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Bozho, Nikan,

I hope and trust all is going well with you and your family. With the holidays behind us, it seems as though everyone is ready to roll up their sleeves and get back to the hard work at hand. The new year has begun and with it many challenges for the future.

Please support our U. S. government as it has many issues to consider to bring balance back to our economy. We here at tribal administration are doing everything that we can to safeguard the Nation's assets. I can report that our enterprises are doing very well when you consider what is happening around us. Please support your tribal enterprises.

This is a very important election this year as the Chairman position is up for election. Please consider the experience and expertise that Chairman Barrett brings to the Nation. Without the hard work and dedication that Chairman Barrett contributes, our Nation wouldn't be nearly as successful as it is. Please support Chairman Barrett and all of the elected officials as we try to make life better for our people.

Please continue to bring us your issues and concerns. It continues to be a great honor to serve as your Secretary/Treasurer.

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Secretary / Treasurer

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Bozho, Nikan,

It is good to be able to write to you. We have had the opportunity to visit with many of you during our first few Tribal Area Gatherings. It is always great to visit with the council and to hear your opinions on the Nation.

As I was reviewing the financials, I was reminded how time seems to fly. We had just completed the first quarter financials for FY2009. I am happy to report that, even in these tough economic times, we are still performing very well financially. While I am on that point, let me remind the council that you are free to call and make an appointment to view the financial statements. I want to make sure that everyone knows that we are very serious about our finances and that they should be taken as such.

Unfortunately, I witnessed first-hand the ugliness of campaign "mudslinging" at the Dallas gathering when two of the candidates for chairman acted as if the finances of the Nation are in question and behind lock and key. I believe this to be a shameful act to try to attract votes.

I suppose the plan is to first excite the council that there is a financial crisis and then run on the platform of reform. The biggest problem with that plan is that there is no financial crisis. It is amazing to me for "someone" to claim that the financials are being withheld from inspection but the same "someone" has never called or even attempted to make an appointment to view them. Maybe the thought is to just make up what you don't know or understand about the Nation's financials. I apologize for being so frank, but the treasury of our great Nation should not be used politically.

I urge you to continue to support Chairman Barrett as he seeks re-election. The Chairman is a vital link in all we have done and are doing. Please do not buy into the propaganda and hollow promises of an election year that other candidates are offering you. We are a better and smarter people than that. If I can do anything to answer any of your questions or concerns please call.

Sometimes, we do not say thank you enough, please do not let me be guilty of that. I am very thankful and humbled that you allow me to be your Secretary-Treasurer.

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