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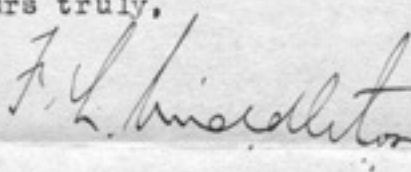
Dear Sir:

I was very much interested in the book entitled "The Seminoles" and your evident concern for this tribe of Indians. I have been trying to trace the various treaties between the government and the Seminoles and wondered if you had investigated these treaties as it has seemed to me that some relief might be gotten for these Indians through the failure of the government to have lived up to the treaties in every respect.

I have been interested in Florida for a number of years at Avon Park, which section at one time I understand was allowed the Indians in an extension of the treaty of Peace River.

I should be glad to learn from you if you have any information as to these treaties.

Yours truly,



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