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I am writting you, asking for your help. There seems to be a problem with the federal government being able to mark the routes of the Trail Of Tears, here in Tennessee.

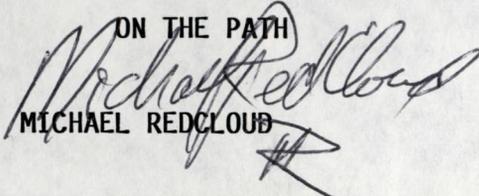
The newspapers here are saying that the federal government is unable to find the funding to mark the trail. Also the states of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama, are unwilling to help mark the trails routes, even though it passes through the collective states.

I come to you as a brother. You have worked hard to gain your place in the United States Senate. We are all very proud of you. We now seek your help as well as your wisdom. We know that you can not do all the work alone. But you are in our hearts. We are your people: the Lakota, the Apache, the Ojibway, the Cherokee, and the Navjo; and we trust you. Wont you please help us?

The causing of the Trail Of Tears was a great wrong allowed by the government of the United States. Markers along the path will never be payment enough for the pain, death, and the heartbrake caused. However the markers WOULD be a good start.

If the United States Government is unable to afford to place markers along the path of the trail, then would you please write to me and let me know how much money I would need to collect, in order to have a marker placed? If the need be, I myself will go door-to-door and collect the needed funds!

Please write me as soon as you may, and let me know what I can do or what is being done to solve this matter. I will be sending a copy of this letter to Wilma Mankiller, Chief of the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah Oklahoma. You run in our hearts and in our prayers.

ON THE PATH

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