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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,

Carlisle, Pa.,

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Major 11th Cavalry, Supt.

Recommends appointment of W.G. Thompson as Superintendent of a non-reservation school.

To Supt. 4/22/07

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE  
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL  
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The Honorable  
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to make application for an appointment as superintendent of a non-reservation school. My preference is for the Genoa school, my second choice is that of the Chamberlain school, as I understand vacancies exist at these schools.

I will greatly appreciate any opportunity given me.

Very respectfully,

*W. Grant Thompson*  
Supt. of Industries.

Thru the Superintendent at Carlisle.

Respectfully forwarded with recommendation that Mr. Thompson's request be granted. I think that he would efficiently handle either one of the above mentioned schools, or any other of the smaller reservation schools. As your Office is aware, I recommended that the position of Superintendent of Industries be discontinued after June 30th, and that is the position which Mr. Thompson now holds.

*W. A. Mercer*  
Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

Mr. Dorch  
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It seems from this letter  
that he has failed in his  
present position, where  
I assume he had a  
pretty free hand. From  
my personal observation  
of his official record  
I do not think he has  
the tact and equipoise  
essential successfully  
to conduct a school of  
the class of Luroa etc;  
my judgment would be  
if you wish to try him,  
he should have a small  
reservation school &  
then see if he can make  
a success of it, before  
he branches out into  
a larger field. Will you  
kindly indicate what you  
wish done, so I will have  
a guide if you are about  
when the quarter comes up  
April 20/07 JTB

Memo. in re-  
application of  
W. G. Thompson  
Sup. Industries at  
Carlisle for a  
Superintending

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