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Daniel Dochester,

City, Jan. 26, 1893.

Reply to letter of 19<sup>th</sup>  
inst. rel. to a letter of  
Adela Rankin addressed  
to Gen. Theodore Roosevelt  
and rel. to complaint made  
by New York Indians  
against Carlisle School,

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# Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Washington D.C.

Jan 7 26 1893

Her Communion  
of Indian Affairs  
Washington D.C.

Sir,

Yours of Jan 7 19<sup>th</sup> referring to me,  
with dissection, a communication from  
Miss Adela Rankin to Hon Theodore Roosevelt,  
and by him referred to your office, has been  
duly considered.

I have taken due pains to ascertain  
the P. O. address of Miss Rankin, and sent  
a letter to her last known place of residence,  
asking her to formulate charges & specifications,  
or at least to appear and make good her statements.  
To this date, I have heard nothing from her.

Information incidentally gathered  
from those who know her <sup>at least</sup> leads to the conclusion  
that she has some peculiarities, and is sometimes

more or less unbalanced.

As to the other topic in your letter, viz complaint of N. Y. Ind<sup>rs</sup> ch<sup>rs</sup> That they have suffered from lack of food at Carlisle, I have ascertained that, for a while, the school suffered from the shortcomings & parsimony of an incompetent cook. As soon as possible the evil was remedied, though not until after Capt Pratt and the rest had struggled hard with the case. A good Cook has been obtained and the food is more palatable & satisfactory. There has been no lack of quantity, at any time.

I see no occasion for further inquiry in regard to these matters.

Respectfully Submitted

Daniel D. S. S.

Sept Ind<sup>rs</sup> Sch<sup>rs</sup>

Washington D. C.  
January 26, 1893

Honorable Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs  
Washington D.C.

Sir,

Yours of Jany 19<sup>th</sup> referring to me, with direction, a communication per Miss Adela Rankin to Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, and by him referred to your office, has been duly considered.

I have taken due pains to ascertain the P.O. address of Miss Rankin, and sent a letter to her last known place of residence asking her to formulate charges & specifications, or at least to appear and make good her statements. To this date, I have heard nothing from her.

Information incidentally gathered from those who knew her at Carlisle leads to the conclusion that she has some peculiarities, and is sometimes more or less unbalanced.

As to the other topic in your letter, in complaint of N.Y. Indn. chn. that they have suffered from lack of food at Carlisle, I have ascertained that, for a while, the school suffered from the shortcomings & poor service of an incompetent cook. As soon as possible, the evil was remedied, though not until after Capt. Pratt and the rest had struggled hard with the case. A good cook has been obtained and the food is more palatable & satisfactory. There has been no lack of quantity, at any time.

I see no occasion for further inquiry in regard to these matters.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Dorchester  
Supt Ind. Schls