



March 28, 1994

Chief Wilma Mankiller
Cherokee Nation
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Dear Chief Mankiller:

It has been quite a while since I last saw you and do hope that all is well.

We continue to work with the Cherokee Nation Bingo Outpost and have just finished a cooperative effort during the Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism which Fort Smith hosted March 20-23rd. The Bingo Outpost is always supportive as a significant part of the Frontier Fun destination here in our area. I am continually appreciative of this relationship.

On a personal matter I wish to ask if there might be an opportunity over the next few weeks for my soon-to-be daughter-in-law to visit with you. To further explain, my son is to be married this October to Chiara Cioeta from Cisterna, Italy, Fort Smith's sister city. Chiara is studying at the University of Rome in pursuit of a doctoral degree in languages. With she and her father due to visit in April, a request was made of her professor to provide her thesis on the modern vs. ancient native american woman. The prospects of this excited both she and her professor. She would like to interview others, as well.

In having worked with you over the past few years I am very conscious of your busy schedule and will appreciate this meeting if at all possible.

Please let me hear from you in that the Cioeta's are due to arrive April 9th and will remain with us until April 30th.

May I extend my best once again and will be looking forward to a hopeful planned meeting.

Sincerely,

Dee Carroll
Executive Director

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