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Dear John:

Thank you so much for the flattering feature. When our own newspaper, the Cherokee Advocate, wanted to include a feature about the book, I chose this piece because it is not only very positive, it is also extremely well written.

I have ordered your book and look forward to reading it. One of the most well-known Native conscientious objectors, Michael McCloud, is from the State of Washington. As I explained to you, my husband is a Viet-Nam era veteran and I have long been fascinated by that period of time. I have tried to encourage someone with knowledge of Native American veterans to write a book which highlights the fact that in every major U.S. conflict, Native American men and women have volunteered to serve in higher numbers than any other ethnic group. There are, of course the Navajo, Comanche and Choctaw code talkers but many, many other fascinating examples of Native involvement in the U.S. military. Because of the adversarial relationship between Native Nations and the U.S. Government, it has always struck me that our people are very unlikely patriots.

Best wishes. I hope our paths cross again sometime. If you and your family are ever in Oklahoma, not exactly a destination point for too many folks, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Wilma P. Mankiller
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