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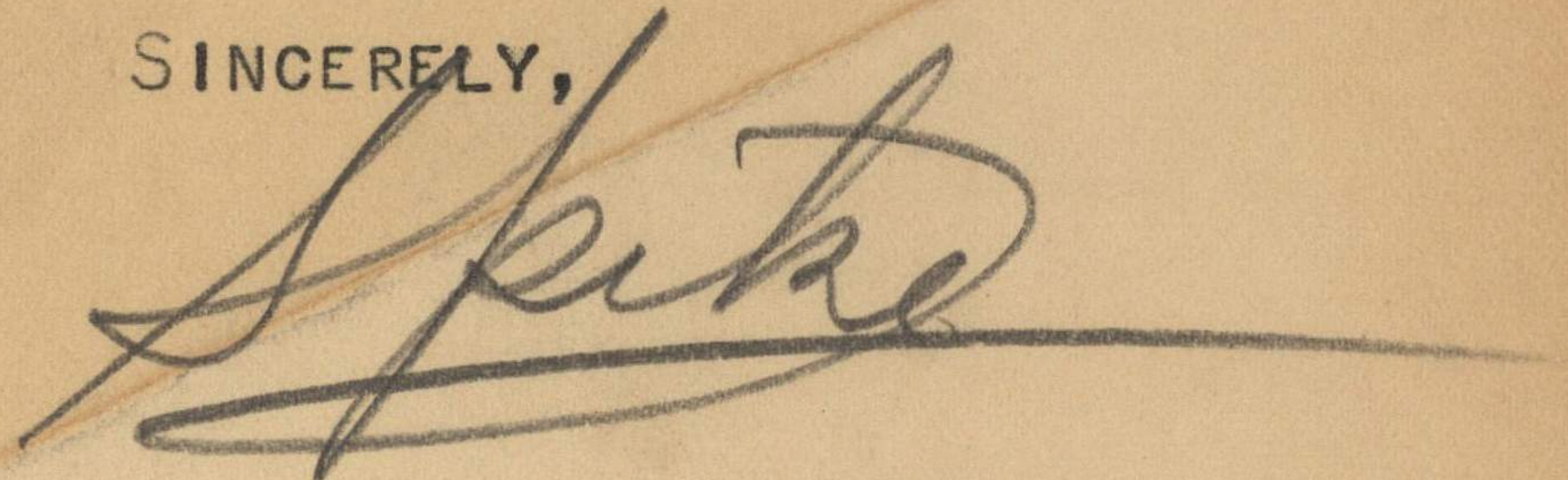
AS SOON AS I READ OF YOUR RETIREMENT (?) I WENT TO WORK ON TWO TANGENTS. ONE, OF COURSE, WAS TO CONTACT YOU AND DISCOVER THE TRUTH OR FALSITY OF THE STATEMENT, THE SECOND WAS TO ASCERTAIN THE RUMOR'S SOURCE. I HAVE BEEN STYMIED ON THE LATTER BUT HAVE DISCOVERED WHAT STARTED THE THING MOVING.

IT SEEMS YOU ONCE MADE A SPEECH (AT LEAST YOU ARE BEING QUOTED AS HAVING DONE SO) IN WHICH YOU SAID "I HOPE TO COACH AT KANSAS AT LEAST UNTIL BOB HAS FINISHED HIS COURSE." AND BOB IS A SENIOR THIS YEAR.

DOESN'T THAT ANCIENT VERSE GO SOMETHING LIKE THIS "GREAT OAKS FROM LITTLE ACORNS GROW?"

HAROLD CLAASSEN

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. Claassen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.