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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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AUG 25 1915

Mrs. James M. Willson, Jr.,  
Kissimmee, Florida.

My dear Mrs. Willson:

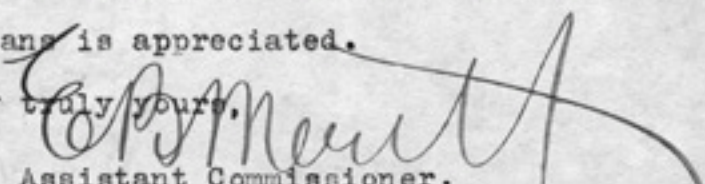
I have received your letter of August 18, 1915,  
with enclosure, regarding the Seminoles in Florida.

As the State of Florida is the owner of the lands  
that the friends of the Seminoles in Florida are endeavoring to  
have reserved for these Indians, the sentimental and business  
sides of this matter are of course a State issue, and any pe-  
titions from the people intended to affect action by the State  
Legislature apparently should be sent to representative members  
of the General Assembly of the State.

While we have nearly 27,000 acres now bought or re-  
served for the Seminoles in Florida, yet I believe that every  
effort should be made to give these Indians additional land of  
a sufficient area for a hunting and fishing reserve.

Mr. Lucien A. Spencer, Special Commissioner of this  
Office is now in Florida looking after the interests of the  
Seminole Indians and I suggest that you write to him at Miami,  
Florida, and perhaps he may be able to suggest some suitable way  
of presenting this matter to the State Legislature. Your in-  
terest in behalf of these Indians is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
Assistant Commissioner.