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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., December 3rd, 1898.

Hon. W.A. Jones,

1314 N. Street, N.W.,

Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Commissioner:

Miss Simmons is naturally anxious to get into the training which she feels so necessary and promising to her success in life. I have told her what you said, that you would see Mr. Slater and find out if there was not some fund that could be used, and we have waited quite a little expecting to hear. Knowing the great press of business upon you, I realize that it may have passed from your mind.

It seems to me clear that from the General Appropriation, 1st clause under Support of Schools, where it says "and for other educational purposes not hereinafter provided for", that she could receive a sum for this purpose.

I believe thoroughly, Mr. Commissioner, in the principles I expressed to you that we should as early and fully as practicable help every special case of genius to the fullest development. Nothing goes further with the public mind than practical demonstration. Miss Simmons, having this exceptional musical talent and being already well advanced, and having the endorsement and urgency of the best instructors to go ahead and develop her talent, encourages me to believe that she is one of the specially qualified cases. Her stay at Carlisle, and her career as I know it before that, assure

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me that she is worthy of the best of help, and I think it a great deal better policy that the Government should do this for her in a limited way, of course, than that she should fall into the hands of someone to whom she might possibly be over obligated. If you can find time I wish you would give me a decision as early as practicable. If Miss Simmons leaves, (and she would like to at once), I shall be without a teacher.

No word has come about the Cheyenne and Arapahoe party leaving Washington. I have arranged to have them met with transportation in Harrisburg, but ought to know some time in advance. It is my intention to come down about Wednesday of next week for one or two days. We leave here on the 13th on our trip.

Sincerely yours,



(Dictated) Mc