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Hon. Robert L. Owen,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Owen:

As you know, I have been digging into Oklahoma history and writing for a good many years, and have accumulated a valuable library to assist me in this work. In my library are an almost complete set of reports of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Most of my work relates to the period before the Civil War; but during the past year I have been working on a History of Oklahoma, which has brought me down through the time of your service as Indian Agent, and naturally I have had occasion to read carefully all of your reports to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. For many years I have been familiar with these reports, and have often said that they were the best, the most lucid, the most informing reports made by any Indian agent I knew of.

Lately, as I have found occasion to depend more than ever before on the contents of these reports, I have felt so much indebted to you for the care with which you marshalled events and conditions that came under your observation, that I have wanted to express my appreciation to you. I have a feeling, also, that they are not only of value to me, but wherever these reports can be seen by students in any library fortunate enough to possess them, your work will be of the greatest value in the study of the history of the people and the period described by them.

I trust you and Mrs. Owen are enjoying good health. Mrs. Foreman joins me in kindest regards to you both.

Very sincerely yours,

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