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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
Jan. 14, 1907.

Maj. W. A. Mercer,
Supt.

Requests that steps be taken to have legislation modified so as to permit the return of an unlimited number of Alaskans to their homes.

Incloses copy of letter to Dr. Sheldon Jackson on subject.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.

Carlisle, Pa.,

Jan. 14, 1907. *J.R.W.*

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

Sir:

The Deficiency Appropriation Act approved June 30, 1906 (Public No. 381, p. 24), contained the following provision:

"To enable the Secretary of the Interior to return twenty-two pupils heretofore in the United States Indian School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to their respective homes in Alaska, three thousand seven hundred and five dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary."

In connection with the foregoing attention is invited to the inclosed copy of a letter of this date to Dr. Sheldon Jackson in reference to securing a modification of the foregoing provision. As these Alaskan children are at Carlisle and proper provision should be made for meeting their transportation to their homes, I suggest that your Office take such steps as may be deemed advisable to procure a modification of the legislation above quoted so as to permit of the use of any balance remaining of said money at any time during the fiscal year 1908, and for any number of Alaskan children who will be entitled to transportation home from Carlisle.

Very respectfully,

W. M. Morris
Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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Yours sincerely,

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

Jan. 14, 1907.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Bureau of Education,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 31st ultimo inquiring about the number of Alaskan children that we will wish to return to their homes during the coming summer, and asking whether we have sufficient funds left over to send them, etc., I have to state that of the \$3705.00 appropriated by the Deficiency Act approved June 30, 1906, (Public No. 381, p. 24) less than \$1500 have thus far been expended in returning such pupils, and that under its provisions but 16 pupils of the 22 authorized have been sent.

There will probably be 14 or 15 Alaskan pupils whose term of enrollment will expire and who will wish to return to their homes during the coming summer. There will also be from 15 to 20 whose period of enrollment will have expired in June, 1908, and who will have the right to return home on or before June 30th of that year. While it is not thought any additional appropriation will be required, I think it very desirable that the provision of law above referred to should be modified by an item of legislation making the said appropriation available for the transportation of an unlimited number of Alaskan children, now enrolled at the Carlisle Indian School, to their homes in Alaska, at any time during the fiscal year 1908. I am of the opinion that legislation to this effect would meet every

requirement, and I feel it very desirable that the provision of law referred to should be so modified.

Of course as the matter now stands we can, any time before June 30th, return six Alaskan pupils but no more. Any assistance that you can render in procuring such modified legislation will be appreciated.

With personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. A. MERCER,

Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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