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April 5, 1994

Honorable Wilma P. Mankiller
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Dear Chief Mankiller:

Thank you for taking the time to let me know of your decision not to seek re-election before it became public knowledge. Although I appreciate the difficulty of making such decisions, the fact that you have done so is but another demonstration of the abilities and grace that you have exhibited as leader of the Cherokee Nation.

In your tenure in public office for your nation, you have placed your personal life and needs at the bottom of your list; the needs of your people have always come first, and for that you are to be commended, respected and admired. You shall certainly be missed, though I suspect that the Cherokee Nation will not so easily allow you to return to private life. As a retired statesperson, you will have much to offer those who come after you.

Our professional relationship over the years has been a joy to me. Your counsel and support during that time has been priceless, and I look forward to its continuing in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Anoatubby, Governor
The Chickasaw Nation