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In view of the report submitted by Mr. Knudsen and your comments thereon, the Office will take no further action in the matter.

Inclosed you will find a letter addressed to Thomas Antiste with reference to this complaint.

Respectfully,

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Flathead Agency, Jocko, Montana,
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OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Honorable,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

Replying to Office letter of July 19, 1911, relative to protest of Thomas Antiste against sending his daughter to school, I have the honor to state that this matter was taken up with Mr. Karl Knudsen, now forest guard, and enclosed is copy of his reply, which I think covers the matter fully.

In this connection I might state that Thomas Antiste is one of the self-styled chiefs on this reservation, a man of considerable influence among a certain class of the unprogressive Kootenai Indians, and I should think could set a better example by the sending of his children to school rather than antagonize the efforts of one who has the interests of the Indian children at heart.

I might also add that in my opinion this is only another time where Antiste was used by other parties merely for the purpose of embarrassing Mr. Knudsen.

Respectfully,

Fred C. Morgan
Superintendent.

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Polson, Montana,

August 1, 1911.

Fred C. Morgan, Esq.,
Superintendent Flathead Agency,
Jocko, Montana.



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Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of July 29, 1911, with letter enclosed from the Department and also copy of letter from Thos. Antiste to the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs. In regard to this matter I respectfully beg to state that I some months ago met Antiste's daughter Josette with some other Indian women. I had for a long time seen her roaming round doing nothing, and as she is about 16 years old and a clever girl I thought it a pity she would not take the advantages offered free. I therefore asked her why she did not attend school, and she said she might go to school again. I told her about Carlisle and the great opportunities it offered her. She asked where it was, and thought it would be a good thing to go to school there, but when she heard where Carlisle was and that it was far off she was very firm in her intention not to go so far, refusing to go and stating that she would tell her parents not to consent to her being sent there. I told her then that we could not send her there against her own and her parents wishes and I let the matter drop right there. As she did not wish to go I did not even report the matter to you, and I knew I could not send her or any other Indian child to school except through you. Such idea has never entered my head.

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I thought it my duty to encourage an Indian child to take advantage of the Department's educational institutions, when I found a person mentally fitted to go there, and have never tried to force anyone to go, as I fully know I have no right to do so. If I in any way have gone beyond my duties in trying to get this child to school I certainly regret my mistake, and I sincerely hope my error will be over-looked.

The girl might have misunderstood me and represented the matter in a wrong light to her parents. Of course, when I spoke to these women I was serious and told them that they now days had to prepare themselves for the fight in life as well as they could. The old happy-go-lucky days are gone and the Indians must look upon their duties and responsibilities differently than in olden days, when they were alone on their hunting grounds. The girl might have thought I was going to send her against her wish; she very likely does not know how little power I have in such matters. She or her father Thomas Antiste have never mentioned the matter to me since and when I received your letter I could hardly recall this conversation with the girl, but it must be this that Antiste is writing about, as I do not know of any other conversation with Josette Antiste.

Very respectfully,

(Sgd) Karl Knudsen.

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Mr. Fred C. Morgan,

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Sir:

There is inclosed a copy of a letter received from
Thomas Antiste, stating that he does not wish his daughter
to attend school at Carlisle.

Please look into this matter and submit a report
thereon.

Respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Hauke,

Second Assistant Commissioner.

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
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Dear Sir-,

Mr. Knudson acting Sub agent at this point wants to send
My daughter to Carlille to school and I do not want her to go. ✓

She is going here to the mission and I think that is enough
and I feel as though I could not part with her to go so far
away.

Will you kindly help me in this matter and oblige.

Respectfully,

Thomas Antiste.

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