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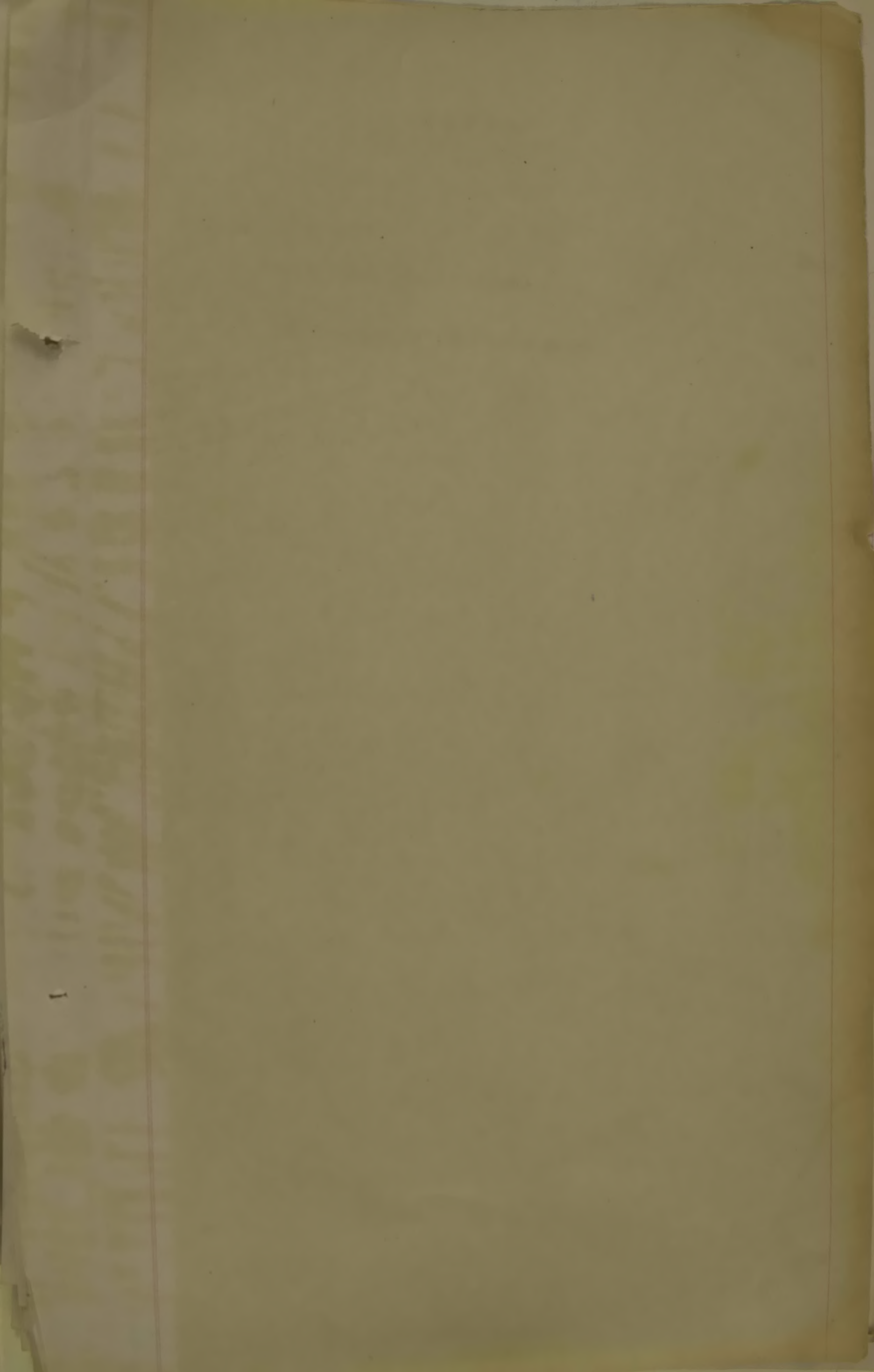
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THE CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL.

JOINT COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Washington, D. C., March 25, 1914.

The Joint Commission met in its office, Room 128, in the Senate Office Building, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Present: Senators Robinson (Chairman.), Lane and Townsend; Representatives Stephens and Carter.

TESTIMONY OF S. J. NORI.

The witness was duly sworn by the Chairman.

The Chairman. What is your full name?

Mr. Nori. S. J. Nori.

The Chairman. You are the chief clerk of the Carlisle Indian School, Mr. Nori?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How long have you served in that grade?

Mr. Nori. Why, since, I guess it was, the last part of Major Mercer's administration--- 1907, up until the present time, I should say.

The Chairman. You are an Indian?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. What tribe do you belong to?

Mr. Nori. To the Pueblo Tribes of New Mexico.

The Chairman. Were you employed in the Indian Service before you became chief clerk at Carlisle?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir; I was chief clerk since September, 1900.

The Chairman. About what salary do you receive?

Mr. Nori. I received when I first entered \$660, and now I am receiving \$1300.

The Chairman. As chief clerk, what are your duties, Mr. Nori?

Senator Lane. If I may interrupt, does that include subsistence?

Mr. Nori. No; just payment of bills.

Senator Lane. Your salary of \$1300, does that include board and lodging?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. What are your duties as chief clerk and how are they defined?

Mr. Nori. I pay all Government bills--- all bills coming under the head of administrative affairs.

The Chairman. What other bills are there besides Government bills or bills coming under the head of administrative affairs?

Mr. Nori. Bills of a miscellaneous character, which are not appropriated by the Government at times, according to the direction of the superintendent.

The Chairman. Have you any other duties besides the payment of bills and do you keep vouchers to cover them?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How do you keep your vouchers and what records or books do you keep to show what payments you make?

Mr. Nori. For the vouchers covering payments on Government affairs, I use the prescribed form--- regulations that are involved in Government transactions.

The Chairman. Do you keep a ledger or book of accounts?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir; cash books, showing receipts and disbursements.

