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Mrs. Minnie Moore-Wilson,  
 Grand Hotel, Broadway & 31st St.  
 New York City,  
 Dear Madam,

In answer to your question about Josie Billee, would say that he was tried at the Corn Dance and acquitted, as was the other Indian who had killed. It was undoubted that a drunken spree was the cause of the trouble.

The most serious thing that the Indians are facing now is the heavy depletion of game by reason of the retrenchment policy and the laying off of all the Game Wardens. White men and Indians alike are taking advantage of the situation and my information is that deer, both doe and buck, and turkey are being sold in Miami and other cities now in the breeding season. Unless there is some way to quickly awaken the public interest, ~~there~~ there will be no game to protect in a short time. That National sanctuary in some form or other can not come too quickly. I, like you, wish that the Indians might have a chance for a normal life, void of exploitation. The Park idea is making headway. Your inquiry as to my arrangements for the Summer convinces me that I have been sailing under false colors. I have no option on the matter. I am as "busted" as any day laborer you ever knew. I am just telling you this in order that you may have no misunderstanding of my limitations. At that, I think I am more comfortably located in Miami for the summer than I could be in New York. I know something of northern summers and of the interior of the state and this would be my location by choice.

I will be very glad to hear from you and hope that I can do some-

*thing useful along the lines of our mutual interest*  
 Cordially S. C. Singleton