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

Giving details of damage  
done by cyclone July 3rd  
~~to the building~~  
ity for repairs.

To Supt. July 10, 1902

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., July 4, 1902.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :

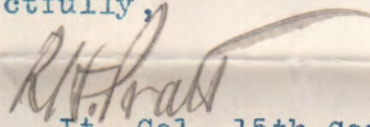
Referring to my telegram of yesterday advising that a cyclone had struck the school, unroofed our buildings and done about \$5,000 damage, I have to advise you in detail that the boiler house was entirely unroofed on one side, the roof timbers being carried over the building, and landing on the gymnasium roof, north side, broke that down. The other side of the boiler house is so damaged as to make an entire new roof necessary. The wall is intact. From the large boys' quarters about 2,000 square feet of roofing was carried away. This can be easily repaired. From the gymnasium about 3,000 feet of roofing was torn off and the force of the wind carried away the timbers and some of the stays on one side over and back about thirty feet. These timbers, some large, separated from the tin roofing and were carried up and over the girls' building, knocking down a chimney as they passed and landing on the parade on the southeast side of the girls' quarters. The whole north side of the gymnasium roof is badly damaged, the rafters being broken in two and pressed down by the force of the wind. Fortunately, the heavy trusses upon which the roof was built were strong enough to resist the shock and pressure, and held the whole roof from falling in. Practically the entire roof of this building will have to come off. About 2,500 feet

of tin roofing from the girls' quarters was rolled up and carried over on the parade, and the roofing timbers and sheeting so badly damaged that it will have to be reorganized. About 5,000 feet of roofing from the small boys' quarters was rolled up and blown away, part of it being carried well across the fields; fortunately, the woodwork remains in fairly good shape. Other roofs are damaged by flying timbers, boards, etc. Quite a good many trees were blown down and others destroyed and others badly damaged.

As the gymnasium, which is 60 x 150 feet long, must have the roof entirely taken off and reorganized, that will be the heaviest expense. The replacement of the boiler house roof will also cause considerable outlay. I have gotten together all the mechanical help I could and am using our pupils today as the weather is threatening and the inside damage owing to the flood of rain will call for considerable expenditure in replastering.

I trust authority to go ahead with these repairs will be given at once.

Very respectfully,



Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.