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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., August 10, 1904.

Hon. W. A. Jones,
Commissioner Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Before Captain Mercer left for Utah, where he now is, I had a consultation with him relative to my asking for a change of position. He was kind enough to say that he would be very glad to have me remain at Carlisle but would, in case of my decision to go elsewhere, do what he could to aid me in securing promotion. He advised me to write you personally as soon as you returned from your western trip.

I notice that a vacancy as special agent has been made by the transfer of Mr. McNichol and I venture to ask you to consider me for the place. My Indian experience warrants me in believing that I can render you acceptable service in such a position and my appointment would relieve me from a rather uncongenial situation here. I am sure that it is not necessary for me to assure you that should you so favor me you will find me in the new relation thoroughly loyal to you and the Service as I have been heretofore.

Should you desire an official application or a personal interview your wishes will be promptly complied with.

Yours truly,

Edgar A. Allen