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concerning the transfer of eleven  
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# Department of the Interior,

## INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

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Carson Indian School, Carson, Nevada, July 6th, 1898.

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Yesterday Mr. Denison Wheelock, a representative of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, pursuant to arrangements, as I understand it, with your Office and the superintendent of Carlisle, visited our school with the view of selecting certain players from our band to be taken to Carlisle to form part of a band to be represented at the Paris Exposition in 1900. Mr. Wheelock seemed very much pleased with our band and selected ten members. Our band has been the pride of our school, and while we very much regret to see it thus dismembered, still we realize we must look to the best interests of the pupils. All of these pupils are very enthusiastic and are very anxious to accept this grand offer, and while I do not like to part with them from a personal standpoint still I have advised all to go. We have material for a new band, and so far as mere show is concerned, for a year or so appearances will not be up the present standard, however, new ones are being instructed.

Incidentally, I wish to say we have a band of twenty-eight pieces, most of which have been purchased by us, and that this band has done much for our school. Some time since, Supervisor Conser visited this school, and secured a list of pupils to be transferred

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to Phenix, Arizona and a part of the pupils now slated for Carlisle were included in the above list. There are none, however, but that would rather go to Carlisle, and those above mentioned not included in Mr. Conser's list will not attend Phenix. A sister of one of these players, a Miss Polly Hicks, a very intelligent girl, is also very anxious to attend Carlisle. Her father is a Cherokee and he has been trying for the past two years to have his daughter enter Carlisle, and last year I secured the consent of your Office, but superintendent Pratt failed to send her the necessary passes.

I approve of sending all these pupils to Carlisle as I deem it an opportunity they should not lose. I have been counting on attending the Institute at Colorado Springs, and if it meets your approval, I would very much like to accompany these pupils to Carlisle and return to the Institute. As I desire to start as early as the 14th instant, I have the honor to request that you wire me your decision.

Very respectfully,

*Eugene Mead*

Superintendent.

*Ans. by Conser*

*Authorized by wire to Conser*

*W. P.*