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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. July 22 1902

Pratt, R. H.,

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

Reporting on case of ~~Alicia~~  
L. Doctor, daughter of Mrs. Jake  
Rubens & enclosing copy of  
letter to Mrs. Ruben.

Returning letter of Mr. Steiner,  
Attorney.

To Steiner July 26/02

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, pa., July 22, 1902.

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

Sir :

Replying to yours of the 19th instant marked "Education, 41913-1902" enclosing letter from H. L. Steiner, of Akron, New York, in reference to Alice L. Doctor, a pupil of this school, I have to respectfully advise you that Alice Doctor, a Seneca, aged fourteen, came to Carlisle April 24th, 1901 for a term of five years; that in October of last year her mother, Mrs. Reubens, began writing and demanding her return, and this is her second appeal through your Office. I have answered her letters in a kindly way explaining the conditions. The girl has been in the country under our outing since last fall, where she is well treated and getting the experience we want all our pupils to have. I enclose copy of my last letter to Mrs. Reubens written in answer to her complaints to you, which letter was forwarded to me for that purpose.

The case is similar to others which have been up in the past month or two, notably that of the children of James T. Jameson of Steamburg, N.Y., although the correspondence has not been so extensive, being limited to some half dozen letters. My recommendation is that the girl be continued as a member of the Carlisle school under our supervision and such privileges as the school can give, and

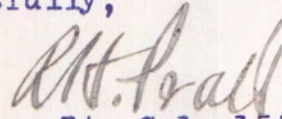


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that the mother through her attorney be notified by your Office that her daughter is not subject to her call until she has completed the five years for which she entered Carlisle.

Mr. Steiner's letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R.H. Pratt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.



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H. L. Steiner

Akron N.Y.

July 15

Rel. to desire of Mrs  
Jake Ruben to  
have her daughter  
returned from Carlisle

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H. L. Steiner,  
Attorney and Counselor,  
47 Main Street.

Akron, N. Y., July 15 1902 ~~189~~

H. A. Judd,  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:-

Mrs. Jake. Kuder:- has seen me relative to a daughter she sent to Carlisle to school. It seems that instead of being at Carlisle to school she is working as a domestic in a family at Delaware. Which they do not approve of. She wants the girl sent back to her home at Onawanda. So she can send her to school. Kindly issue an order, if that is necessary, allowing the girl to come home at once.

Respectfully

H. L. Steiner

The girls name is Alice S. Drelan



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*Copy of recent letter to  
Mrs. Rubens concerning  
her daughter.*

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., May 16, 1902.

Mrs. Jake Ruben,  
Akron, New York.

Dear Mrs. Ruben :

Your letter dated May 4th addressed to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs is sent me by the Commissioner with instructions to write the letter I ought in regard to your daughter.

I have looked up the matter carefully and am satisfied the complaints you make about her treatment are without foundation. You know or should have known that we place our children out very largely. It is a part of our policy to bring them in contact with our own people and let them learn by such contact to associate with white people and become their equals. It is the only successful way to accomplish that purpose. Your daughter went out because she wanted to go. We do not send children out unless they desire it, but we do send them whenever they desire to go and we feel sure their conduct while out will be creditable to themselves and to us. During the winter Alice attend public school. So far as our records show, she never received any money from home. She has money of her own earnings amounting in all to eleven dollars, so that she is not in need of any from you. The very fact that we placed your daughter in a good family where she could attend a good school is the best evidence that we are not a reformatory of the character you allege. All schools everywhere are reformatory, and even family life when of a proper character is reformatory. To strengthen and build up character is or ought to be the aim of all who have to do with children.

The lady with whom your daughter is living, Mrs. Bonsal, is a very excellent woman. In a letter to me she says, "If all the girls did as well as Alice there would be no poor reports sent in." From these facts you see there is no cause for dissatisfaction.

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) R. H. PRATT.  
Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated(P)

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