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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
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Capt.W.A.Mercer,
Supt.

Relative to plans and maps of school buildings and grounds, and requesting authority to employ surveyor for 3 weeks at $5 per day

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To Supt. 4/8/05

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CAPTAIN W. A. MERCER, 7TH CAVALRY
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PENNA.

April 5, 1905.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter "Education" of March 22d, I have to state that I am having a complete set of floor plans on the scale of 1/8 inch to one foot of the various buildings, with front and side elevations, giving height of ceilings, etc., prepared by the school drawing teacher. There will be no expense about this work. I also have on the ground a competent local engineer, the county surveyor, who, since my telephone message with the Chief of the Education Division, has, at my suggestion, made tests of the surveys which appeared to be wrong, with the result that serious errors are discovered to exist in the map or tracing referred to in my 'phone talk with Mr. Dortch. The scale of that drawing is one inch to 60 feet. To cite the nature of the errors I would say that the buildings are not located properly. The main pipe line is recorded on the said map as six feet from the walk, whereas it is 16 ft. 3 in. The cemetery is located 210 feet from the little cottage in the rear of the stable, while as a matter of fact it is only 70 feet. There are so many of these errors, which has evidently arisen from the fact that no surveys have been made in recent years but the maps have been successively copied, reproduced and added to, so that

the original errors have been repeated and new ones have crept in until I think the map referred to is of no value.

It is desirable that we should have a good topographical map with 20 ft. contour lines. The estimated cost would be three weeks' work at $5.00 per day for the engineer. We can supply his assistants. Judging that my recommendation for this survey will be approved, in order to save valuable time, I have instructed the engineer to go ahead with the work, so if you do not approve of my recommendation for his employment please notify me as soon as possible. The few days that he may put in, in the meantime, I can arrange to settle for in connection with certain work that I want done for the athletic grounds.

Very respectfully,

Captain 7th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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