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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
April 19, 1905.

Capt. W. A. Mercer,
Supt.

Asks if 3 Alaskan girls can be
enrolled. Incloses letter of
Emily B. Parke on subject.

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Encl. 1 ret. to Carlisle

May 2/05

E. J. [Signature]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PENNA.

J.R.W.
April 19, 1905.

To the Honorable,
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herewith a letter dated March 4, 1905, from Emily B. Parke, a teacher of the Rampart school, Rampart, Alaska, relative to the admission of three Alaskan Indian girls into this school. In this connection attention is invited to the Act of Congress approved January 27, 1905 (Public No. 26), section 7 of which authorizes the admission of Indian children from Alaska into Indian boarding schools; attention is also invited to your letter "Education" dated March 20, 1905, relative to the enrollment of such Alaskan pupils. It would appear from the letter herewith that these three cases affect Alaskan children whom it would be very desirable to enroll, and as it is inferred that their transportation to Carlisle would be cared for by an interested gentleman the question is respectfully submitted for your consideration whether we shall enroll these three girls in the event that their transportation is paid.

Kindly return the inclosed letter with your reply.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Mercer
Captain 7th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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Major: I do not think the Com^d
would approve placing any
more Alaskans in our schools,
but they are not certain &
While Congress gave auth. to place
them in our schools, they
omitted Mr Sully's proviso
that an appro. should be made
therefor & Capt Mercer has been
told to keep what Alaskans
he has until further orders, but
take no more & I don't just
exactly know what to do
in this case & 30956/05
April 24/05 JWB

Mr. Commissioner.

If we can save
these little girls from the
White Wolves up there

let's do it - sentiment
aside would it be
a satisfaction to cheat
them of their probable
victims? Here is a good
man who is willing to
take the trouble to conduct
them all the way from
Alaska, and having
the authority ^{to admit them} can we
ought we to close the
door against them?

Matter fear you
will be able to get
money - denied this
year.

Mercer is willing,
to say the least, and
if you will say O.K.
I shall be glad to tell
him to enroll the girls.

9/20 PM }
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C.H.

I want to be as
merciful as possible
but I can't go on fil-
ling up air schools
with children who
have no immediate
rights there, when
Congress won't give
me any money to
transport them. We
can't get to keep a
lot of children
at Carlisle now,
just this time, be-
cause we have no
money to send them
home. We can take
these three, if you

think best,
but with a
full explana-
tion of the
situation to
their Chiefactor,
so that the
case will
not be regarded
as a precedent,

F. E. L.

I do
let us
take them un-
der the conditions
named by
Cours
The
affay 1.