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Hon. Overton James,
Governor of the Chickasaws,
6044 NW 60th Street,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Governor:

I know you are quite busy with your plans for the upcoming Annual Meeting at Seely Chapel.

After giving it much thought, I will have to decline the Honor of serving as a member of the General Counsel of the Chickasaw Tribe.

Knowing your plans and dreams, as you know, I have also had dreams that someday the Chickasaws would have a leader that would have all of the tribes' interest at heart, and remind both the old and young of the great heritage that we have as Chickasaws, and to be proud to be an Indian, especially a Chickasaw.

To me, you are that leader. With your background, your education, and your ambition, I am sure that this will become a reality.

Although I can not accept to serve on the Counsel, I would like to offer my service in regard to legislation affecting self-rule and restoring the capitol at Tishomingo back to its rightful owners. And when this is accomplished, as you know, it will take a lot of money to restore and set up this Museum. I will be happy to serve on any committee in a fund raising effort.

I am proud to think that I might have had a small part in your being named our Governor.

According to legend, the word "Tishomingo", one of our great Chiefs, means "one who waits", don't you think we have waited long enough?

Sincerely yours,

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