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Hon. Cato Sells,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
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COMMISSIONER OF
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Dear Mr. Commissioner:

For your information I am enclosing a letter that I have just written to Superintendent, Lipps of Carlisle Indian School.

Very respectfully,

W. H. Retcham
Director.

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November 23, 1915.



Mr. G. H. Lipps,
Superintendent, U. S. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

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Dear Mr. Lipps:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 22.

I have found the letter to which you refer and regret to have put you to the inconvenience of supplying the information a second time.

Benjamin Black Elk's father Nick Black Elk is a very devout Christian. He seems to be uneasy concerning the spiritual welfare of his boy and he requested me to ascertain whether he attends Church regularly. The Catholic Church requires her members to hear Mass every Sunday. Benjamin Black Elk has now been in the household of Mr. Edwards for more than five months during which time he has only attended Mass "about" twelve times.

I must vigorously protest against the placing of Catholic children in localities where they cannot attend to their religious duties regularly.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Very respectfully,

Director.

November 1st, 1915.

Mr. Chas. S. Lusk,

Sec'y., Bur. Catholic Ind. Missions,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Lusk:

With reference to your personal call of this date, I enclose herewith copy of letter just received from the Carlisle School concerning the church attendance of Benjamin Black Elk, and as requested by you, return herewith the letters of Russell K. Edwards and Acting Superintendent De Huff.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

OUTING SYSTEM

MRS. NELLIE R. DENNY, Manager.

MISS LIDA M. JOHNSTON, Girls' Agent.

MR. D. H. DICKEY, Boys' Agent.

November 4, 1915.



To the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

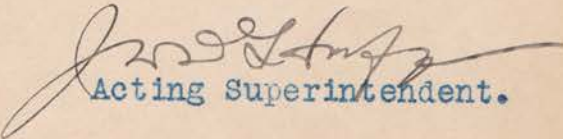
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Upon receipt of Mr. Lipps' note dated October 28th relative to the Church attendance of Benjamin Black Elk, a student of this school now under the outing, I wrote to Mr. Russell Edwards, Ivyland, Pa. the farmer in whose home the boy has lived since June 9, 1915 and have the following reply from him:-

" In reply to inquiry of Benjamin Black Elk's Church attendance, he attends Catholic Church at Newtown, Pa. which is about five miles distant. He has attended about twelve times since being with me, always to Catholic Church. "

In compliance with Mr. Lipps' request, I am returning the enclosed letters.

Very truly yours


Acting Superintendent.

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,
Carlisle, Pa.

October 6, 1915.

Rev. Mark Stock,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Father Stock:

Enclosed is a copy of a
letter received from Russell Edwards, Ivyland, Pa.
with whom Ben Black Elk is living.

Very truly yours,

J. De Huff,

Acting Superintendent.

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BROADMOOR FARM.

October 1, 1915.

Mr. O. H. Lipps,

Dear Sir:

In regard to inquiry of the father of Benjamin Black Elk would say that he was getting along very nicely and seems to take an interest in his work and his habits are very good and he attends church as often as possible.

Very respect.

(Signed) Russell K. Edwards.

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