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Wilma Mankiller, Chief
And Others
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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 ^{private} prison project.
Now, as to what I wish to write in this letter: In the Miami News
Record issue of 10-6 you ^(the Cherokee) 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 Miami's 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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