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

Requests that estimate of f
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PENNA.

J. R. W.
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The Honorable,
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I desire to invite your attention to the necessity for an increased appropriation for the Carlisle Indian School for the fiscal year 1907, as a result of the action of the Trunk Line Railway Association and of the Pennsylvania Lines east of Chicago, as well as some of the connecting lines west of Chicago in discontinuing the reduced rate arrangement for transportation of pupils and employees on account of the Carlisle Indian school, beginning January first.

The school is now required to pay full rate for all transportation over the Pennsylvania Lines and other lines belonging to the Trunk Line Association, the rate being 3 cents per mile in the State of Pennsylvania. Two of the western railway lines running into Chicago have indicated their purpose, for the time being, to continue the special rate, but it is impossible to say how long this will continue. However, it is quite probable that after July first all of the lines will charge full rates.

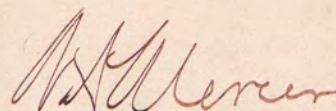
It is expected, as a result of the action by the railroads above outlined, the cost of transportation on account of this school will be increased about 40 per cent. From twelve to fifteen thousand dollars per annum have been expended in recent years for transportation, and it is estimated that for the fiscal year 1907 the cost

would have been about \$13,000 under the reduced rate arrangement. By the withdrawal of such arrangements it is expected that the cost of transportation will be increased about \$6,000.

The attendance at this school is at present about one thousand pupils and the average has been slightly above that number during most of the period since last September, and it is the purpose to maintain the enrollment at as close to 1000 as possible. In view of the present high prices of provisions, clothing and other articles required for the conduct of the school, it is impracticable to maintain the enrollment at 1000 and meet all required expenses in addition to the increased item in cost of transportation above referred to, with the \$151,000 previously estimated.

It is therefore respectfully recommended that my estimate dated August 18, 1905, requesting an appropriation of \$151,000 for the support of this school, transportation of pupils, repairs, etc., for the fiscal year 1907, be increased from \$151,000 to \$157,000. This additional appropriation is deemed to be very essential for the proper and efficient conduct of the school, and your favorable consideration and action is respectfully urged.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.