

To Honor A Great Indian—

American Indians Propose that 'Sequoyah' Appear On Stamps



SEQUOYAH
INDIAN STAMP SUGGESTED

(From "Indian Voices")

Dear Dr. Thomas:

There is an old adage about "out of sight, out of mind." This is probably quite true. For many years the American Indian appeared on stamps and coins of the United States. Today he is "out of sight" and probably where millions of Americans are concerned, "out of mind."

The membership of this organization and many friends have asked that I write to you and ask that you might use your good offices as Editor of the publication Indian Voices, to see if we can not work to get the "Father of Indian Letters" Sequoyah on a five cent stamp. We do not believe that with the great number of famous American Indians the stamp might well work into a series of famous American Indians, which is not unwarranted.

We believe that putting the American Indian back on postal stamps will provide the American people of their great past and it might even remind a few that Indians still do exist.

Enclosed is a likeness of Sequoyah and what a beautiful stamp a picture like this would make. We are sending it along not as THE picture for a stamp but merely to provide ideas.

We think that many of your readers will support us by writing their legislative representatives.

Whatever help you can give us in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

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Traditional Chief,
Nighthawk Keetoowah

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. John H. Jeffries
Principal Chief,
Western Keetoowah