The Chairman. Do you keep separate accounts as to the different classes of funds?

Mr. Nori. They are all in one book, each having a different head of a different appropriation and different designations.

The Chairman. What is the Class 4 fund and what does it comprise?

Mr. Nori. "Class 4" fund comprises funds that are recieved from various sources, such as subscriptions to the paper, any products of the School from the manufacture of articles in the various departments, products of the farm, or anything that may be manufactured in the school.

The Chairman. That is, when the school manufactures any product or the farm produces any product_x that is sold, the proceeds of that sale go into Class 4?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. And those funds are paid to you and you keep the account, is that correct?

Mr. Nori. I receive it from different sources--- from the party who sells these things, and it is brought up to me.

The Chairman. Do the regulations contemplate that all the proceeds of funds that are to go into Class 4 at that school should come into your_h hands?

Mr. Nori. Most generally all come to me.

The Chairman. I know. Has anyone besides you the right to retain those funds?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; I do not think so.

The Chairman. You keep the vouchers on the regular blank forms prescribed by the Government?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Have you those vouchers now?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; they are on file, I presume.

There are copies made--- 2 copies are sent to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and one copy of the voucher is retained for our file.

The Chairman. Have you destroyed any of the vouchers that you made in the handling of this Class 4 fund?

Mr. Nori. Class 4 funds?

The Chairman. Yes.

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. Have you destroyed any vouchers that you took there?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; I have destroyed some receipts that are not in--- on the Government vouchers; and I have changed some vouchers that are Government.

The Chairman. Why did you do that?

Mr. Nori. By intimation and admonishment of Friedman.

The Chairman. You mean Superintendent Friedman of the Carlisle School?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. When was it that he first intimated to you that these vouchers should be destroyed or changed?

Mr. Nori. It was soon after he had received a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs regarding the athletic fund.

The Chairman. Was it before or after the Joint Com-

mission was over at Carlisle?

Mr. Nori. It was before.

The Chairman. Do you know about how long before?

Mr. Nori. Well, I could not say very well. I just know there was a letter received from the office relative to the athletic account.

The Chairman. Do you know whether or not Mr. Linnen, the inspector, had been over there before Mr. Friedman first told you to destroy or change those vouchers?

Mr. Nori. I did not quite catch that, Senator.

The Chairman. Do you know whether or not Mr. Linnen, the inspector, had been over at Carlisle before Mr. Friedman told you to destroy or change those vouchers?

Mr. Nori. Well, he told me before and after.

The Chairman. Before and after?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. What I am trying to do is to locate as nearly as possible the first time that he told you to destroy those vouchers.

Senator Townsend. Will you just ask him what he means by "intimation".

The Chairman. I am going to in just a minute, when I get the time fixed.

Can you give me a little more definitely the first time that he gave ^{you} those instructions?

Mr. Nori. Well, the first time that he gave me those intimations was, as I stated, soon after he had received a letter, and it seemed that he had received word from Mr. Abbott, I believe--- of course, I do not know, but --- telling him that he should fix up his accounts, as he

thought they would be investigated. Then he came to me and said, "If the accounts are not all right, you better fix them up;" and that was soon after he had received a letter; and then from time to time he ask me if the accounts were all right, and I told him the accounts had gone in, and they cannot be nothing done to them, and I guess it was--- when Mr. Linnen arrived, he then asked me again about these records, intimating that they ought to be fixed up; and after he left-- after Mr. Linnen left, then he told me that "You had better fix them up, because you will be implicated."

The Chairman. Where were you when he made that statement to you?

6 Mr. Nori. I was in his house alone with him.

The Chairman. What time was it, as near as you can state?

Mr. Nori. I took some papers over to him about one or 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Chairman. How did you happen to go over there?

Mr. Nori. I had to take some papers for his signature.

The Chairman. You say that he had received a letter or word from Mr. Abbott?

Mr. Nori. He had intimated so.

The Chairman. Who had intimated so?

Mr. Nori. Mr. Friedman.

The Chairman. Mr. Friedman?

Mr. Nori. Yes.

Senator Townsend. What do you mean by "intimated" so that we may judge?

Senator Lane. You said Abbott?

Mr. Nori. Abbott.

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The Chairman. You say that he had had a letter from Abbott stating that the accounts were not all right and that they had better be fixed up. Now, what did Mr. Friedman say?

Mr. Nori. He does not directly say anything. He just say---"I believe they will--- I understand they are going to go over our accounts; you better fix them up. I have reasons to believe that they will be."

The Chairman. Did he say what reasons he had to believe that?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. How did you get the impression that he had had word from Abbott?

Mr. Nori. Well, it was--- it was a topic of conversation.

The Chairman. What?

Mr. Nori. It was a topic of conversation.

The Chairman. Yes, but when I asked you specifically what he said to you, you did not even mention Mr. Abbott's name. What I want to know is how you couple Abbott with his statement. What was it he said about Mr. Abbott that led you to believe that Mr. Abbott had sent him that word?

Mr. Nori. Well, he just said he received a communication.

The Chairman. From Mr. Abbott?

Mr. Nori. From Mr. Abbott.

The Chairman. You, of course, did not see the communication?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. Do you remember about when that was that

he said he had a communication from Mr. Abbott?

Mr. Nori. Why, I should judge about 2 weeks after the Office letter came.

The Chairman. After the Office letter came?

Mr. Nori. Regarding the Athletic Association.

The Chairman. That was a letter from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, regarding the athletic fund?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Did you see that letter?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; I do not believe---- I believe I did--- I am not certain, but I think it was held by Mr. Friedman and Mr. Warner, so I do not recall.

The Chairman. When was the last time you talked with Mr. Friedman about these vouchers which you destroyed and changed?

Mr. Nori. Well, it was about 3 or 4 days before Mr. Linnen came back the second time.

