more qualified). My family and I are going to have to live in a less expensive area. I'll never find another job which will enable me to cover the expenses of living in the Northeast. That's the harsh reality of "free enterprise" in the 1990s--and I have strong high-tech skills (and I can teach them). So, we're considering moving back to Oklahoma, if there are serious job prospects. Would it be worthwhile to send a résumé to the Nation's personnel department? This is one of many possibilities that I'm pursuing, but it's one to which I would give preference.

Before I quit, I'll just join those who are expressing their regrets about your decision not to seek re-election. But I understand it. I can just imagine how demanding the job has been, and I know for sure that after ten years you need time to