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Ms. Susan Bereford, Vice President
Ford Foundation
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Dear Susan:

I received this emergency request via FAX at my home on Saturday. The American Indian Law Center anticipated receiving more government support for the pre-conference than has been received. This is the May 4th planning session to organize the presentations to Janet Reno and Bruce Babbitt on May 5th and 6th. Are there discretionary funds at Ford which could provide emergency assistance to the Law Center? This is a very important meeting. It is a direct follow-up to a meeting with President Clinton on April 29th.

Like many tiny organizations, they have spent so much time on actually organizing the meeting for tribal leaders, they have been unable to direct their attention to making sure they are adequately funded.

If you have questions or need further information, please call Sam Deloria directly at (505) 277-5462. This week I will be on travel to California for a Cherokee Heritage Center benefit and to make a pitch to the Social Venture Network group on behalf of Cherokee Nation Industries but if you need to reach me, call Nita at (918) 456-0671, ext. 201.

I look forward to seeing you in June.

Sincerely,

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Principal Chief

cc: Frank Thomas