The Chairman. Between the time that the Joint Commission was at Carlisle and Mr. Linnen's second trip there, was it?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Where were you when that conversation occurred?

Mr. Nori. We were talking on the walk--- in my office there for a while.

The Chairman. What did he say to you then about the vouchers?

Mr. Nori. He said they ought to be fixed up and he inferred he wanted me to destroy any evidence there was in connection with them.

The Chairman. Why did you infer from that statement that he wanted you to destroy everything in connection with them?

Mr. Nori. I do not suppose he wants to bear the responsibility of it.

The Chairman. Do you know whether or not he knew the vouchers and receipts were not right?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How do you know that?

Mr. Nori. Because he instructed me to make those.

The Chairman. He instructed you to make false vouchers?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. What was the character of those false vouchers and receipts that he instructed you to make?

9 Mr. Nori. Well, in regard to the transportation, especially, during the years 1908, 1909 and 1910. There was a regulation prohibiting soliciting of pupils, in a general way, and there was times when pupils had to pay their transportation home, on account of them not being there the whole length of time; for instance, if they wanted to visit home. Now, in order to get publicity of the school, he intimated or he said that he had an understanding with these pupils that they should interest themselves in behalf of the school or in some way to help along the cause of the school, either by gathering pupils or escorting them, he would refund their transportation money that they had deposited. These--- when the tickets--- the tickets are all charged to the school, and when the--- when the bills are presented, Meyer, the clerk designated on each one just how they were to be paid, and whether from personal funds or

Government funds. Then, those that were marked "personal" I took over to Mr. Miller, the financial clerk, who has charge of the individual Indian moneys, and secured from him the funds. These moneys received and bills I take in to Mr. Friedman, then he designates any that he has an understanding with regarding solicitation of pupils. These are held out, their tickets are paid by the Government, but these are held pending their return or whatever--- if they have escorted a pupil or if they have interested themselves for the school; that is a matter between him and the pupil and the pupil, no doubt. In that time there accumulated quite a sum.

The Chairman. How much?

Mr. Nori. I should judge between \$500 or \$600 and some cents.

The Chairman. What was done with that \$500 or \$600 accumulated funds, vouchers for which were held out in the way you have stated?

Mr. Nori. When Mr. McLaughlin, the inspector, came there, in 1911, I believe, or 1910 or 11, I don't just remember--- to investigate certain irregularities regarding his payroll, Mr. Friedman asked me for the statement of these funds, which is kept in sort of a slip shape, showing of the each/pupils, with the amounts and the tickets which they used, a statement, I presume he may want to show to Mr. McLaughlin.

The Chairman. If you do not know what he did with it, you need not state. Go ahead and tell what you did.

Mr. Nori. I made the statement, and gave it to him with the money, in an envelope.

The Chairman. Gave it to whom?

Mr. Nori. Gave it to Mr. Friedman.

The Chairman. Where had this \$500 or \$600 that you have described been kept prior to your giving it to Mr. Friedman?

Mr. Nori. In the safe.

The Chairman. You say it was in an envelope?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Do you know what he did with that \$500 or \$600?

Mr. Nori. I do not know what he did with it.

The Chairman. Did he ever return it to you?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; I imagine he disposed of it as it was intended.

The Chairman. You imagine, but you do not know. What became of the vouchers that related ^{to} this \$500 or \$600?

Mr. Nori. They were vouchered previously.

The Chairman. That fund had already been vouchered--- credit had been taken with the Government, but the money had been held in the safe there in an envelope, and was finally paid over by you to Friedman?

Mr. Nori. Turned over to him.

The Chairman. Sir?

Mr. Nori. Turned over to him.

Senator Lane. Is that the regular procedure and the proper thing to do?

Mr. Nori. That is a matter I cannot question--- the superintendent--- I do not think it is proper.

The Chairman. As a matter of fact, you knew it was not proper?

Mr. Nori. I do not think it was.

The Chairman. You knew that when the voucher of any person was taken for money that the money should go to that person?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How long had that fund been in the safe before you delivered it to Mr. Friedman?

Mr. Nori. Of course, it accumulated from time to time-- from 1908 to 1910.

The Chairman. Do you know of any cases where the Government fund was charged with the transportation of pupils for trips that they never made?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How much of that class of funds was there, and how was it handled? Just explain that as you did the other.

Mr. Nori. In that respect, for instance, if a boy or a person had interested himself, that is, for the school, it was--- whatever it was, the amount that he had incurred or supposed to have incurred, was made up in a ticket form and charged to the Government.

The Chairman. His voucher was taken or a voucher was taken for transportation which was not used, in order to pay him for something else?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Do you know what he was supposed to have done---

Mr. Nori. To receive the money?

The Chairman. (Continuing.) to receive any money at all?

Mr. Nori: He should have presented a traveling expense

voucher.

The Chairman. A what?

Mr. Nori. He should have presented a traveling expense voucher against the Government.

The Chairman. Did he do that?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. Did the Government actually pay those items of money that you have referred to on tickets and transportation that was not actually used, and who got the money?

Mr. Nori. You mean----

The Chairman. I mean this: When a voucher was taken for a ticket for, say, John Smith, from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for instance, to some point in Idaho, and he never made the trip at all, was the money actually paid out on the voucher?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. What was done with it?

Mr. Nori. It was placed in that envelope.

The Chairman. In which envelope?

Mr. Nori. Mr. Friedman's.

The Chairman. In the envelope that was finally delivered to Mr. Friedman?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Did the superintendent get credit for the Government voucher?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. In his accounts?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. So that the method was, if I understand

you, to draw money out of the fund on a voucher showing that the pupil had taken the trip at the Government expense?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. The money drawn on that voucher was placed in an envelope and kept in the safe?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Along with other funds similarly drawn?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Until, finally, \$500 or \$600 had accumulated and you delivered it to Mr. Friedman in an envelope?

Mr. Nori. Just a moment. In that respect, Senator, there were, of course, other funds received such as the sale of old iron, old bones, old rags--- which are not Class 4 money, you understand.

The Chairman. What are they?

Mr. Nori. Class 1 money, revertible to the Treasury Department, which the disbursing officer cannot receive any claim for disbursement; that is, it reverts back into the Treasury.

The Chairman. How much of that Class 1 money, coming from the sources that you have just described, was received there that you know of?

Mr. Nori. I should judge between--- maybe about \$300.

The Chairman. That should have gone into the Treasury?

Mr. Nori. That should properly have gone into the Treasury.

The Chairman. Did it go into the Treasury?

Mr. Nori. Not unless he put it in without my knowledge.

The Chairman. What did you do with it?

Mr. Nori. I gave it to Friedman, supposing he would

dispose of it--- or, if he wanted to use it for some purpose, I would not be able to state.

The Chairman. Since you have been there, have you ever paid anything out of this Class 1 funds back into the Treasury? Have you covered any part of the moneys received from such sources back into the Treasury?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. But there has been about \$300 received from the sale of bones and rags and scrap iron that you paid over to Friedman?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Did you take any receipt for that?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. How did you come to pay it over to him?

Mr. Nori. I believed he was responsible for it, and if he---- I was his subordinate--- I could not very well---

The Chairman. How did you come to pay it over to him? Did you just go and say to him, "Here, Mr. Friedman, is \$271 that you can take and use?"

Mr. Nori. He asked me for a statement of this particular fund, as I stated, and I made out the statement showing in detail all these transactions, debit and credit, and he said he wanted--- he would like to have it, and that is all there was to it.

The Chairman. He asked you then for the fund?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

16 Senator Lane. What is your usual custom of turning this fund over into the Treasury--- do you turn it in or does he turn it in?

115 Mr. Nori. The custom?

Senator Lane. What is the custom or the habit? Do you turn these moneys over to him, funds from Class 1, or do you turn them over to the Government, as a rule?

Mr. Nori. I take them to him, first.

The Chairman. What do the regulations require?

Mr. Nori. They should be turned into the ---

The Chairman. I know, but by whom?

Mr. Nori. By the disbursing officer.

The Chairman. Who is the disbursing officer?

Mr. Nori. Friedman.

The Chairman. The regulations require that he shall turn it into the Treasury?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Do you know how any part of that approximately \$300 was used by him?

Mr. Nori. Well, I believe the purchase of stamps was one item, the payment of affidavits under exceptions and various sundry articles that may be used for the office or for purposes that he did not want to go through the regular formality of securing authority for, but how much of that I am unable to state.

The Chairman. Do you know of any sum, in addition to this approximately \$300 to which you have referred, of the same class, that was received by Friedman and used for a personal purpose?

Mr. Nori. I cannot say.

The Chairman. Do you know of a fund of about \$271 that was paid out on furniture?

Mr. Nori. That is from sale such as old iron, and so

forth.

The Chairman. That is Class 1 funds, is it not?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. All right. What became of that \$271, and how was that handled? (After a pause.) Come along with it.

Mr. Nori. That was paid out of that fund to buy some furniture for Superintendent Friedman's house.

The Chairman. Why did you not tell me that a while ago, when I first asked you? Had you forgotten about it?

(No response.)

The Chairman. Did you handle that fund?

Mr. Nori. No, sir--- Kensler.

The Chairman. Kensler handled that?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Was that ever turned over to you?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. Were there other moneys besides those you have described that were received from individual pupils that were paid over to Friedman by you?

Mr. Nori. At the end of every month this matter was always taken up with the superintendent, and, as I say, he designates on there which to hold back and the rest--- the tickets were paid for---- what was held back was vouchered on the Government.

The Chairman. How did that happen to be done?

Mr. Nori. What did you say?

The Chairman. How did that happen to be done, who caused it to be done?

Mr. Nori. The superintendent.

The Chairman. What was done with those moneys which were vouchered against the Government by you?

Mr. Nori. It was turned over to Mr. Friedman.

Senator Lane. For my information, is not that the regular custom, to turn all those moneys over to him, and does he become responsible for them?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir; he is responsible for them.

Senator Lane. Does this differ from any other transaction?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Lane. Are these false vouchers?

Mr. Nori. What did you say?

Senator Lane. Are these false vouchers?

Mr. Nori. Well, if he had an understanding with a pupil that he would interest himself for the school---~~xxxxxxxx~~

Senator Lane. That is against the regulations?

Mr. Nori. Yes. Then, he would voucher his ticket, and hold the money.

The Chairman. You understand the pupil had already paid his money for the ticket and deposited it there?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. So that that was drawn upon a voucher that was false, if the pupil had already paid his money?

Mr. Nori. Yes,

The Chairman. You said awhile ago there was a regulation against soliciting pupils for the schools?

Mr. Nori. Yes.

The Chairman. Was that a printed regulation?

Mr. Nori. I believe it was a printed regulation.

Senator Townsend. Who issued that regulation?

Mr. Nori. The Department; I think it is issued from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs' Office.

Senator Townsend. That is, they did not want the superintendent to get any more pupils down there at the school?

19 Mr. Nori. Did not want them to solicit--- did not want anybody to go out and solicit--- had to devise some other means. There was no solicitation allowed all over the service.

Mr. Carter. When was that regulation issued, Mr. Nori?

Mr. Nori. It was during 1908 or 1909--- I cannot recall.

The Chairman. Do you recall about the total amount of money claimed to have been paid over to Mr. Friedman on false vouchers?

Mr. Nori. Well, I should judge about \$1500, more or less.

The Chairman. Do you keep any account of it?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. What is the total amount of vouchers and receipts that you destroyed since this investigation began?

Mr. Nori. I destroyed receipts that I had given to Mr. Miller, the banker.

The Chairman. Where did you get them?

Mr. Nori. I got them from Mr. Miller's office.

The Chairman. How did you get them?

Mr. Nori. I went in there and just took them.

