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Box 458  
Palestine, Texas  
October 14, 1953

Dear Mr. Creekmore:

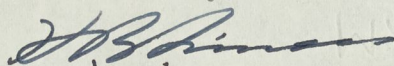
I heard from you on the 9th of last month, in reply to certain comments I had written you about THE CHAIN IN THE HEART.

My son read the book and I had told him you are a Negro. He and his librarian looked you up, and find otherwise...I just want to say that I am enormously encouraged to know this. I would never have believed a white man could write with such perfect understanding of the colored race. Why, there is no limit to the power this gives you. You can really change things. You are probably the only man alive who can write like this--I am not exaggerating--I believe I have read everything along this line. I hope you will continue to write, and may you live a long, long time.

My boy's librarian, who is pretty well read, is preparing a criticism of the novel. I am anxious to see it, and will send it along to you soon, as I imagine you will be interested.

With best regards and more power to you,

Yours truly,



H. B. Simons