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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
Oct. 4, 1906.

Maj. W. A. Mercer,
Supt.

Incloses letter of F.J.Pack-
ineau of Ft. Berthold Agency re-
lative to pupils whom the Supt.
will not permit to go to Carlisle,
also other correspondence on the
subject.

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W. A. Mercer

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

CARLISLE, PA

J. J. M.
Oct. 4, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I inclose herewith a letter dated the 24th ultimo from J. J. Packineau of the Fort Berthold Indian Agency, North Dakota, relative to the refusal of the superintendent in charge of the Fort Berthold reservation to permit certain Indian children to be transferred to and enrolled at Carlisle. In this connection I desire to invite your attention to the inclosed copies of letters from and to Asst. Superintendent Gaymond in regard to this party of students coming to Carlisle. It seems to me that the Carlisle Indian School is being discriminated against in the matter of effecting transfers here from Fort Berthold reservation. Attention is respectfully invited to Circular No. 84, Nov. 1, 1902, giving parents the right to select the school which their children shall attend. It is suggested that it would be well to investigate this case and ascertain the actual facts.

I respectfully request that I be advised of the result of any investigation or inquiry that you make.

Very respectfully,

W. A. Mercer

Major 11th Cavalry,
Superintendent.

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

Sept. 11, 1906.

Copy

Mr. Geo. A. Gaymond, Asst. Supt.,
Fort Berthold Indian School,
Elbowoods, N. Dak.

My dear Mr. Gaymond:

It gives me pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 6th. I remember meeting you at Browning and am very glad indeed to hear from you again, particularly so to know that you have remembered Carlisle. It will be gratifying to us to receive the students you mention and I inclose herewith some application blanks. I have sent an extra supply so that if you want to increase your party you can do so. For a party of eight or more we can pay the transportation and expenses of an escort to Carlisle and return. Could you not come on yourself? I should like to have you see the school. If it is not convenient to send an attendant I will send some one out after them, but we always prefer to have an attendant bring them from the reservation because we like to have those interested in the reservation schools pay a visit to Carlisle.

Please state when and where you want the transportation placed, including one for the attendant, and for any students under 12 years of age ask for half tickets. You can wire the information, giving number of tickets and railroad station at which they should be placed.

Thanking you very much for your kind remembrance of Carlisle, and assuring you we shall appreciate your co-operation and be very glad to have representatives from your school and locality, I am,
Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) W A Mercer,

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Major 11th Cavalry, Supt.

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Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to address you in reference to the transfer

of some pupils from this school to your school. So far I have eight pupils that have consented to be transferred and I think that more could be induced to accompany someone to take charge of them, in the event that you cannot send a representative for them then if you will send transportation for at least eight pupils and for one to take charge of them I will see that they get there you will please mail me some application blanks as I am about out

Sir,

Very Respectfully,
Asst. Supt.

I had the pleasure of meeting you while you were visiting here. Blackfeet, boarding school at that place but since have been transferred at Browning, Mont. last summer at that time I was in charge of the

Handwritten signature
Asst. Supt.

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Ft. Berthold School,
Elbowoods, N.D.,
Sept. 6, 1906.

Geo. A. Gaymond,
Asst. Supt.

States there are a number of pupils there who desire to go to Carlisle.

DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN SERVICE

Inds. School, Elbowoods N. Dak. Sept 6th 1906

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Fort Berthold Inds. School, Elbowoods N.Dak. Sept 6th 1906

Supt. Mercer, Carlisle, Indian, School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to address you in reference to the transfer of some pupils from this school to your school,

So far I have eight pupils that have consented to be transferred and I think that more could be induced to accompany someone to take charge of them, in the event that you cannot send a representative for them then if you will send transportation for at least eight pupils and for one to take charge of them I will see that they get there you will please mail me some application blanks as I am about out

The pupils are those that have consented to go four boys and four girls,

Very Respectfully,

Geo A Gaymond Asst. Supt.

P.S.

I had the pleasure of meeting you while you was visiting Capt. Dare, at Browning, Mont. last summer at that time I was in charge of the Blackfeet, boarding school, at that place but since have been transferred to this place it would be a great pleasure to meet you again

Geo A Gaymond Asst. Supt.

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Ft. Berthold Agency,
N. Dak.
Sep. 24, 1906#

F. J. Packineau,

Complains that the Supt.
in charge of agency will not
permit children to come to
Carlisle.

[Faint handwritten notes and signatures, including a large signature that appears to be "F. J. Packineau" and other illegible text.]

St. Berthold Indian Agency
Elbowoods N. D.

Sept. 24th 1906.

Major H. A. Mercer,
Supt. Carlisle Ind. School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir,

Some of the Indian children
desire to enter your school. (Carlisle.)
They reported to the Assistant Superintendent,
which he took the list of names.

The parents of these children gave their
consent for them to go.

The Supt. A. H. Thomas who is in charge of
this Agency, would not grant the request.

But wished them to go to Wahpeton School.

These children know that your school is the
place for them to go in order to be in a high
school. I have been around to the homes of these
children's parents, and they do not like the
way the Agent has done. Here at the Boarding
school, he has more than he can handle. He is
not short of children. He took each one of these
children and told them that Carlisle is too far
away while Wahpeton was near home. He had
C. W. Hoffman one of the day school teachers to help
him. I enclosed you the names of those who want
to go.

Stephen Bird. Thomas White Wolf, Arthur,
Old Mouse. Joseph Eagle. Clarence Perkins.
Joseph Young Hawk, Andrew White Owl.
Edna Smith. Minnie Black Hawk.
Clara Hall. Mattie Hall. Chas Sackineau
John Two Crows.

If you want to find out more about it write
to Asst Supt. Gayman.

Yours R
Respectfully Yours
J. J. Sackineau