The Chairman. What time was it when you got them?

Mr. Nori. One evening about 8 or 9 o'clock.

The Chairman. Was he there?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. He did not know you were getting them?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. How many times did you go there and take receipts and vouchers for that purpose?

Mr. Nori. Twice.

The Chairman. When was the last time?

Mr. Nori. The last time was just before Mr. Linnen arrived on his last trip.

The Chairman. Now, I want you to tell me, as definitely as you can, what vouchers and receipts you took the first time from Mr. Miller's office.

Mr. Nori. Well, I took the receipts that I thought would involve the years of 1908, 1909 and 1910.

The Chairman. Receipts for what?

Mr. Nori. Receipts for tickets that I had given to Mr. Miller.

The Chairman. Do you mean for the tickets covered by both accounts that you have referred to?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. They were the false vouchers that you had issued for those years?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Why did you take those for those particular years at that time? Just explain that to me.

Mr. Nori. Because, it would involve that amount that was turned over to Mr. Friedman.

The Chairman. At whose instance did you get those vouchers and what did you do with them?

Mr. Nori. At the instance of Mr. Friedman, and I burned

them.

Senator Townsend. What did Mr. Friedman say to you about those vouchers that caused you to go over there and get them?

Mr. Nori. He said, "You should destroy them" or "Destroy the evidence."

Senator Townsend. Where did he tell you that?

Mr. Nori. He told me that in a private conversation.

Senator Townsend. Where?

Mr. Nori. On the walks--- between his house and the office.

Senator Townsend. That was something more than an intimation. That was a direct order to you to do that, was it not?

Mr. Nori. He said it would involve me, and told me that the evidence had better be destroyed; that is all.

The Chairman. Will you give, as nearly as you can, the exact language that Friedman used and what you said to him? Just give the conversation in detail, as near as you can.

Mr. Nori. He said, "Well, Mr. Nori, what have you done about those vouchers that we spoke about?" "Well," I said, "Mr. Friedman, there is really hardly anything worth while doing, because," if I said, "the only thing that can happen now is to--- is to off-set this investigating committee here, but," I said, "it won't change the vouchers that are in the Auditors' Office." I said, "The only thing that probably would be to destroy to evidence." He says, "You better destroy the evidence, because," he says, "you are involved in it, and you will be liable for it."

The Chairman. How long was it after that before you went after them?

Mr. Nori. Well, I guess it was 3 days after.

The Chairman. Was that before the joint commission visited Carlisle?

Mr. Nori. No, that was after.

The Chairman. How long after? Fix the time as definitely as you can.

22 Mr. Nori. About 3 days before Mr. Linnen arrived.

The Chairman. You mean the second time?

Mr. Nori. The last trip.

The Chairman. Then, you got the false vouchers for the 3 years you have spoken about. What did you get the second time, and how did you happen to go back?

Mr. Nori. Well, I went back and took those from there on, some of them.

The Chairman. Why did you not get them all the first time? What did you want to make 2 bites at it for?

Mr. Nori. I was more concerned--- Friedman was more concerned about that, as I thought that sum of \$500 or \$600 ---

The Chairman. That was what you especially had in mind when you first went down there?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How did you come to change your mind, and think that you ought to get them all?

Mr. Nori. Well---

The Chairman. Did he say anything to you about it after that that caused you to think you had better go back and get some more?

Mr. Nori. He told me, he said, "You are going to be liable for anything that may be found--- any irregularities."

The Chairman. Then, he did know---

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. (Continuing.) that you were going to get those vouchers and receipts and destroy them?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Was it after you got the first vouchers and receipts that he told you or made the statement to you which you have just quoted?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. That you were going to be liable?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. When did you go back the second time to get the additional vouchers and receipts?

Mr. Nori. It was in the evening about 8 o'clock.

The Chairman. Can you tell what date it was?

Mr. Nori. I cannot say.

The Chairman. How long was it after that first trip down there to get the vouchers and receipts?

Mr. Nori. About a week between, I guess.

The Chairman. About a week between?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Was Mr. Linnen in Carlisle at that time?

Mr. Nori. I don't recall; he was in and out so much--- I am not certain.

The Chairman. Now, what did you get the second trip you were down there--- what vouchers and receipts, please, sir?

Mr. Nori. The second trip?

The Chairman. Yes.

Mr. Nori. Why, I just explained that I got the 1909---1908, 1909 and 1910 receipts.

The Chairman. No, if I understood you correctly, you explained that that was what you got the first time. Now, I have asked you what you got the second time.

Mr. Nori. The receipts thereafter.

The Chairman. Well, what were they, for what years?

Mr. Nori. For 1911 and 1912, I believe.

The Chairman. What was the character of those receipts-- were they for false vouchers, too?

Mr. Nori. Not exactly; they were not for false vouchers, but there might be some of them that might have been vouchered against the Government.

The Chairman. How many, all told, did you get?

Mr. Nori. Oh, between 12 and 13, I imagine.

The Chairman. Where did you find them?

Mr. Nori. In Miller's files and office.

The Chairman. Were they Government records filed there by Miller?

Mr. Nori. Well, I do not know whether you would call them Government records, but I imagine---

The Chairman. You imagine they were?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. What was the bulk of the papers that you got the first time--- what sized volume was it?

Mr. Nori. They were just tabulated papers, that is, showing the names of the pupils and the amounts they had deposited with Miller and turned over to me.

Senator Lane. I want to ask him a question right there. Did you take a list of the names with you, so you would know which vouchers to take back with you?

Mr. Nori. Did I take the list?

Senator Lane. You knew which ones you were going after, did you?

Mr. Nori. I just imagined that the years would indicate just----

Senator Lane. Did you take all that covered those years?

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Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Lane. Were you familiar enough with that office so go and pick those out without any trouble?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Lane. You knew where he kept them?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Lane. All right.

