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Dr. Joseph Curry, Headmaster
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Dear Dr. Curry:

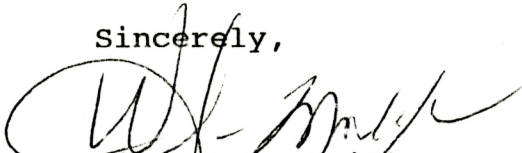
Thank you for your recent letter. I would be delighted to serve as the graduation speaker on the morning of June 4, 1994. I wouldn't dream of accepting an honorarium from Cushing Academy. The school has done so much to help prepare Native students for higher education and ultimately for leadership. A round trip airline ticket is all I need.

It is true that Winterhawk and Abraham are strongly leaning toward attending Cushing Academy year round. Ruth Mitchell sent along a recruitment video which we hope to view this week sometime. I have asked her to forward admission applications and papers.

At any rate, they will definitely be back this summer.

Best wishes. Beginning this Thursday I am out of town until February 10th.

Sincerely,



Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief