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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
March 21, 1906.

Major W.A. Mercer,
Supt.

Reports relative to case of
Maggie Mandrigen, Alaskan, a
former pupil at Carlisle, who
went into the home of Capt. Hall
at Whiterocks, Utah, and after-
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
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March 21, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter (Education 22160--1906), dated the 14th instant, referring to me for my information a communication from Captain C. G. Hall, Acting U. S. Indian Agent, Uintah & Ouray Agency, Utah, relative to the condition of Maggie Mandrigen, an Alaskan girl who was formerly a pupil at this school.

Replying thereto I have to state that this girl was discharged from the school and taken by Captain Hall to his home the latter part of March, 1905. I first learned that she had left his home through a letter from her dated December 27th last in which she expressed a wish to enter the Indian school at Chemawa, Ore. I wrote to the superintendent of that school with a view of having her enter there, but for reasons now apparent this plan could not be carried out. Upon receiving another letter from Maggie expressing a desire to go to friends at Myrtle Point, Oregon, I had transportation from Price, Utah, to Portland, Ore., placed for her with the railway agent at Price, and sent to Col. Mason, the Commanding Officer at Fort Duchesne, for Maggie, an order for steamship transportation from Portland to Marshfield, Ore., an order on the stage line for transportation from Ft. Duchesne to Price, and a check for \$10.00 for

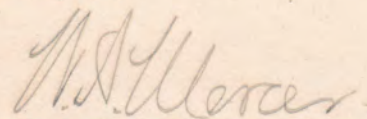
incidental expenses. Col. Mason later returned the order for stage transportation saying that Maggie paid her way to Price out of money sent her by some friends. From Col. Mason's letter and from a letter received from Captain Hall at about the same time I learned some of the particulars of the girl's conduct at Whiterocks and Fort Duchesne, having previously had only the girl's own statement that she was in destitute circumstances.

I have paid for the transportation of this girl from Price, Utah, to Portland and thence to Marshfield personally and on my own responsibility, but I hope to be able to reimburse myself for the expenses thus incurred out of the Emergency Fund of moneys accrued from run-a-way students, if Maggie does not make good the amount, which is altogether improbable. The cost of transportation was \$26.60, and I also advanced her \$10.00 in cash for incidental expenses en route.

I will bear in mind your instructions to keep track of the girl and to see that she eventually reaches Alaska in safety and I will do the best I can to comply with the same.

The letter of Captain Hall inclosed with your letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

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Whiterocks, Utah,

March 5th 1906.

My dear Mr Leupp:

Replying to your letter relative to the situation of Maggie Mandrigen, the Aleut who was with me when you were here last summer, I will say that the situation in which the girl has been placed is exceedingly unfortunate, and I have used every effort to guard her from her errors while she was with me and after she went to Fort Duchesne.

Her condition is the result of her indiscretion with the soldiers, an eventuality which I feared and which I tried to guard her against. When I learned of her trouble I took the matter up with the Commanding Officer at Fort Duchesne and endeavored to have the man responsible for her condition made to marry her, or if this were impossible, to effect his punishment for his conduct.

I found, however, that she had not been the victim of the attentions of one man but of many, with the result that none of the men were willing to assume the responsibility for her undoing. It is true that she points out her seducer, but I understand that the party is ready to produce evidence that he is not guilty of her seduction, but can show that she was promiscuous with her favors. While I feel that the girl is the victim of her wilful

disregard of good advice given her, I realize that, owing to her youth and ignorance, she is to be pitied rather than censured. Under these circumstances I have felt that the only thing to be done was to help the girl return to her home in Alaska, and she has already gone to friends in Oregon with the intention of returning to Alaska in the summer.

It seems that she wrote to Major Mercer at Carlisle stating that she was destitute and he procured for her a ticket to Oregon, though at this time I was making arrangements to that end.

Yesterday, in enquiring of the Commanding Officer at Fort Duchesne as to the intentions of the man referred to in your letter as to marriage, ~~and~~ Col Mason said that he believed the man desired merely to obtain his discharge from the Army on the pretext of marrying the girl. It seems at one time he had arranged to marry her, or at least made the girl believe so, but when she went to Vernal for that purpose he failed to materialize.

In talking to Maggie personally of the situation she seems to have given up the idea of having any of the men marry her, but did want to return home.

Col Mason, the Commanding Officer at Fort Duchesne was anxious to do anything for the protection of the girl, but from the circumstances as I have told you it seemed impossible to substantiate the guilt of any particular person.

Very truly,

Hon. F.E. Leupp.

Washington, D.C.

