

January 22, 1994

Dear Wilma,

I'm still a very happy and much more hopeful person after talking with you last evening. Your choice to serve on the IAIA board reminds me of the time Senator Inouye took the chairmanship of the Senate Select Committee. You couldn't stop the flow of senators beating down his door to get on that committee. Your presence and leadership on the IAIA Board will open the door for Indian leaders to gain access to the top of this institution. I am very encouraged about your decision and will do anything I can to help you before and after your appointment.

After our discussion it took me awhile to regather everything I thought would be helpful to you that was faxable. As I mentioned, Mr. William S. Johnson sent his resignation on January 1, 1994, to President Clinton so the rest of his term is available. However, you will notice on the Terms of Office sheet, two individuals holding six-year terms have said they are not seeking a reappointment to this board. Sorry this sheet is so outdated, but getting this was not so easy! There are so many things to be changed and the challenge is here.

Ada's office was calling me yesterday for this information earlier in the day for a meeting she and Michael Chapman were having at the White House that afternoon. If this is true and it wasn't Michael jerking me around again, then maybe it was your name they were putting in place since you mentioned this to Ada.

I need to get the ads set for the book signing and reception on February 5, 1994. If it's okay with you, the book signing will be scheduled from 2-4 and the reception from 4-5 or 5-6 so you could get a break between the two events if you needed to rest, it's your choice. Let me know so we can get some good press in the weekend section. By the way, I did get a copy of your book and it is great! I didn't get a chance to tell you. I thank you for providing the world with the true images of our great Cherokee people past, present and future.

I'm off to the San Ildefonso Pueblo night dance before their feastday tomorrow, wish you were here to go with us.

Sincerely,
Nedra

