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Dear Ms. Mankiller,

I recently completed your autobiography "Mankiller - A Chief and Her People." I must say that it brought out feelings and emotions, unlike any that I have ever experienced.

While, in most respects, we are as different as night and day (I am a staunch, conservative-Republican), there are similarities and parallels in our lives. It's these similarities and parallels that have compelled me to write to you.

Please consider this a tremendous compliment. Everyone that knows me is well aware that I do not write. In fact, I haven't written to my parents in over 20 years. (Though I call them at least once every other week.) Furthermore, about the only thing I do less often than writing is reading. Prior to reading your book, I had read only 2 books since my graduation of college in 1972: "Roots," by Alex Haley; and, "At Dawn We Slept," by Gordon W. Sprange - an excellent accounting of the events leading up to, including and following the attack on Pearl Harbor, from both the Japanese and American perspectives.