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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa.
June 21, 1907.

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

Refers to Circular No. 157, Education, and asks for information concerning the enrollment of New York Indians, at non-reservation schools.

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Washington

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June 21, 1907

Reference to your circular No. 157, Education, is hereby received.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

June 21, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington,

Sir:-

Referring to your circular No. 57, Education, just received, I desire information as to whether it will be necessary to obtain the certificate of the agent to the "application for enrollment in a non-reservation school" by Indian children of the New York tribes on reservations. Most of the Indian youths at New York are "enrolled at an agency", but for purpose of enrollment at non-reservation schools, he is practically inaccessible to most of them, and I fear that if the certificate of the agent in the case of the New York children is insisted upon, that it will be prohibitory in a very large majority of cases for the reasons above stated. Carlisle furnishes the only opportunity for Grammar schools for the New York Indians.

Desiring to comply strictly with your instructions, I feel that it will be necessary to ask a modification in this request so far as the new requirements apply to the New York Indians; or that I be permitted to consider them as "not enrolled at an agency", and use the corresponding blank.

Very respectfully,

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

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June 27, 1907.

Superintendent Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 21st inst. concerning education circular No. 157, has been received, and in answer you are advised that owing to the peculiar conditions concerning the New York Indians, who are permitted to attend your school and Hampton, you are advised that the condition therein set out pertaining to consent of the agents will be waived in this particular instance.

Although these proposed New York Indian pupils are really enrolled at the New York Agency I would consider them in the light of children coming from Indian homes not on a reservation, and you will therefore use the blank applicable in such cases.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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