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Remarks concerning
Julia Hand.

Letter to Hand (Ind) 6/13/96

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In reply to:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa. June 5th, 1896.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst. marked "Education 19237 - 20368/96", I respectfully state that Julia Hand entered this school by transfer from White's Institute Aug. 23rd, 1895. This transfer was made by her own earnest request after she had all summer to think about it. Her age is now about nineteen years, so she was then fully capable of determining such a matter for herself. In regard to her original transfer from Pine Ridge Agency being made without the consent of any of her relatives, I have nothing to say, except that from what I know of the officials and general management of White's Institute, I very much doubt the correctness of that statement. Julia herself has now a good command of the English language though she has only advanced to the third grade in school. Since March she has been located with Dr. A. S. Matson, Moorestown, N.J. where she is giving good satisfaction.

The transfer from White's Institute was made in this way: Those who wished to go home, could do so ; those who wished to come to Carlisle could do so, and there were some who chose to visit their homes

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and then come to Carlisle. I therefore have every reason to believe that Julia had the option last year of returning home and then coming to Carlisle in the fall. Having entered the school, she is supposed to be here for the full term, though she herself now appears to wish to go home and return again in the fall, a request that according to the rules that have been established in this school, can not be acceded to unless so directed by the Department.

Very respectfully,

R H Grant

Capt. 10th Cavalry , Supt

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A J Standing

Asst. Supt. in charge.

Dictated(P)

*Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington*