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#### A LETTER FROM INDIAN JOE DAVIS

My Indian friends: Probably some of you have heard about me. I am a Pawnee, born in Genoa, Nebraska, over thirty years ago. I made my home in Oklahoma and Texas for many years. I used to be one of the best riders and ropers in the United States; also I used to travel with Buffalo Bill and Pawnee Bill in their 101 Ranch shows. At present I am personally working the states for the interest of our people—the redskins. I heard a few days ago that they had an uprising in the state of Oklahoma, of the Creek Indians, but I hope the people won't blame all the Indians for what those few have done. As I go through the country the people keep me busy explaining about the different tribes, for they do not seem to know much about them. My hair is very long and when I go to places people gaze at me as though I had just come out of the woods. Many of them think I am still wild like the Indians of a hundred

years ago. I generally tell them that I may look wild, but I am not as wild as I look. If they ask me what I represent I generally tell them, personally of my race, and that I am here to explain about the Indians, and let them know that we Indians are not sleeping, but that we are really at work, so that we can take care of our ourselves and interests. We believe in justice, sticking together and living like brothers and sisters. Our blood is not going to pass out very soon. We have many of our boys in the service, and a few Indian girls are with the Red Cross in France. We are doing our bit. We are willing to fight in defense of the flag, which our forefathers never understood, years ago—the Red, White and Blue.

I would be pleased to hear from some of my friends. Respectfully yours,

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