The Chairman. There was no one there either time when you got those papers?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. You went secretly and you did not want anybody to know it?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. What did you do with them after you got them? Just tell where you took them and what disposition you made of them.

Mr. Nori. I took them to my house and put them in the stove.

The Chairman. You did not go over them with anybody?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. How many papers, all told, were there that you destroyed in that way?

Mr. Nori. Well, all those receipts--- 12 or 13 of them.

The Chairman. About how many names were there on those receipts, do you know?

Mr. Nori. Well---

The Chairman. What?

Mr. Nori. It is pretty hard to tell--- might be 200 or more or less.

The Chairman. Were any vouchers drawn among the list of those destroyed that had not been approved by Friedman?

Mr. Nori. Any vouchers drawn?

The Chairman. That had not been approved by him?

Mr. Nori. Everything is approved by him.

The Chairman. Yes. Is there a place on the vouchers for his approval in writing?

Mr. Nori. No--- he has to sign---

The Chairman. He has to sign them?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. All of these vouchers that you destroyed were signed by him?

Mr. Nori. No. These are just receipts between Mr. Miller and myself.

The Chairman. Receipts between Miller and yourself?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. What have you to show that you did not get those moneys and keep them?

Mr. Nori. I have nothing to show.

Senator Lane. I want to ask him right there a question.

Are these receipts in triplicate or duplicate, and one set filed over here?

Mr. Nori. No, it is just the receipts between myself and Miller.

Senator Lane. When you destroyed them all evidence disappeared?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Lane. Where is the rest of it?

Mr. Nori. You see these vouchers and things are in the Auditor's Office here.

Senator Lane. The Auditor in Washington?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Lane. Duplicates of these?

Mr. Nori. One is kept by the Indian Affairs, I imagine, and the other is in the Auditor's Department.

Senator Lane. These receipts?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Lane. Then, your destroying them there would not destroy the evidence still existing here?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; it is only just to keep them out of the sight of the investigating committee.

Senator Lane. At the school?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. Do you mean that you destroyed duplicates or triplicates of the receipts that passed between you and Miller?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; only one.

The Chairman. If the Commission or its agent could not get the receipts to show what boys had paid their trans-

portation, for instance, in advance, it would be very difficult to check it, would it not?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. They could not check it?

Mr. Nori. Could not check it.

The Chairman. Do you know anything about the accounts of the superintendent for travelling expenses, and do you know whether there is any duplication in that or not?

Mr. Nori. You mean his personal traveling expenses?

The Chairman. Yes,

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How was that handled?

Mr. Nori. Well, if there were expenses that he had incurred for travelling expense that he could not pass through the regular channel of the Government voucher, why, he would utilize the athletic fund; and then, for instance, he might get a mileage book---- he would get the mileage book, and then charge the mileage on account, and then the athletic account would be charged for the mileage book, and the Government would be charged for the mileage used.

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The Chairman. Do you know whether that was frequently practiced by him or not?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. The athletic fund would buy a mileage book, and he would use that, and then when he made his account as superintendent, he would voucher that against the Government?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. So that it was paid twice in that way?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Do you know about his trip to California?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. How was that handled--- the expense of it?

Mr. Nori. I think he got a sum of money from the athletic fund, and it was my impression that he used some of this fund--- about \$150.

The Chairman. Some of which fund, do you mean?

Mr. Nori. That he had in hand.

The Chairman. Do you know whether he vouchered the Government for it?

Mr. Nori. I think it all came on one voucher.

The Chairman. Did you know at the time you made those vouchers for Friedman for his traveling expenses that they were false?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Did you ever say anything to him about it or call his attention to it?

Mr. Nori. I gave him-- I say, I do not think it was proper, but he would say, "Oh, let it go; it will pass," he says, "The athletic fund is something that has nothing to do with the Government, you know."

The Chairman. He said the Government had nothing to do with the athletic fund?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Were there many cases where vouchers were presented there, where questions arose as to the right to charge them against the Government, where he insisted on passing them that way?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. That was frequently done?

Mr. Nori. Frequently.

The Chairman. What was the class of expenditures covered by those vouchers mostly?

Mr. Nori. For instance, anything he would like to get for his house, such as curtains or rugs, and so forth, I generally sent down to Kensler, the quartermaster, for his O. K., and he would send them back, saying, "I don't know anything about this--- cannot pass, because don't know anything about it." So, I would take it to Friedman and say, "Kensler does not know anything about this; he does not want to pass--- does not want to O. K. it." "Well, just leave it here for me for a while. I will think it over." Maybe a week or so, he will say, "Put this on Government voucher, and make it for fitting up employees' quarters," whereas it was fitting up his own house, and if he could not pass it then, it was charged to the athletic fund.

The Chairman. He first sent it down to Kensler, and Kensler would refuse to O. K. it because he knew it was not properly chargeable against the Government?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. And then Friedman would hold it awhile?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. And instruct that it be vouchered against the Government?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. And charge it to fitting up employees' quarters?

The Chairman. And it was know it was for his own quart-

ers?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Then, if that would not go, it would be charged against the athletic fund?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Do you know anything about that typewriter account?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Townsend. Have you ever had any trouble with Miller or Friedman?

Mr. Nori. I do not stand very well with either one of them.

Senator Townsend. Why? What is the trouble?

Mr. Nori. Well, Friedman has endeavored to have me removed since these things-- he had an examination by the Civil Service instigated, I believe; and then he has asked me to secure a transfer, if possible. I believe he wanted to get me away, so in case some time it would come up--- and put the whole blame on me for these irregularities.

Senator Townsend. You knew they were irregular all the time, did you?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Why did you not complain about them?

Mr. Nori. Well, I thought I was implicated in it, and I was doing it for my own protection, in a way.

Senator Townsend. Did you get anything out of it?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; not --- not directly.

Senator Townsend. Well, indirectly, did you get anything?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. What did you get?

Mr. Nori. Used about \$100 to pay for expenses of my wife when she went out West.

