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February 15, 1994

Mr. Ray Collins Supervisory Agent Federal Bureau of Investigation P. O. Box 1885 Muskogee, OK 74401

Dear Mr. Collins:

The purpose of this letter is to forward to you some information regarding the death of a Cherokee constituent, Marvin Hogner. It was reported Mr. Hogner committed suicide in the jail facility at Stilwell, Oklahoma. The circumstances surrounding his suicide warrant a closer examination.

Some time ago I asked the sheriff for information on the matter with no response. It is my understanding the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) has investigative responsibility over possible civil rights violations of persons in the custody of law enforcement officials.

Accordingly, I am sending the information sent to me for your review. I am requesting an official investigation of his hanging.

Sincerely,

Wilma P. Mankiller Principal Chief

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Attachment