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Citizen Band of Potawatomi John A. Barrett, Chairman Route 5, Box 151 Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801 * CEIVED AUG 1 7 1989

Dear Chairman Barrett:

This is an official and personal invitation to you to be present at an awards ceremony honoring the Indian Code-Talkers who served their country and the Allied cause in World War II--on Saturday, October 21, 1989, at 2 o'clock P.M. on the south steps of the State Capitol in Oklahoma City.

At that time a former premier of the Republic of France, the French Consul General from Houston, the Governor of Oklahoma, U.S. Senator Don Nickles, the U.S. Army Band from Ft. Sill, leaders of the 45th Infantry Brigade, veterans organizations, the Oklahoma Military Department and other dignitaries and interested citizens will be present for the presentation of medals and awards to the Choctaw and Comanche tribes from which the Code-Talkers came. The honors are a gift from the Republic of France to the tribes, and there is a broader sense in which the honor goes to all Oklahoma Indians who served their country in World War II.

We especially want the tribal leadership of the 38 Indian tribes residing in Oklahoma to be present, and in native dress if you so desire. There will be Indian rites and dancing in response to the French award presentation. The ceremony will last no more than 1^{1} 2 hours, and we believe you will find it an interesting and inspiring time. Please come, or if you have personal conflict of time, will you please designate someone to come from your tribe. Bring as many of your friends as you like.

Fraternally and cordially,

Callan Brown

C. Alton Brown, M. D.

Honorary Consul for the Republic of France Chairman of Awards Planning Committee

Kenneth Saupitty

Chairman of the Comanche Tribe

Hollis Roberts

Chief of the Choctaw Nation