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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
Oct. 9, 1906.

Maj. W. A. Mercer,
Supt.

Forwards letter of Geo. A. Gaymond, asst. supt. Ft. Berthold school, with applications of 11 children for enrollment at Carlisle, with request that the opposition of Supt. Thomas to the transfer of the children be investigated.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.
CARLISLE, PA

J.R.M.
Oct. 9, 1906.

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

Sir:

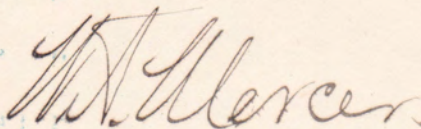
Referring to my letters dated October 4th and 6th in regard to enrollment of pupils at this school from the Fort Berthold reservation, I now have to invite attention to the inclosed letter from the assistant superintendent of the reservation school, Mr. Geo. A. Gaymond, inclosing applications of pupils named in Mr. Packineau's letter for enrollment at this school. It will be noted that among the applications also are the two for Clara and Mattie Hall referred to in my letter of the 6th instant.

It would seem to be clear from the statement of Mr. Gaymond that the parents of the children in question desire to have their children enrolled at Carlisle and that they are prevented from doing so by the superintendent, Mr. Thomas, in violation of the Indian school regulations which say that the parents shall be free to choose at what non-reservation schools their children shall be enrolled. I have to renew my request that this matter be investigated and that such action be taken as the circumstances may require to effect the enrollment of all these pupils at Carlisle. It would seem from the information at hand that this school is being dis-

criminated against and, so far as I can see, without any good reason therefor.

I have to request that the inclosed applications be returned to me when your investigation shall have been made and as soon as proper instructions are received we will make arrangements to have the pupils transferred here and, if need be, will send some one for them to accompany them to Carlisle.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. H. Mercer".

Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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