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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Oct. 15 19 01.

Post, R. H.,

Lt. Col. 15th Cav'y, Supt.

In reference to Jaquez children
whose return home is asked
by Juan M. Jaquez, endorsed
by Dr. Brecken

Enc. - Return letter.

To H. Lewis Oct 21/01

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Oct. 15, 1901.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Replying to your letter of Oct. 9th marked "Education, 52985", enclosing letter from Juan M. Jaquez, requesting that his daughter Delphina be returned together with her three cousins, I have to respectfully advise you that it has been seventeen years since we received any children for a shorter period than five years. Our length of term is known all over the field. All the western non-reservation schools have made capital against us on these grounds, giving a shorter period themselves. From the general disposition of Dr. Breen I can hardly believe that he is an exception. There is no evidence with us nor in the recollection of anyone here that the children were entered for a three year period. The children themselves alleged to my employes that they came for five years. They are all in the eighth grade, bright and promising. My information is that home surroundings and the dangers of return there advise their retention here. From my general knowledge of these things and some special information I am satisfied that it would be disastrous for the girls to go home now. Two are in the country and know nothing of the letter. Delphina, who is here, is quite broken up over the prospect of being sent home before her term expires.

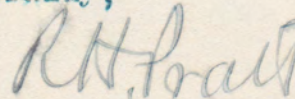
One of my present employes, transferred from Fort Lewis since

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the coming of this party, advises me that Mr. Jaquez, the alleged writer of the letter, said he wanted his daughter to remain at Carlisle as long as it was to her advantage to do so. Quite a number of others came in the same party with the Jaquez children under exactly the same conditions. No claim is urged for them on the grounds of a three year agreement.

I do not recommend the return of any of these pupils until the term for which they came expires, but shall of course cheerfully carry out the orders of the Department should they be contrary to my judgment. Mr. Jaquez' letter is returned herewith.

Very respectfully,



Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

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