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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
Aug. 16, 1905.

Major W.A. Mercer,
Supt.

Gives reasons for delay in
forwarding statement of cost of
employees and issues and expendi-
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PENNA.

August 16, 1905.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

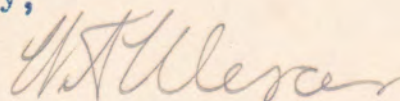
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter "Education", August 15, 1905, in which you request that the statement of cost of employees and issues and expenditures on account of this school for the quarter ended June 30, 1905, be prepared and forwarded immediately, I regret to be obliged to state that the quarterly property papers are not yet completed and until they are the statement cannot be prepared. We will give the matter every possible attention, but we are short handed and both property and financial papers have been very much delayed this quarter. I expect to be able to forward this paper by the middle of next week.

The great amount of money expended in the purchase of supplies toward the close of the last fiscal year, which necessitated entering into many contracts, made the volume of business in closing last quarter exceedingly large and just about swamped the office. This together with the fact that the school clerk was obliged to leave on account of illness as soon as the financial papers were prepared, and other unavoidable causes, contributed to bring about the condition of delay, which I very much regret.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,
Superintendent.