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Fort Berthold Agency,
ELBOWOODS, N. D.

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Anizi W. Thomas
U.S. Agent

Regarding pupil attend
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To Ft. Berthold Sept. 19/02

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In reply to:

Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Ellenwood, N.D.

Sept 2nd 1902.

Hon Commissioner Indian Affairs:
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I respectfully call your attention to the following:

Three years ago Blair Everett then a youth of 19 years - son of Strikes Enemy an Indian of this reservation - ran away and went with a party of pupils to Carlisle Pa., then he was entered in the Indian Industrial School, where he has since remained with the consent of his parents. Strikes Enemy, the father, is now 66 years of age and a cripple. They have about 85 head of stock in the family, with no one to care for it except the old man and his wife. 57 years old, and are very anxious their son should now be permitted to return home; and I am inclined to recommend that it be done. I inclose letter of Col. Pratt to Enemy. Very respectfully,

Amzi S. Thomas
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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa. Aug. 16th. 1902.

Strikes Enemy,

Elbowoods, N. Da.

My dear friend:

Your son, Clair Everett, entered this school for a fixed period. I cannot change that period because of an immediate or fancied need at home. We are even barred from considering the health of parents and relatives as a reason for sending children home.

Your boy is in good health and is doing well, and there is every reason why he should be allowed to have his present chances for an education. We all have to make sacrifices for our children by doing without their services, and allowing them to be absent from us; but all these are necessary in securing proper education for them. you will be serving best, not only your boy, but also yourself, in doing this for him.

Faithfully, your friend,

Dictated.

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