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Moses Friedman, Esq.,

Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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Sir:

The Office is in receipt of your letter of April 9, 1909, regarding the difficulty experienced in finding homes for the Carlisle students who are taking a course in the Philadelphia School of Industrial Art.

While there is nothing in the law prohibiting the use of the regular appropriation for the school for the support of Indian students who take courses in outside institutions, the Office does not believe that such a use of the funds was contemplated, and, as a rule, is not in favor of so applying them; but, as the nature of the studies pursued by these art students demands, in addition to text-book work, an unusual amount of time for practical application of their knowledge, we have concluded that it might be wise to relieve them, to some extent at least, of the burden of earning their board and lodging, especially as we wish to ascertain from this experiment whether it is going to be worth while to give pupils who show an aptitude for the work the advantage of such training. We should be glad, however, to arrange to do this without drawing upon the regular

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appropriation for the school, and you will please report whether you have any other funds which could properly be applied for such purposes.

Although the Office is anxious to help these young men make a success of their work, even to the extent of departing from its usual requirements in the case of students who take courses in white institutions, they should be encouraged to rely on their own efforts just as much as possible. They have reached an age when they should seriously consider the future and should not be averse to undergoing, if necessary, a little hardship in order to avail themselves of an unusual opportunity for advancement.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) R. G. Valentine,

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Subject:-

Expenses of
Students attending
School of Industrial
Art., Phila. Pa.

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., April 9, 1909.

The Commissioner

of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.



Sir:-

Recently there were admitted to the Philadelphia School of Industrial Art two Carlisle students to study industrial art with the aim of applying and developing what the Indian possesses along these lines. The progress of one of these students especially, a young man by the name of Thomas Saul, a Sioux, has been rapid. Much difficulty was encountered in obtaining a home for these students in Philadelphia where they could work for their board and lodging and still make sufficient headway in their classes. It was found that the outside work which was expected of them took up so much of their time as to unfit them for their studies. In consequence, one of these boys, Reuben Charles, had to be returned to school. Thomas Saul, the other young man, was permitted to remain, and, through the influence of Professor H.F. Stratton, sufficient funds to pay his board are advanced him in the nature of a loan from an endowment fund possessed by the Industrial Art School.

The Dean of the school, however, has written me requesting to know whether it could not be arranged to pay the expenses for the

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board of these students out of the appropriation made by Congress for the support and maintenance of this school.

I am, therefore, writing the Office for information concerning this matter and for a decision.

First, does the law permit of the use of official monies out of the appropriation made by Congress for the Carlisle School, for the payment of tuition and living expenses of Indians under the jurisdiction of the Carlisle School, but studying at some other school, like the Philadelphia School of Industrial Art?

Second, if such use of public funds is within the law, would your Office approve, upon request, of the use of part of our appropriation in this way?

Very respectfully,



Superintendent.

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