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My dear Mr. Lipps:

With reference to your letter of February 8th, concerning the future of the Carlisle Indian School, you are advised that in view of the fact that the Senate Indian Committee has allowed our estimates for the next fiscal year, I do not believe that any action will be necessary at this time.

Sincerely yours, FILED BY G. P. F.

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Signed, Cato Sells

Mr. O. H. Lipps,

Supt. Carlisle Indian School.

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Mr. Comr

The Senate Com.
has given us
our estimates

for Carlisle.

I would take
no action at
this time re
this matter.

think we should
keep all of our
Indian Schools
for the present

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

Feb. 8, 1916.



Honorable Cato Sells,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Sells:

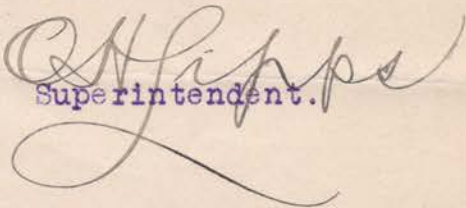
I received this morning a letter from Honorable A. S. Kreider, Congressman from this district, in which he states that he has had quite a strenuous time on the floor of the House defending the appropriation reported by the Committee for the Carlisle Indian School, and that there seems to be determined opposition to the school in some quarters. I do not know just what there is to the rumor to the effect that the Carlisle School cannot hope to continue much longer, but it has occurred to me in view of Congressman Kreider's letter ^{and} in as much as there appears to be a determined effort to carry into effect at a considerable expense the far reaching preparedness program, that it might be possible in the event the Carlisle School appropriation fails to take advantage of the situation and move the institution to Montana, figuring on having the Fort Harrison Military Post turned over for that purpose. There is no large Indian school in that section of the Country. There are six large Indian Reservations in Montana, three in Idaho, two in ^{Eastern} Washington and one in Eastern Oregon, all tributary to Fort Harrison as a central point. There would be a large saving in the matter of transportation of

pupils. There would also be very desirable surroundings for promoting agricultural and stock growing interests as courses in this school and then most of all, the school would reach real Indians and those most in need of Government aid.

I have heard it intimated that the War Department might turn the Carlisle Indian School plant into some sort of a military training school such as an aviation school or as a manufacturing plant for the manufacture of some sort of war supplies. If this is really a fact, it might be an opportune time to suggest the feasibility of turning back to the War Department the Carlisle plant in exchange for the Fort Harrison plant.

I simply bring this matter to your attention for such consideration as you may think advisable to give it.

Very respectfully,


Superintendent.

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