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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

Participation
of Band in inaugural
parade.

DEC 28 1912

Mr. Moses Friedman,
Supt. Carlisle School.

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Sir:

The Office is in receipt of a communication from a member of the Inaugural Committee asking that arrangements be made, if possible, to have the Carlisle Indian Band take part in the inaugural parade on the fourth of March next. He says if transportation and board of members of the band can be provided by the Government, the Committee will furnish sleeping quarters and also if the band wishes to be mounted, horses will be furnished without charge.

Of course, you will understand that there are no public funds available for expenses of this kind, but it occurred to the Office that the band, or your Athletic Association, might have funds which they would be willing to use for the purpose. If such is the case, the Office will be pleased to authorize the band to come on to Washington and march in the parade.

Please make a report and recommendation on this subject, immediately, so that the Committee may be advised what to expect.

Respectfully

(Signature) H. H. Abbott

Acting Commissioner.

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

ORGANIZED DECEMBER 6, 1911

RICHARD C. ADAMS,
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WASHINGTON, D. C. December 27, 1912.

Hon. F. H. Abbt,tt,
Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

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Mr. Robert N. Harper has appointed me as a member of the Inaugural Committee to serve with him. He wants me to have in the Inaugural Parade from one hundred to two hundred Indians. He also wishes that I make arrangements to have the Carlisle Band and if possible, one other Indian band. He is under the impression that the Government will stand the cost of transportation and board of the band while here. The Committee will furnish sleeping quarters without charge. If the band wishes to be mounted, the Committee will furnish horses for them without cost. The various states pay the expenses of their own militias and bands, but the Government, we understand has been accustomed to sending the West Point and Annapolis cadets here at Federal expense. This being the case, I feel that the Indians should be represented and the Federal Government should pay their expense in taking part in the Inaugural Parade.

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- ALBERT KELSEY, ARCHITECT -

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Washington, but the Committee will furnish them sleeping quarters and board while here. In this way, it is not expected or intended that the Government will be asked to pay one cent for these individual Indians. My inquiry regarding the payment of expense by the Government is directed only to the bands of the Government Indian schools who would not possibly have money to pay their own expenses and who would take part in the ceremonies as an organization of individuals under the control of the Government and carry their banners and colors showing the organization to which they belong.

Please let me have your response as promptly as possible in order that we may have plenty of time to get word to all of the Indians of the several reservations and tribes for the purpose of having an impressive and respectable representation of our people.

Yours respectfully,

Richard B. Adams

Great Sachem.

Copy to

Mr. Robert N. Harper, Pres.,
District National Bank,
Washington, D. C.