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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,  
June 2, 1906.

Maj. W.A. Mercer,  
Supt.

Reports on request of Robert  
C. Congdon of Gowanda, N.Y. to  
have Sophia Green returned to her  
home.

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To Supt. 6/7/06

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*W.A. Mercer*

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

*J.R.W.*  
June 2, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to Office letter "Education 43639-06" dated the 24th ultimo inclosing a letter dated the 19th ultimo from Robert E. Congdon, writing in behalf of Sarah White in regard to the release of her daughter Sophia Green from this school, claiming that she never signed any papers to have the girl placed in this school, I have to state that this girl was enrolled as a student here on September 9, 1905. She is a member of the Seneca tribe from near Gowanda, N.Y., and is now about 16 years of age. We have an application and consent properly filled out and the consent bears the signature of "Sara Green", the mother of said Sophia. The girl was one of a party of pupils brought here last summer by one of our employees, Charles Kennedy. Kennedy is no longer an employee of the school and we are therefore unable to get his statement.

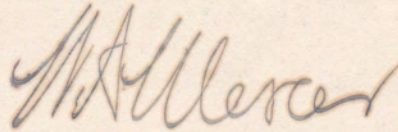
We have, however, talked with the girl and she states that her mother gave her consent for the daughter to come to Carlisle as a student and that she thinks she signed the consent blank for her mother. She is not very positive on this point, but I think there can be no doubt but that the mother did give her consent for the daughter to come.

Under the circumstances I do not believe there is any good

reason for releasing the girl from her obligations as a student of this school and I therefore recommend that the request for her return home be denied.

The inclosure accompanying your said Office letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read "M. Mercer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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Robt. C. Congdon  
Yonkers N.Y.

May 19/06

Rel. to desire of Mrs.  
Sarah White to have  
her daughter released  
from Carlisle School

To Congdon 5/24/06  
Rec. Carlisle "

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# Congdon & Congdon,

COUNSELORS AT LAW.

*Cowanda, N. Y.* May 19th, 1906.

Francis E. Leuf,  
Com'r. of Indian Affairs,

Dear Sir :-

Sarah White, who is a squaw living down here in the Reservation has a daughter at the Carlisle School by the name of Sophia Green. Mrs. White has employed me to communicate with you and see what can be done. She tells me that she never signed any papers to have the girl put into th school and neither did the father of the girl. She thinks that someone else signed the papers, but she does not know who, and she says that whoever did certainly had no authority to sign them. She says that she needs the girl at home and wishes to get her out.

I write to you so see what the situation is with regard to the girl and who signed the papers and whether she can be held on the papers signed. If the mother is entitled to have the girl at home, it seems to me that she should be allowed to go.

Kindly give me whatever information you can in regard to the matter, and oblige

Yours truly,

*Robert E. Congdon.*

*Came Sept. 9/05  
Age 15 - Seneca Tr.  
mother - Sara Green  
Collins, N.Y.*