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Dear Charles:

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the Freedom Forum. Please convey my appreciation to your wonderful staff. They organized every detail of my visit very well.

Also, would you please extend my apologies to Ethel Kennedy. In my speech I mentioned that Robert Kennedy visited the Cherokee Nation and Oklahoma during the 1970's. Obviously I meant the 1960's. Anyway, I want her to know how badly I feel about that mistake. Robert Kennedy remains a hero to Charlie and I and to our people.

On another matter for consideration from the Gannett Foundation, I received the enclosed proposal via FAX on April 9th. Like many tiny organizations, they have spent so much time on actually organizing the meeting for tribal leaders, they have been unable to direct their attention to making sure they are adequately funded. Are there any discretionary emergency funds at the Gannett Foundation which could help the Law Center.

The proposal basically seeks financial support for the May 4th pre-conference. The May 5th and 6th conference with Janet Reno and Bruce Babbitt will be very high profile meeting so it is important that the tribes have well organized presentations. The American Indian Law Center anticipated receiving major funding from the federal government but it just did not happen.

If you have questions or need further information, please call Sam Deloria directly at (505) 277-5462. This week I will be on travel to California for a Cherokee Heritage Center benefit and to make a pitch to the Social Venture Network group on behalf of Cherokee Nation Industries but if you need to reach me, call Nita at (918) 456-0671, ext. 201.