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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa.,

April 6, 1907.

W.A. Mercer,

Major 11th Cavalry, Supt.,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA

April 6, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your Office letter Finance, dated the 4th instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, stating that Mr. Ziegler, our harnessmaker here, will be wanted during the latter part of April, or first of May, to inspect leather samples in Chicago, and again perhaps in August or September to inspect leather and harness supplies.

In reply, I have to state that beginning next week large sized parties of pupils will be sent to the country under our outing system to remain for the summer, and then the work in the harness shop will not be very pressing so that Mr. Ziegler's services can be spared during the spring months without seriously interfering with our work.

I deem it my duty to state, however, that the absence of Mr. Ziegler during the fall last year on his trip to Chicago in pursuance to instructions from your Office did interfere with the efficiency of the work in his department. Beginning September 1st, the attendance at the school is always large and continues so during the fall and winter months and this means, of course, that the shops are full. Furthermore, it is at this season that many boys are being started and the shop work is being organized, and work planned

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for the ensuing school year.

It will be in the interest of the school to so arrange again this year that Mr. Ziegler may go to Chicago to inspect the samples after the same have been delivered, but I trust that not more than one trip will be required and that his stay will be made as short as possible.

Very respectfully,



Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

JRW/EFW