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Mr. Dwight Birdwell
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Dear Dwight:

Thank you for representing me on the spur of the moment. I appreciate it very much. I also appreciate you taking the time to drop the award off at my mother's house. It is indeed a lovely award.

I appreciate your notes. Yes, it is and will continue to be wrenching to leave the Cherokee Nation but I feel absolutely certain this is the right decision. I have no intention of retiring. Charlie and I will be very busy and active. After a period of rest, I will sort out my options and see where I go from there.

I look forward to seeing you the next time you are in Stilwell. In fact, Charlie and I would love for you and your family to stop by the house for coffee or something the next time you are in town.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief