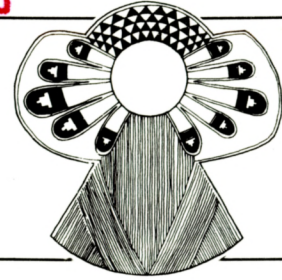


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Ya'aah'teeh Chairman Mankiller,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. This letter is sent in hopes that you will consider our request to serve as a Listener for the International Indigenous Peoples Tribunals. I have tried to reach you by phone to give you a bit more detail about what we are asking but, I hope that this letter will suffice.

The Indigenous Peoples Alliance and the Tonantzin Land Institute will co-host the International Indigenous Peoples Tribunals on May 16-19, 1993 here in Albuquerque, New Mexico. We are seeking twelve Indigenous people to serve on the Council of Indigenous Listeners for the Tribunals and we would like to invite you to be one of the Listeners. We believe that because of your past history and knowledge of Indigenous Sovereignty struggles, your participation will enhance the International Indigenous Peoples Tribunals.

The International Indigenous Peoples Tribunals seeks to address the following points:

1. The Tribunals seek to promote dialogue about the Indigenous Sovereignty rights movement from the grassroot level in which to give direction to the National dialogue regarding Sovereignty issues.
2. The Council of Indigenous Listeners shall prepare to submit the Tribunals documentation to the United Nations in 1993 Year of the Worlds Indigenous Peoples.
3. The Tribunals will serve to provide grassroot communities an opportunity and forum in which to assert, then document the violation of their human rights and the Sovereignty right violations made upon Indigenous Nations and communities.
4. The Tribunals will also serve to re-establish the validity and necessity of traditional Indigenous views of Sovereignty. The tribunals will serve to re-establish the ancient traditional concepts of Sovereignty to be included in present day negotiations regarding Natural resources, etc.

We believe that the Tribunals will not be an end in itself, but it will provide us the opportunity to engage in a process of building unity. It is also hoped that the Tribunals will serve to complement