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Dr. Richard Van Horn, President
Oklahoma University
660 Harrington Oval
Norman, OK 73019

Dear Dr. Van Horn:

Warren Tyon, a former student in the Radiology Program within the Health Sciences Center at the University of Oklahoma wrote to request my support in asking for investigation of his charges of discrimination against and preferential treatment for students in the Radiology Program based on race.

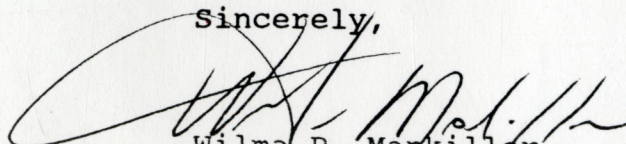
A set of documenting materials accompanied Mr. Tyon's letter. I believe from reviewing the matter that the student is prepared to try to demonstrate a pattern of discrimination against minority students and preferential treatment to white females. One letter from another minority student with a similar situation accompanied his materials. He cites names and pending actions of two other minority students associated with the program.

I have asked that the family keep me informed about the status of their complaint as well as that of any class action suit which may be filed on behalf of former students. As Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, I have an obligation to constituents to look at any practices which are or might be damaging to Cherokee students.

As President of the University, I am sure that these allegations will be of concern to you. I would very much appreciate your extending the time of your staff to talk with several of the students who have similar complaints.

Any information with which you can legally provide me relative to the status and disposition of Mr. Tyon's complaint would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief

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cc: Merry Sunday
Warren Tyon