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Mr. Rocky J. Carroll
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Dear Mr. Carroll:

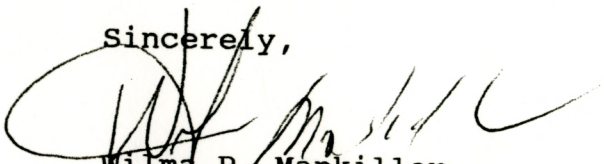
It has been brought to my attention that you have made several statements to the effect that "the Cherokee Nation wants to take over Oaks School." I don't know how you got this impression but I want to assure you that the Cherokee Nation has not now nor has it ever had any interest at all in taking over Oaks School.

We are interested in trying to help Oaks School as much as we can. When Oaks was in danger of closing, I personally went to Oklahoma City to plead for its continuation and spoke with a number of officials about the need for the school to continue. We have also funded a Cherokee language class and have tried to help in other ways.

I hope the above clarifies this issue for you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief