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Theodore McAuley }  
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Carlisle School

want to go home.

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To Capt Pratt Apr 16<sup>th</sup> '86

Department of the Interior,

Apr 8<sup>th</sup>, 1886

Respectfully referred to the Com-  
missioner of Indian Affairs.

Geo Westwood  
Chief Clerk

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My trade is shoe maker  
I could make good  
shoes & boots

Write to me soon

if you please

Omaha boy

Eli Sheridan

from Nebraska

Indian Training School  
Carlisle Pa

April 6, 1856

Dear sir:-

I am going to write  
to you a few lines

Dear sir:- I would like  
to go home this June  
if you please sir

My dear father want  
me to come home  
at the Omaha

My dear father is  
blind man I would  
like to help him work  
I have been here almost  
12 years

I have good educated now

sent to Capt. P. H. ...  
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Indian School  
Carlisle, Pa.

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1886.

Dear sir.

well I would like  
to go to home  
in this coming  
June. the reason  
is this. no one to  
help work my father.  
he is old man  
to. will you think  
over. and tell me

What you think  
about and I will  
let my father  
know.

Hoping to hear  
from you soon.

Yours truly

Theodore W. Carley.  
I am Omaha  
I am Nebraska.

U. S.

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> 1886

To the Honorable

The Com<sup>r</sup> of Ind<sup>n</sup> Affairs  
Washington D.C.

Sir:

Returning the two letters of Eli Mendau and Theodore McCauley sent me by your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> marked "Education 9611", I have to inform you that in my judgement it would not be best to comply with their requests to be sent home.

A fortnight ago Eli Mendau came to me and asked to go on a farm for the summer. As he was out last summer and was one of the failures, I reminded him of it and informed him he would have to wait and let those who had never been out or those who had been out and did well, go first, and if after placing these two classes others were still wanted I would let him go again. He is a Shoemakers apprentice, and

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while talking to him I saw that he had built up his boot heels to nearly two inches in height, and sent him to the shop to take off the heels and put on moderate sized ones and come back and report to me.

About the same time Theodore McCauley came and asked to make a bridle to send to his father. Some months ago I gave him permission to make a riding bridle for his father, and he did make one, which he now said he did not send home but gave to Jno Brimans, a Senequa, who was going home at that time, and asked him for it. For this reason I did not grant his request, but lectured him for having deceived me before.

Being friends, and having each a grievance, they have put their heads together to flank the situation in this manner.

I have been thus explicit that the Amovabe Commissioner may see the methods of Indian boys which, as I have experienced do not differ materially from other boys. I do not think



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either of them care to go home now. What they say of their fathers conditions may or may not be true. Francis LaFlesche, a clerk in the Indian Office would probably know.

Very respectfully  
Your obedient servant  
R.H. Ball  
Capt. & Sup.