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Mrs. Minnie Moore-Willson,
Kissimmee, Florida.

Dear Madam:

Our Committee feels deeply interested in the Seminoles of Florida, about whom you have written so forcibly, and it is our desire to make a first-hand study of the situation, in order that we might be in a position to more effectively co-operate with you and others on their behalf. During the past year we have been greatly pressed with a number of urgent matters in different parts of the field, and have had to wait until we could give careful consideration to the Florida Seminoles.

About the end of January, Mr. Joseph Elkinton and I hope to visit Florida, and we would like to get into as close touch as possible with the Seminoles,--to visit their settlements, note their health, homes, industries (as far as they have any), etc.,--to gain a thorough understanding of their condition and needs. We would expect to give as much time to this inquiry as may be necessary; for we feel that a superficial examination would be of little value.

I would therefore appreciate any suggestions from you as to points that ought to be visited, and how to get to them; the question of securing the right kind of a guide and interpreter; the approximate amount of time to cover the distances involved;--in fact, please feel free to make any suggestions that would be helpful to us in this matter. Incidentally, I might remark that I

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have had to rough it a great deal on my various trips to the Indian country, and when leaving the beaten paths I do not expect luxury in conveyance or accommodations. I would want to go right in the heart of the Everglades and see the Indians as they actually live, and I must therefore ascertain the best point for starting out on such a venture, as well as the question of a guide and interpreter. In view of your deep interest in these people, you can doubtless help us greatly by way of suggestions.

It has also occurred to me that on our trip to Florida, it would be well for us to get in contact with those good people who have endeavored to secure belated justice for the Seminoles, and have them realize that their work is known and appreciated beyond the borders of your own State.

I enclose a brief review of our activities, in order that you may gain an idea of the nature and scope of our work; and under separate cover I am sending you a few of our recent publications.

Hoping to hear from you soon, and assuring you of our appreciation of what you have already done for the Seminoles, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. K. Sniffen

P. S.--Of course I know that the Indian Bureau has a representative stationed at Miami, who is supposed to look after the interest of the Seminoles, and I would expect to see him before I left Florida.