

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

MIAMI, FLORIDA.
JULY 17, 1918.

Mr. J.M.Wilson, Jr.,
Kissimme, Florida.

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter with the clipping announcing the escape of John Ashley. In view of reports of the way the murder charge was handled against him, I am not suprised that he escaped paying the penalty to society for the comparatively petty crime of robing a bank. I sent the clipping to the Washington Office for their files.

I have not inquired about the title to the 80 acres of land in St. Lucye County, but will do so when I have an opportunity, and about the land in Monroe County set aside by the Florida Legislature First;-- If the state is so inclined, steps should be taken at once to have the next session of the Legislature transfet title to this land to The U.S. Government for the use of the Seminole Indians in Florida

SECOND:-- Such action cannot be taken by me or any one connected with the Government Indian Service as it might be interpreted as trying to influence legislation, which is forbidden, therefore it must be done by the kind people of Florida who are interested in the Indians, if at all.

I hope I may have the pleasure of meeting you and Mrs. Wilson and talkong over Seminole affairs with you. With best wishes I remain,

Yours very truly,

J.F. Brandy
Spl. Supervisor.