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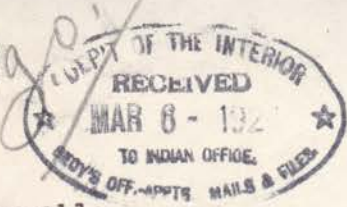
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The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

1. I have the honor to invite attention to the accompanying copy of draft of letter proposed to be transmitted to Congress in reference to land pertaining to the Carlisle Barracks Reservation, Pa. The proposed draft of letter contains a full statement of the pertinent facts, and I will appreciate it if you will inform me of your concurrence in the action proposed.

2. Reference is made in this connection to letter from the Department of the Interior to the Secretary of War, dated July 16, 1918, in reference to this matter, copy herewith.

Sincerely yours,

*John K. ...*  
Secretary of War.

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Incl:  
Proposed ltr. and  
draft of bill.  
Copy ltr. to Sec. War  
from Dept. Interior,  
July 16, 1918.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of War.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 5, 1924, transmitting a draft of your proposed letter to Hon. Julius Kahn, Chairman, Committee on Military Affairs, House of Representatives, regarding the Carlisle Barracks Reservation, Pennsylvania, and the disposition of certain tracts of land and acquisition of certain other tracts desired by your Department.

I concur in the proposed action.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd.) HUBERT WORK.

To Secretary

MAR 20 1924

For Signature.

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Honorable Julius Kahn,  
Chairman, Committee on Military Affairs,  
House of Representatives.

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Sir:

1. The Medical Field Service School of the Army is located at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. The needs of this school are such that certain additional land is considered urgently necessary for incorporation in the present reservation.

2. The original Army post at Carlisle Barracks consisted of about 51 acres, acquired by the War Department in 1801. In 1879 the entire reservation was transferred to the custody and control of the Interior Department to be used as a school for the education of Indian children, the right being reserved, however, by the War Department to resume occupation thereof whenever needed by it. In 1887 the Interior Department acquired title to an additional tract of about 109 acres, known as Farm No. 1; and in 1901 it similarly required title to another tract containing 175 acres and known as Farm No. 2. Also in 1913 it acquired title to an additional tract containing about 4 acres and known as the Sango Tract, this tract being contiguous to the northwestern part of the original military reservation, while the two tracts known as Farms No. 1 and No. 2 lie in an easterly direction from the original military reservation.

3. In 1913 by agreement with the Secretary of the Interior possession of the original military reservation was resumed by the War Department and the Medical Field Service School established there; permission was given by the Secretary of the Interior for the use by the War Department of the additional land which had been acquired by the Interior Department as indicated above; and the Carlisle Indian School was permanently removed elsewhere.

4. In order that the existing post and school may operate satisfactorily, it is necessary to acquire two additional parcels of ground. One of these parcels constitutes such an indentation into the main portion of the reservation that its possession by the Government is essential not only to prevent the establishment near the center of the post of any industrial plant, which would be most objectionable, but to permit the necessary expansion of the school establishment. The larger portion of the other parcel the acquisition of which is desired, is now under lease. This land is needed in order to afford a permanent and direct entrance from the principal highway leading to Carlisle.

5. While, as just stated, ~~the land is needed~~ to the original post, it is found that the portion of "Farm No. 2" lying to the north of the highway and containing about 125 acres is no longer needed by the Government, and it is believed that this land can be sold to advantage, and for an amount in excess of the cost of the two parcels proposed herein to be acquired.

6. While the Department of the Interior relinquished completely its claim to the three tracts of land purchased by it during its occupancy of Carlisle Barracks, the fact remains that these tracts were purchased with funds appropriated by Congress for activities pertaining to the Department of the Interior, and in order that the permanent use of this land by the War Department may be confirmed by Congress, legislation appears to be desirable.

7. In order that the matters above discussed may be adjusted it is accordingly necessary to secure legislation -

(a) Confirming in the War Department the title to the land now in its possession and originally acquired by the Interior Department;

(b) Authorizing the sale by the War Department of the portion of "Farm No. 2" lying to the north of the highway; and

(c) Authorizing an appropriation for the acquisition of the two parcels of land now required for the use of the Medical Field Service School of the Army.

7. It is accordingly recommended that legislation to effect the above purposes be enacted by Congress, and there is transmitted herewith a draft of a suggested bill to accomplish this purpose.

8. The Director of the Bureau of the Budget has been consulted and advises that the proposed legislation is not in conflict with the financial program of the President.

Respectfully,

*(Signed) John W. Weeks*

Secretary of War.

Incl:  
Draft of Bill.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the  
transfer from the Department of the Interior to the War Department  
of the control and jurisdiction over the parcels known as Farm No.  
1, Farm No. 2, and the Sanna Tract, now constituting a part of the  
Government Reservation at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., is ratified and  
confirmed.

2. The Secretary of War is authorized to sell or to cause  
to be sold, either in whole or in two or more parts as he may deem  
best for the interest of the United States, the portion of the tract  
known as Farm No. 2 lying to the north of the highway and consti-  
tuting a part of the Carlisle Barracks reservation.

3. For the acquisition of the additional land needed at the  
post of Carlisle Barracks for the use of the Medical Field Service  
School an appropriation of \$10,000 is authorized.

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
Washington

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July 16, 1918.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter of July 9, asking whether the Indian School plant at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, could be turned over to the Army for hospital purposes and for the rehabilitation and reeducation of the sick and wounded soldiers.

I find that the pupils now enrolled in the Carlisle School can be accommodated in other Indian Schools, and in view of the need by the Army of an institution of this character I have given my consent to the turning over of the plant for the purposes indicated.

I have asked Commissioner Sells to arrange to vacate the plant by September 1, and suggest that any matters pertaining to the use of furnishings or equipment be taken up with him by such official of your Department as you may designate.

Cordially yours,

Franklin K. Lane

Hon. Newton D. Baker,  
Secretary of War.