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Mr. Richard E. Smith
The Cherokee Store
55 North Main
Eureka Springs, Arkansas 72632

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is to inform you that the enclosed letter includes false and possibly fraudulent information.


My mother is not deceased and her name is not Mary Colson. My mother is Irene Sitton Mankiller who is very much alive. She lives less than 1/8 mile from me.

I have no idea who Mrs. Mary Colson is but she is certainly not a close relative of mine. I had a great uncle named Colson Mankiller who is now deceased. His wife's name was Wilma Mankiller. She was a white woman who was in her 90's when she died about four years ago.

I request you to inform each person who has purchased material under the false assumption that it came from my mother's estate that the merchandise is in no way connected to my immediate family.

I expect an immediate reply.

Very truly yours,


Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief