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## Dear Principal Chief Mankiller,

Please allow me to introduce myself, my name is Bobbie Parillo. Recently on the Nashville station I heard about the song "Indian Outlaw" and your response. This incident prompted me to write you this letter.

As a child when my Grandfather told us of his Grandmother who was a Cherokee Indian Princess, the many experiences and how she had been deceived into signing away her inheritance of the Sequetchie Valley in Tennessee, I have felt proud of the heritage and much compassion for the Native Americans and the many injustices done.

Last Sept. 93' my husband Dennis and I took a trip out west (Oklahoma, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico) we loved it so, that we plan to do it again this Sept. 94' Never the less, we are singers and songwriters and as a result of this trip we wrote and have recorded this Song on the cassette tape enclosed entitled "Trail of Tears," it was heavy on our hearts after the trip.

I don't know if this will ever personally reach your hands, but I pray it does, and would be greatly honored to one day meet you in person. We don't know the purpose this song may have, but we offer the message to all who will hear it.

In the Spirit of Love, Bobbie and Dennis Parillo