



Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., March 31st, 1899.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

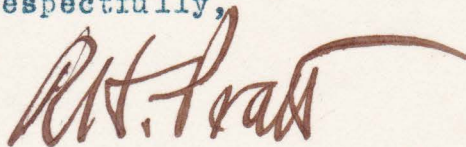
Sir:

Replying to your letter of March 30th, enclosing correspondence of Julia A. Spears, John H. Sutherland, Indian Agent, White Earth, Minn., and Hon. F.M. Eddy, urging the return of George Fairbanks, I have to respectfully state that under such urgency it is perhaps well to return the young man, but it is opening a wide door for other appeals through the same channels.

George Fairbanks is practically white, and, so far as I can see, should never have burdened the Government by attending any Indian School. I would suggest that he be ordered returned and the Agent be notified that inasmuch as the parents are able to place him in the local schools, and as he is practically white, he should be barred from attendance at any Indian school without special permission from the Indian Office to that effect. This, inasmuch as friends have demanded his return from the Carlisle School.

The letters of Mr. Eddy and Julia Spears, with Agent Sutherland's endorsement, are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,



Major 1st Cav'y., Supt.

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