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Indian School, Carlisle, Pa.,
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Maj. W. A. Mercer,
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Relative to having appropriation for returning Alaskan pupils modified.

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

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 24, 1907. *J. W.*

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

Sir:

I have your letter (Education 4776/02) dated the 19th instant, in regard to procuring a modification of the item in the Deficiency Appropriation Act approved June 30, 1906, to defray the cost of returning Alaskan students to their homes from this school, and I note what you say to the effect that the appropriation referred to does not lapse but is available for the purpose of returning such pupils at any time.

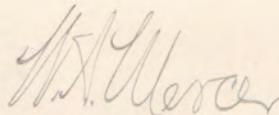
I am glad to know that the appropriation in question is construed as being a continuous one, but by reference to my letter to Dr. Sheldon Jackson dated the 14th instant, copy of which was inclosed in my letter to you of the same date, it will be noted that there will likely be 14 or more of such Alaskan pupils whose period of enrollment will expire and who will have the right to go home at the close of the present school year. The appropriation in question limits the number of pupils whose transportation may be paid to 22, and as 16 have already been transported to their homes, but six more can be sent. I deem it very important that the law in question should be modified and amended so as to permit of the transportation

of an unlimited number of such pupils. If this be done I think the appropriation will not only be ample to pay the expenses of those who are entitled to go home this year, but also the expenses of those who will be entitled to their discharge at the close of the school year 1908. The following item I think would effect the object desired to be accomplished, if enacted into law, and I respectfully recommend that the same be submitted to Congress for favorable action:

That any balance remaining of the sum of three thousand seven hundred and five dollars appropriated by the Act of Congress approved June 30, 1906 (citing statute) to enable the Secretary of the Interior to return twenty-two pupils in the United States Indian school at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to their respective homes in Alaska be available for the use indicated during the fiscal year nineteen hundred eight, and to return other Alaskan pupils to their respective homes in Alaska in addition to the twenty-two.

Of course if it is not deemed necessary to make the appropriation available for the next fiscal year, it being already deemed available for that purpose, this portion of the item may be eliminated.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.