Senator Townsend. What else?

Mr. Nori. Purchase of stamps and other material used for office.

Senator Townsend. What else did you get out of it?

Mr. Nori. That is all I can recall.

Senator Townsend. Oh, you know whether you got anything more than that, don't you?

Mr. Nori. Oh, yes.

Senator Townsend. Did you not get anything besides that?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Townsend. You did not make any complaint to any inspector when he came around there that Friedman was issuing false vouchers or anything of that kind?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; because I knew that it would come in time.

Senator Townsend. What would come in time?

Mr. Nori. Any irregularities that may be found.

Senator Townsend. You knew you were causing those irregularities, did you not?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. And yet he wanted to get rid of you after that?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Did he tell you not to tell on him?

Mr. Nori. No; he did not say that.

Senator Townsend. He knew you would tell on him, did he

not, if he turned you off?

Mr. Nori. I believe he would--- he knows that.

Senator Townsend. You said at the start that he "intimated" he wanted you do do certain things. Did he ever tell you right out and out to do certain things that were irregular?

Mr. Nori. No--- you mean, as far as making accounts?

Senator Townsend. Yes.

Mr. Nori. No, he would ask me if I fixed them up--- "Are they fixed all right" --- yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. What did you understand when he asked if they were fixed all right?

Mr. Nori. Why, fixed the way he would like to have them passed through.

Senator Townsend. He did not tell you, you say, about that-- how he wanted them fixed?

Mr. Nori. I do not just know what you have reference to.

Senator Townsend. He never told you how to fix them, did he?

Mr. Nori. Sometimes he did.

Senator Townsend. What did he tell you? What did he say to you about fixing them?

Mr. Nori. Well, he would say, "Fix them so they will pass, according to regulations. Change the--- change the bills, or change the form, to come within the prescribed way."

Senator Townsend. Did you make any such changes?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. You have not told us about that.

What did you change?

Mr. Nori. Well, lots of things--- I cannot just recall.

Senator Townsend. Tell me about some thing that you changed to make it correspond to the regulations.

Mr. Nori. Well, if there were 250 pounds of lead bought, and we had only authority for 200, why, that voucher was changed to read 200, and maybe another item placed there too.

Senator Townsend. Another item placed---

Mr. Nori. Yes, to make up the amount.

Senator Townsend. What item would you substitute, for instance?

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Mr. Nori. Something of a similar character.

The Chairman. Excuse. You mean that an item that was not purchased would be charged up to make up for that?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Do you keep any stock account up there?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Who does that?

Mr. Nori. Mr. Kensler.

Senator Lane. Mr. Kensler here.

Senator Townsend. Do not have to correspond with his? Do you not check up against each other?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Have you done that?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Has he fixed his books to correspond with yours, too?

Mr. Nori. Well, he has a book of his own there.

Senator Townsend. Well, has he fixed it--- do you know whether he has or not?

Mr. Nori. I do not know.

Senator Townsend. He would have to do it in order to make your accounts come out all right, would he not?

Mr. Nori. I reckon so.

Senator Townsend. He would have to be a party to this corruption down there, whatever it was, just as you would?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. How long has that been going on?

Mr. Nori. Ever since he ^(Friedman) has been there.

Senator Townsend. Since 1907?

Mr. Nori. 1908.

Senator Townsend. Things have been going along in this way that you have described all the time since then?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Do you actually know whether this man Friedman has had any money and expended it for his own use that he was not entitled to use?

Mr. Nori. No, I do not know personally, but from --- he is very adverse to paying any bills of his own, that I know; he will not pay for anything if he can help it.

Senator Townsend. What bills, for instance, do you refer to now?

Mr. Nori. Bills that may be in a nature convertible to the Government.

Senator Townsend. Do you know whether he has purchased anything /and charged it up to the Government for his own individual use?

Mr. Nori. Well, he has purchased furniture.

Senator Townsend. You know that?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Do you have to make an entry of that?

Mr. Nori. If it comes within my jurisdiction.

Senator Townsend. Well, did it come within your jurisdiction?

Mr. Nori. It did not.

Senator Townsend. How?

Mr. Nori. It did not in one instance.

Senator Townsend. In any instance, now, did any item of that kind come within your jurisdiction of which you made the entry?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. And you knew it was false at the time you made it?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Has Friedman ever called your attention to the fact that you were making false entries?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Townsend. Did he tell you when he wanted your resignation that it was because you were---

Senator Lane. Let me ask him a question there. Did you ever call attention to the fact that you were making false entries?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Did he say to you that that was one of the reasons he wanted you to leave, because you had not been doing things right?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Townsend. This money you mention here, \$500 or \$600, is the money that has been paid in by the students for transportation purposes. Was it your business to turn this money over to Friedman?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. That was a proper regulation to do that, was it?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Who kept track of it after it went into his hands?

35 Mr. Nori. If tickets are to be paid, I paid the tickets.

Senator Townsend. Is there any account kept of that on your books after the money goes into his hands?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Townsend. How do you know that he has expended any of that money improperly, then?

Mr. Nori. I do not know. That is up to him; I could not say how he used it.

Senator Townsend. These receipts that you went over there to get from Mr. Miller---- went into his office when Miller was away, did Friedman tell you to go there and get these receipts?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir; intimated.

Senator Townsend. There was nobody interested in those receipts except your and Miller, was there?

Mr. Nori. I and Miller?

Senator Townsend. Yes, You and Miller. You had given Miller the money and Miller had given you the receipts?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Nobody else's name was on those

receipts.

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Townsend. Nobody else was connected with it in any way?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Townsend. Why was Friedman interested in destroying that?

Mr. Nori. Well, I suppose---- I imagined it was for that lump sum of \$500 or \$600.

Senator Townsend. But that had passed into your hands?

Mr. Nori. Yes, but that was handed over to him.

Senator Townsend. Did you get any receipt from Friedman when you handed it to him?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; he wanted the statement, and I just gave him the statement and the money.

