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Mr. M. H. Siffen, Secy.
India

Indians Rights Association,
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Mr. Siffen:-

I am enclosing herewith a clipping which I fear means much work a head for the Friends of The Florida Seminoles of whom you are "Big Chief" If this drainage plan is carried out as it is outlined then I believe it would include the 100,000 acres we persuaded the Fla. Legislature to set aside for the Seminoles.

Then too there is another part of this work we must consider and that is to have that tract of land turned over to the National Gov. for these Indians, and thus get it out of the hands of Florida. As long as it is left in its present title I fear, now that people are getting land crazy, some one will come forward with some scheme to get that land turned over for other purposes.

What can you tell me about our present Indian Commissioner? Will he help us plan and work to get that land put into his charge, for the benefit of our Florida Seminoles? I feel quite sure Senator Fletcher will do all he can to help us. I would be glad to have any suggestions along this line or any other that you think will be of service at this end of the line. This is the year for the meeting of our Florida Legislature. Could you come down at that time?

The Florida Seminoles are now so far down in the Everglades I have not seen any of them for a long time, but I am very anxious to make a trip to visit them. So far as I know they are getting along about as usual, with the hunting almost gone, which means of course more hard times for them than they have ever known. They need all the friends they have and then some. Would you suggest that I write Indian Commissioner Burke? Or would it be possible for you to see him and tell him the story. Mrs. Willson joins me in kindest regards to you.

Very Sincerely Yours,