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Indian Indus. School,  
Carlisle, Pa., Mar. 24, 1904.

Pratt. R. H. Col. & Supt.

Concerning release of Nellie Lillard. Enclosing copy of letter written her Mar. 17th.

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# Department of the Interior,

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

*Carlisle, Pa.,* ..... Mar. 24, 1904/90 .....

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :

Replying to yours of the 23rd instant marked "Education 18942 1904", enclosing a communication from Miss Nellie Lillard, which communication is herewith returned, I have to respectfully advise you that Nellie Lillard was dropped from our school rolls on the 18th instant as per copy of my letter to her which is herewith. I wrote her thus in answer to an urgent appeal from her and evidence I had from my outing agent that she was satisfactorily located. There has been no disposition on my part at any time to keep her in restraint provided she would go to her home or beyond the precincts of Carlisle which include our outing communities. Nellie understood this and her letter to you is therefore unwarranted in its insinuations.

I have found it objectionable to have graduates located in the same neighborhood with our students unless they are connected with the school and under our school rules, because of the disposition to flaunt their liberties and to create discontent thereby. Unfortunately, Nellie has not always shown herself entirely wise in her actions when under our outing . This gave me the more concern, and I insisted before releasing her from school rules upon knowing where and the conditions under which she was to locate.

Very respectfully,

*R.H. Pratt*  
Col. & Supt.



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Miss Nellie Lillard,  
540 S. 48th St.,  
Phila., Pa.

Dear Nellie :

Mr. Allen hands me your letter to him. Mrs. Cook writes that you have a most satisfactory home. You seem to have made a good start and so far I have no reason to feel that you will not make a success of it. I therefore with pleasure comply with your request to be released from Carlisle and have given orders that your name be dropped from our lists.

I shall be glad to hear from you when you feel inclined to write and to know of your success in what you may undertake.

Faithfully your friend,

(Signed) R. H. PRATT.

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Hon. Com. Jones:-  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am a recent graduate of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School and feel proud of the fact, but now that I am through, I wish to be released from any and all obligations to the School.

I am here working and making an honest living & have never lived on an



Indian reservation or been a care  
to the Government with the ex-  
ception of these last three years  
at Carlisle.

I have asked Col. Pratt for my  
release and have been refused.  
I would therefore like to know  
if he can retain me against my  
will, under his supervision, if so,  
upon what grounds?

I am twenty-two years of age  
and took care of myself before  
going to Carlisle and feel fully  
able to do it yet.

I do not care to return to my  
western home at present as I  
wish to pursue a higher course  
of education.

Col. Pratt, I am given to under-  
stand intends forcing me back  
under the supervision of the school,  
this I do not care to do.

Will you kindly instruct me  
therefore, if Col. Pratt has any  
further authority over me,  
if you can release me from  
further obligations to Carlisle, I  
shall deem it a great favor.

Trusting I may be favored  
with an early reply. I  
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Very respectfully

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