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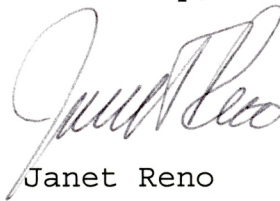
The Honorable Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation
P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465

Dear Chief Mankiller:

So much has happened so fast that I have not had a chance to thank you for your kind letter after our dinner in Washington, D.C. As you know, I have asked Mr. Gerald Torres to work with you and others in planning a listening conference as you suggested. Mr. Torres is coordinating with others on my staff, and hopes to agree on preliminary details such as dates, location, and format for this conference in the next few weeks.

I enjoyed meeting you and look forward to a long and productive working relationship with you and other leaders of the Indian Nations, including the Navajo's President Zah.

Sincerely,


Janet Reno