

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Seminoles in Florida.

Ft. Myers, Fla., June 4, 1923.

Mr. J. M. Willson,
Kissimmee, Fla.,

My dear Mr. Willson;

Referring to your letter of June 1, 1923 would say that if you will write the letter you want to reach Billie Conepatchie or Jose Billie and send it to me at once I think I can get it to him. The Green Corn Dance will be held at East Crossing during the little moon this month and I can send it in by some of the Indians from Immokalee.

I was intending to go to the Dance myself but other important matters have come up which makes it impossible, but I am sure that I can get the letter there.

I don't think you can get a letter to him via Everglade as that camp has had some trouble with Sam Thompson one of Mr. Colliers foremen and are giving it a wide berth just now. Some of them are at the Reservation every week or two so if we miss one way we can try another. Billie and his camp has always been very antagonistic to the Government work but since the trouble at Everglade have become very friendly.

I cannot say how much history you can get from either Conepatchie or Jose, but owing to their being able to speak English very well they would probably be more satisfactory than any of the others. However, My idea would be to work thru one of the Oklahoma missionaries as in that way there would be no doubt about correct interpretations.

Very truly,

Lucien A. Spencer.

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