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Carlisle Indian Industrial School
Carlisle, Pa.

Oct. 6, 1905.

W. A. Mercer,
Major 11th Cavalry, Supt.

Replies to letter from the Indian
Office asking for information re-
garding transportation of Dorothy
Reinken, an Alaskan graduate of th
school.

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To Supt. 10/11/05

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PENNA.

J.R.W.
Oct. 6, 1905.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

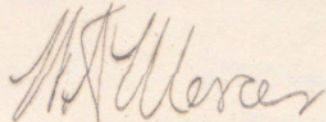
I am in receipt of the Acting Commissioner's letter, "Education 78224, 1905" dated the 4th Inst., enclosing a letter from Dorothy Reinken of Buffalo, N. Y., relative to railroad transportation to Seattle. I am asked to submit a report and recommendation on the subject.

In reply I have to state that this young lady graduated from this school in March, last, and a few weeks later secured a position in a nice home in Buffalo, where, I understand, she has since been employed. Under the decisions and instructions of your office, I am authorized to pay transportation of no Alaskan pupils. This has been made plain to all such pupils who have gone out from here, and I have no doubt the situation is thoroughly understood by the writer, Dorothy Reinken.

Of course if the office should see fit to make an exception in her case and so instruct me I will arrange for reduced rate transportation for her from here to Seattle, if possible. I am of the impression, however, from the best information obtainable, that this young lady is at least as well off where she now is as she would be should she return to her home; still, it is but natural that she should wish to return to her old home and people. Her home is in Unalaska, almost the extreme western part of Alaska.

She was discharged from this school on March 23, 1905. Her letter is returned to your office herewith.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. J. Mercer".

Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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Indian Office,

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Hon. Mr. Luepp.

Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

The reason

for my writing is to ask you if you would not please tell me whether I am entitled to a ticket to Seattle Wash. or not. I graduated in the last class from Carlisle and have been in Buffalo ever since.

I would like so very much to return to my home in Alaska as my mother is sick and needs me - I've been away from my home ever since 1897. My father says he'll pay my expenses from Seattle to Alaska.

I've been getting along very nicely since I graduated and would like very much to go to my dear home again. - St

was my intention to go
right home after com.
but major mercer advised
me to come here. I will
be very much obliged
indeed to you if you will
answer my letter soon.

Very Respectfully yours
Dorothy Reinken

#94-7th St.

Buffalo N.Y.

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