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Carlisle, Pa. Mar 18 1902

Pratt, R. H.,

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

In reference to children of  
R. V. Griffin of Loomis, Wash.

Enclosures.

Letter of E. Fitzgerald  
Copies of letters to Mr. Griffin.

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To Fitzgerald apr. 15/02

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, pa., Mar. 18, 1902.

To The Honorable,  
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Replying to Office letter "Education 13910 - 1902" bearing date of March 17th, I have the honor to return herewith communication addressed to your Office by E. Fitzgerald, of Loomis, Wash., relative to the return of Ida and Tommy Griffin to their home, together with the following report:-

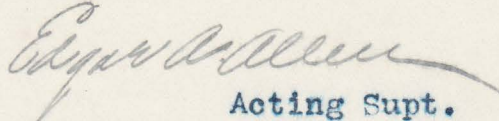
Last spring before the expiration of the term of five years for which Ida and Tommy were enrolled at this school, Ida, the elder, aged 20, stated that she desired to complete the course and wished at that time to go to the country. Accordingly, she was allowed to do so. Tommy tells me that he expressed to Col. Pratt last July a wish to go home but was held on account of the opinion of his sister that he would better remain until they both graduated. The reason she gave was that he had no home in Washington and the influences surrounding him as a consequence would not be good. The father is in the cattle and mining business and away a great deal of the time, and the mother is dead; so the home they once had is entirely broken up. Ida says that upon her informing her father that she wished to remain here until graduation he wrote her that she need never come home and that since last summer she has not received a line from him although she has written regularly every two weeks. Both children are now in the senior class and will graduate next February. Both say they pre-



fer to remain till then, and Tommy says he has so advised his father. An interview, as suggested by Mr. Fitzgerald, who I believe, is interested only as a sort of attorney, would not disclose the desire upon their parts that he asserts to exist.

I enclose copies of my last two letters to Mr. Griffin relative to this matter. In view of the ambition of the children to complete the course and the fact that they have no home, taken in connection with the determination of the father, as Tommy receives word, to remove to Alaska within a very few weeks, I respectfully recommend that the children remain at Carlisle until graduation.

Very respectfully,

  
Acting Supt.

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Pratt, R. H.,

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

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*Copy of letter written by  
Edgar A. Allen, Act. Supt. to  
R. V. Griffin, Loomis Wash.*



**Department of the Interior,**  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Mar. 6, 1902.

Mr. R. V. Griffin,

Loomis, Wash.

Dear Sir :-

I note what you say in your communication of the 24th. You surely were not serious when you stated that your children's remaining at Carlisle is due to any malice that the institution or any of its officers bears to you or your children. On the contrary, both stand well, are in the senior class and should graduate next spring when they will be at liberty to go home. Indeed, they are at liberty to go home as soon as their term is up at the end of the fiscal year. Ida did not wish to go last summer as she informed Colonel Pratt and I think you also, but chose rather to go to the country. I am very certain she is exceedingly anxious to finish the course and I hope Tommy is also. However, I have not talked with him about it.

I note that you say you must bring the matter to the attention of the Department and your representatives in Congress. Of course, you are at perfect liberty to do this, but I do not wish you to have the impression that Carlisle has anything in view but the very best interests of your children. Colonel Pratt is away and will not be back before the first of May. In the meantime I am unable to take any action, but you can correspond with him direct on his return.

Yours truly,

(Signed) EDGAR A. ALLEN.

Acting Supt.

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E. Fitzgerald,  
 Loomis, Wash.  
 Feb. 26, 1902  
 Rel. to the request  
 of R. V. Griffin for  
 the return of his child  
 from Carlisle  
 School.

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Very truly yours,  
 E. Fitzgerald

Mr. Griffin's statements and he earnestly requests that his children  
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 instead of sending her home as requested by her father who is now  
 arrangements for attending the same having been made by the Subt.  
 School when not hired out to work by the Subt. of the Indian School,  
 to do so. The children, however, have been seen by the Subt. and  
 their father is that they wish to return to him and are not allowed to  
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 by the Officers of the School, whose excuse to Mr. Griffin  
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 sent to have his children sent home, but for some reason  
 of five years. This time expired nearly a year ago and since  
 Mr. Griffin has continually requested the Subt. and  
 Mr. Griffin and his children in the Indian School at Carlisle



E. FITZGERALD,

ATTORNEY.

Loomis, Wash., Feby 26th, 1902.-----190

Indian School Service,

Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: R. V. Griffin of this place desires me to bring the following facts to the attention of the department:- He has a Son and Daughter, Tommy and Ida Griffin in the Indian School at Carlisle Pa., under a contract that the children should remain there for the period of five years. This time expired nearly a year ago and since its expiration Mr. Griffin has continually requested the Supt. and tried his best to have his children sent home, but for some reason best known to the Officers of the School his efforts and requests have been ignored and the children have been persuaded, coerced and in fact compelled to remain there against their will and without their consent, by the Officers of the School, whose excuse to Mr. Griffin is that the children desire to remain, when their private letters to their Father is that they wish to return to him but are not allowed to do so. The Girl, about Eighteen years of age, is attending public School when not hired out to work by the Supt. of the Indian School, arrangements for attending the same having been made by the Supt. instead of sending her home as requested by her Father who is now able and anxious to provide for the further education of his children. An interview with the children will disclose the truth of Mr. Griffins statements and he earnestly requests that his children be sent home at once,

Very truly yours,

E. Fitzgerald



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Pratt, R. H.,

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

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Copy of letter written by Edgar  
A. Allen, Act. Supt. to R. W.  
Griffin, Commis. Wash.



**Department of the Interior,**  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Feb. 11, 1902.

Mr. R. V. Griffin,  
Loomis, Wash.

Dear Sir :-

Replying to yours of Jan. 21st, I have to say that the matter of home going for those who are entitled to go at the end of the year, will be taken up in the course of three or four months, and your son and daughter will be consulted as to their wishes. If they decide to return they will be furnished transportation to their home and sent as soon after July 1st as it can be arranged. Tommy has entered the senior class and it would be advisable to let him remain and graduate. As he is bright and capable, we expect him to do that in March next if he continues. Ida is in the country attending public school, which privilege she sought. Having herself decided the question of going home or continuing under the direction of the school, she was held to her decision. Both children are well and have made splendid progress.

Yours truly,

(Signed) EDGAR A. ALLEN.

Acting Supt.

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