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from Laguna, N.M.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Apr. 13th 1886

To the Hon.

The Com^r of Indian Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir:

It seems but to make a special report of the death by suicide of Jose Kowseak a pupil at this school from Laguna N.M.

He had been living with Mr. Jas. G. Quick at Rupert, Columbia Co. Pa. and was at the depot with Mr. Quick to take the train to return to Carlisle yesterday morning. A freight train was passing and he deliberately left Mr. Quick's side, walked to and threw himself on the track under one of the rear cars, so that the wheels passed over his body at the small of his back.

I sent my school physician to bring the body here, and investigate the case.

He reports that the Coroners inquest came to the conclusion that it was premeditated suicide while in a state of mental aberration.

It appears that not long before the young man had been unfortunate enough to witness the death of a white man, who was run over by the cars near the same place. This seems to have affected his mind and he was being returned to the school.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
R.H. Pratt
Capt. & Supt.