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Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Nov. 27, 1896

J.O. Brown,  
Director

States that two Indian boys, from the Indian School at Carlisle, Pa. were found at P. R. R. depot, that City, trying to work their way to S. Dakota, and incloses copy of telegram from Subt. <sup>of</sup> Carlisle Indian School stating that they are not wanted there and should be treated as vagrants.

Asks whether the boys should not be returned to Carlisle Pa. and hopes the matter will receive attention.

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P. Secy Int. Dec 4/96.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
Assistant Secretary.

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✓ 1st Indorsement.  
War Department,  
December 2, 1896.

Respectfully referred to the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, and the writer so informed.

*Joseph B. Ave*

Asst. Secretary of War.  
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*Department of the Interior*  
December 3, 1896.

Respectfully referred to the Indian Bureau. If these pupils are not men, but boys, it appears to me the criticism of the Supr. of Police of Pittsburg is well founded. What is the customary disposition of such pupils? I suggest that immediate action be taken concerning these boys.

*Will Francis*  
Secretary

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Department  
of  
Public Safety,  
Pittsburgh.

J. D. Brown,  
Director.

Pittsburgh, November 27, 1896.

To the Honorable, the Secretary of War,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Two Indian boys from the Indian school at Carlisle, Pa., were found around the Union depot of the P. R. R., in this city, trying to work their way to South Dakota. They were taken to the central police station where they are held in custody. A telegram was sent to the Indian school at Carlisle, and the reply, which I inclose you and make part of this letter, was received.

It strikes this department as being a remarkable procedure on the part of the Superintendent of the school to say that two irresponsible Indian boys should be treated as vagrants and sent to the workhouse, and, when their time is served out, turned out to be again similarly treated by this department, or some other police department—as there are many police departments between the city of Pittsburgh and South Dakota,

Should not these boys be returned to the Indian school, and if found incorrigible then sent to the Reservation in South Dakota? The superintendent of the school at Carlisle is neither humane towards the boys nor a credit to the Government, in saying that these helpless Indian boys should be treated as vagrants at this point.

Trusting that this matter will receive the attention of the department to which it belongs, and some remedy be suggested, I remain

Very truly yours,

J. D. Brown

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Indian school at Carlisle, Pa.

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R. H. Pratt, Sup't."

Boys from Carlisle Indian School.

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*R. H. Brown*

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December 2, 1896.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of 27th ultimo, stating that two boys from the Carlisle Indian School were recently found at the Union Depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Pittsburg, and inclosing copy of a telegram from the superintendent of said school relative to their treatment and disposition, I beg to inform you that the said communications have been referred to the Honorable the Secretary of the Interior, who has jurisdiction over said school.

Very respectfully,

*James F. Smith*  
Asst. Secretary of War.

Mr. J. O. Brown,

Director,

Department of Public Safety,

Pittsburg, Pa.

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Copy of telegram received from R. H. Pratt, Superintendent of the  
Indian school at Carlisle, Pa.

"A. H. Leslie,  
Sup't. of Police,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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R. H. Pratt, Sup't."