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Dear Sir:

Owing to adverse publicity and the upheaval of Indians in the North please don't think this letter is in any way connected with that episode or episodes.

We are approaching on "banded" knee instead of "wounded" knee. We certainly sympathize with any Indian regardless of what tribe he or she may belong. All have had a rough time and very trying experiences. I guess they feel that they must stand up and be counted.

During the count please don't forget there are thousands of Creeks in Georgia, Alabama and Florida and may I point out we are "friendly" Creeks.

We are trying to make it on our own with God's guidance and hard work. We are not asking for a thing but recognition as being a Creek Tribe East of the Mississippi. We have all banded together to preserve what is left of a mighty Creek Tribe.

I am John Wesley Thomley and have been chosen by charter by the Creek Indians in Florida to perform as their Chief which I will endeavor to put forth every effort to do my best. I am working side by side with Alabama and Georgia.

By the same token Neal McCormick was chosen in and for the State of Georgia and he is doing the same thing. There is also a charter for Georgia.

We both are certified Indians and are on the roll in Oklahoma as such.

We were both born and reared East of the Mississippi. We are united now and will be for ever after. This is about as close as the three states will ever be judging from the past.

According to our charter which passed in two days in the state capital in Tallahassee, Florida our name is listed as follows:

The Lower Creek Muscogee Tribe-
East of the Mississippi Inc.

Our purpose: To promote the welfare, interest, heritage, tradition and pride of the Creek Indian Tribe.

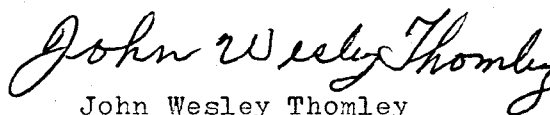
Our Motto: Naken Pume Ocetr-Momat Pume Hvlvtetr.
(What we have-That we hold.)

I sincerely hope that you look favorably on this plea for recognition as a Tribe knowing you are a very busy man.

We have many Creek friends in Oklahoma. Included in them and the closest is Principal Chief-Retired W. E. "Dode" McIntosh.

Thanking you in advance for any consideration I remain,

Yours truly



John Wesley Thomley