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MEMORANDUM

TO: Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller
FROM: Ruth Mitchell *RAM*
DATE: April 30, 1993

Thank you for your recent letter. I have just returned from Brazil, and will be replying to your letter regarding the summer session later today. In the meantime, I would like to bring another matter to your attention.

As you may know, Cushing Academy is one of three founding members of the Critical Languages and Area Studies Consortium (CLASC), which promotes the study of critical languages (Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean and Russian). The consortium has now grown to over 40 institutional members.

CLASC was awarded a \$1 million grant in 1991. Our critical language program at Cushing received a portion of that funding for program development and faculty assistance. Last summer, 18 of our critical languages students were Native Americans from the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Navajo, Hoopa, Yakima and Confederated tribes.

CLASC's director, Harry Barnes, has been meeting with senators and representatives in Washington to discuss the importance of funding the study of these languages. He is former ambassador to Chile, Romania and India, and former Director General of the Foreign Service.

Additional federal funding has been appropriated, but not yet authorized. Mr. Barnes is now seeking a meeting with Congressman Bill Richardson of New Mexico who could play a key role in obtaining that authorization.

Mr. Barnes spoke recently to Mr. Richardson's administrative assistant, Isabelle Watkins, about his seeing Mr. Richardson, whom he had met several times as ambassador to Chile. It was not possible to arrange this for April 22 when Mr. Barnes was next scheduled to be in Washington. It was agreed that he would contact Ms. Watkins before his next trip to Washington, which is likely to be in the first week of May.

I know that you have spoken highly of Mr. Richardson. Would it be possible for you to help in asking him to see Harry Barnes to discuss the issue mentioned above? If so, please let me know the best way to proceed.

Thank you very much.

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Kathleen
P. R. & son
Put it
You help
can get
to
see
Bill
Richardson
with senators