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Wilma Mankiller, Chief  
And Others  
Cherokee Nation, P.O. Box 948  
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Miami Tribal Prison  
Rt. Narcissa Area

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Dear Ms Mankiller, Principal Chief

This is to follow up on letter about 10 days ago to oppose Miami Tribal Prison  
I wish to first state I (and concerned citizens) are not against  
Indians as a people. We do, however, oppose the <sup>private</sup> prison project.  
Now, as to what I wish to write in this letter: In the Miami News  
Record issue of 10-6 you <sup>(the Cherokee)</sup> are quoted as saying, by your spokesman, Lynn Howell,  
as saying you had received many letters from this area against it and  
the most formal communication for it was on a letterhead of a Miami Tribal  
Children Program. May I say, in my opinion, who I think that  
letter was from. I think it was sent by Patsy Wade who is employed  
by the Miami Indian Tribe for a Childrens Program. She and her husband  
(Charles Chuck Wade) own the 240 acres which was secretly  
trying to be bought by the Tribes for the Prison Complex.  
If it is correct that that, or their daughter, Sheila Mitchell, have  
sent the letter, it doesn't seem to represent the Tribe.

Also, as the article stated, it was acted by "The Mr. Keaster"  
as if they already had your permission. Thank you for publicly setting  
the record straight. The future management company told us that  
prisoners would be working outside the main complex doing gardening  
and livestock management for their food & etc. There is a lot  
to consider as to the environment of natural resources, also  
community impact, so will appreciate your close scrutiny  
of their plans. They say they will do as they please, once they  
get a start-up operation. Thank you. Aradell Hartman

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