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Department of the Interior,

INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Nov. 10, 1902.

Miss Estelle Reel,  
Supt. of Indian Schools,  
Washington, D. C.

Madam :

Yours of October 27th asking me to forward to your Office a list of topics I desire to have discussed at the meeting of the Department of Indian Education to be held in Boston in July next and to state whether I expect to attend, I have to say that the following seem to me vital questions just now, and it is my intention to be in Boston and take part in their discussion :

✓ Resolved, That any expenditure of public money to segregate Indians and build up and strengthen their tribal life is unwarranted, because against the best interests of both the Indians and the Government.

Resolved, That the present system of home schools for the Indians both day and boarding, in which the children of each tribe are segregated by themselves, unavoidably constrains to and emphasizes tribal life and is inducement against contact and competition with the white race and therefore directly hinders their transit into the national life.

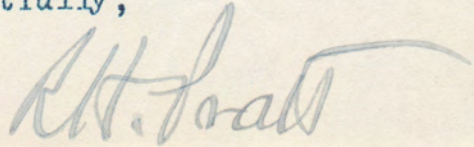
Resolved, That tentative industrial schools located in the best industrial and civilized surroundings, in which children from all tribes are brought to associate together and from which they are forwarded and distributed as early and as widely as possible into associations and competitions in the public and other established schools



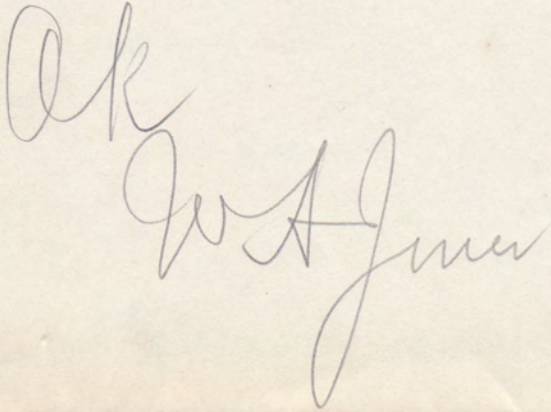
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and into the industrial and family life of the country are the kind of Indian schools best calculated to open the way and give real aid to Indian youth in their efforts to pass from the communism of the tribe to individual usefulness and citizenship in the nation.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R.H. Soatt".

Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

Handwritten initials "Ak" and a signature "W.A. Jones" in cursive script.