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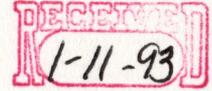


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The Honorable Chief Wilma Mankiller
Cherokee Tribal Headquarters
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Dear Chief Mankiller:

I am extremely pleased that, at its recent meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

We very much hope that you can be present at Colby's 172nd Commencement Exercises on Sunday morning, May 23, 1993, when the degree will be conferred. The College will, of course, cover your travel expenses and will arrange hotel accommodations for you while you are in Waterville.

If you are able to accept this invitation, I would also like to invite you to an informal dinner party in your honor which would be held on Saturday evening, May 22. This would be a special opportunity for some of our faculty and trustees to meet you in a relaxed setting away from the more formal pageantry that surrounds Commencement itself. At such dinners, some guests enjoy the opportunity to deliver brief prepared remarks, while others prefer simply to engage in more informal conversation. If you could be here for a Saturday night dinner, your faculty host could work out with you the kind of evening you most prefer. You are also cordially invited to attend the special luncheon for honorary degree recipients immediately following Commencement on Sunday.

You have many admirers on our faculty, among our students and trustees, and in our community. We all would take special delight in having you accept this invitation.

If you can be with us, I will send further details at a later date. May I ask, in the meantime, that you regard this communication as confidential, since we do not make advance announcement of the names of those to be honored until the spring.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. Warmest regards.

Cordially,

William R. Cotter
President

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Commencement
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available
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