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Dear Chief Mankiller:

I hope that your book tour was successful. Your publicist, Karen Burke, tried to set up a meeting for us in New York. Understandably, the demands of your schedule prevented us from meeting.

I am writing a book about women and their every day acts of courage. Women who have navigated their lives past internal and external barriers. Women whose problems and struggles resonate deeply within us. When faced with the words "you can't", these women say "I must". Through my own work, I have met women who continue to persevere and are transformed in the process. My goal is to contact heroic women leaders in the United States to discuss their notions of courage. What is courage? How is it manifested in women's lives?

After reading your book, I am convinced that your words of encouragement would inspire many women. Karen suggested that I call you. I would be honored to include your comments in my book. If you could spare a thirty minute phone interview, it could be arranged when your schedule permits. During the next week, I will call your assistant regarding your availability.

I am thrilled at the prospect of working with you. All women will benefit from your unique insight.

Very truly yours,

*Vivian Eyre*  
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