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Mercer, W. A.      Capt. & Supt.

Requests orders to revisit Uinta  
& Ouray Agency, as per oral instruc-  
tions from Secretary Hitchcock and  
Commissioner Jones, to instruct  
Captain Hall in his official du-  
ties.

To Secy 7/15/04

To Supt 7/20/04

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# Department of the Interior,

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

*Carlisle, Pa.,* July 12, 1904. *190*

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :

In the absence of Commissioner Jones and Secretary Hitchcock, I desire to explain that pursuant to oral instructions from them it will be necessary for me to revisit the Uinta & Ouray Agency for the purpose of instructing Captain Hall, my successor there, in the duties of his office, particularly in connection with the proposed allotting of the Indians. The secretary directed that I be here to take hold of this school July 1st. This necessitated my leaving the Uinta & Ouray Agency June 26th, before Captain Hall had reported for duty, and I was unable to have more than a very short interview with him, which was not sufficient opportunity to direct him along the lines desired by the secretary and the Commissioner.

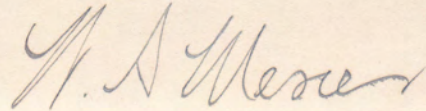
I was further instructed that as soon as I could receipt for the property here I would be ordered to Uinta for consultation with Captain Hall, and on the completion of that duty, to return to Carlisle. The Commissioner directed me to notify him when I was ready to go, and said he would have the necessary orders issued.

I feel that this explanation is necessary, as I understand both Commissioner Jones and Secretary Hitchcock are absent. I request that the order be issued directing me to go to Whiterocks for consultation with Captain Hall, Acting Indian Agent, in connection with



official matters pertaining to that agency and my transfer of the agency to him, to take effect as soon as, in my opinion, my services here can be spared; and upon the completion of my duties at the Uinta Agency to return to Carlisle.

Very respectfully,



Captain 7th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated(P)