Senator Townsend. Did you not ever take a receipt from Friedman when you turned money over to him?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Townsend. How were you going to protect yourself if you were receiving large sums of money down there and took no receipt for it from anybody?

Mr. Nori. I went only on the supposition that he was my superior, and I could not ask him.

Senator Townsend. Did you give a bond?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Townsend. Miller insisted on taking your receipt, did he not?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Townsend. When he paid you money, did you not receipt to Miller?

Mr. Nori. Sometimes.

Senator Townsend. Those are the receipts you went over there to get to destroy?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Do you mean to say that Miller ever received any money from you or ever paid any money to you that he did not take any receipt for?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. What money?

Mr. Nori. This particular money--- individual Indian money for transportation.

Senator Townsend. That was first paid to Miller?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. And then turned over to you without any receipt?

Mr. Nori. Sometimes.

Senator Townsend. And you turned it over to Friedman without any receipt?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. How was it possible to check up what money you received at that institution?

Mr. Nori. Well, I do not know--- pretty hard, I guess. If a man would not take my receipt, he must have a record of his own.

Senator Townsend. Did you try to destroy anything but receipts?

Mr. Nori. Nothing but receipts.

Senator Townsend. You did not try to find his book record or anything of that kind and destroy that?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Townsend. And Friedman told you to do that?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. How long ago was it that he told you to do that?

Mr. Nori. Well, it was about 3 or 4 days before Mr. Linnen was there.

Senator Townsend. What did you mean when you started out by saying that he "intimated", when you now say that he told you to do certain things?

Mr. Nori. He had previously spoken about it--- every now and then intimated.

Senator Townsend. For some time had that been going on?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. He was worried about things, down there?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Were you worried at any time?

Mr. Nori. Certainly. He was so worried that he had me arrested, because he knew---

Senator Townsend. What did he have you arrested for?

Mr. Nori. Well, I guess he thought maybe I had not destroyed those papers--- he thought I might have them in my house; and he found out I had given testimony, and then he had me arrested for taking papers.

Senator Townsend. What papers?

Mr. Nori. These specific papers we are talking about.

Senator Townsend. When did he have you arrested?

Mr. Nori. The day after I gave my testimony.

Senator Townsend. To whom?

Mr. Nori. To Mr. Linnen--- had me arrested and placed

in jail, and then had a search warrant issued to search my house for those papers.

Senator Townsend. He thought you had not destroyed them, maybe?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir. He took a whole lot of my personal papers. I presume he will use that; I do not know.

Senator Townsend. What do you think he can use against you?

Mr. Nori. It is hard to tell; he is liable to use anything.

Senator Townsend. Have you something there that you would not like to have used against you?

Mr. Nori. Nothing at all; he can use whatever he wants.

The Chairman. Did he know when he had you arrested that you had already destroyed these papers?

Mr. Nori. I do not think he did, because he would not have had me arrested and tried to get those papers.

Senator Townsend. If he asked you to destroy those papers, what do you suppose he wanted you arrested for in order to get them?

Mr. Nori. He thought maybe I did not destroy them.

Senator Lane. That would be bringing the evidence to the light, would it not?

Mr. Nori. Yes.

Senator Townsend. He wanted those papers to convict himself with, did he?

Mr. Nori. I do not know.

Senator Townsend. You say he wanted them destroyed because they were damaging to him. Now, he arrested you and has a search warrant issued for the purpose of finding

those papers.

The Chairman. That was not, Senator Townsend, until after he had already given his testimony to Linnen.

Senator Townsend. I recognize that.

The Chairman. That is argumentative, of course.

Senator Townsend. Yes, that is argumentative, but what occurs to me is that he must not have known you were going to get the papers and destroy them?

Mr. Nori. He knew it all right.

The Chairman. He had you arrested before a justice of the peace, did he not?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. He did not call attention to the Bureau to or/the Department of Justice--- he did not call you into Federal court, but had you arrested before a justice of the peace in Carlisle?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Had you already told him that you had destroyed these papers?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Lane. He must have filed a charge against him in order to have had him arrested. Has this case been settled in court?

Mr. Nori. I have a hearing tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Senator Lane. Are you out under bond?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Lane. How much.?

Mr. Nori. \$1,000.

Senator Lane. What is the charge?

Mr. Nori. I cannot remember. I think for abstracting

papers and embezzlement.

The Chairman. Mr. Nori, have the traveling expenses of pupils ^{v730} that had already paid transportation been vouchered against the ^{government} money and the money drawn from the Treasury when the money had already been paid ~~to~~ the pupil?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. It had been paid by the pupil himself?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. As to the travelling expenses of Mr. Friedman, himself, that you have referred to, that was vouchered against the Government in his accounts, as superintendent, when, as a matter of fact, he had traveled on mileage paid for out of the athletic fund?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. When you prepared these vouchers, did you know they were false?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. At whose direction did you prepare them?

Mr. Nori. At the direction of Superintendent Friedman.

Senator Lane. Senator Robinson, right in there, I want to ask him this: You knew that he had been making false vouchers, putting in double charges for his traveling expenses?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Lane. How long have you know that?

Mr. Nori. Well, ever since 1908, along there.

Senator Lane. This commission was over there about 6 or 8 weeks ago, and you were a witness before the commission?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Lane. You were not called?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

The Chairman. No, he was not.

Senator Lane. All right.

The Chairman. I believe that is all, unless there are further questions by members of the commission.

Representative Stephens. Who was the first one that you told that you had destroyed these vouchers that you had got from Miller's office?

Mr. Nori. I told Friedman.

Representative Stephens. Was that the time you went for the second lot of vouchers?

Mr. Nori. That was the last time.

Representative Stephens. You did not tell him that you had gone there first and got some of them and destroyed them?

Mr. Nori. I did not tell him until I finally destroyed them.

Representative Stephens. Until you finally destroyed them?

Mr. Nori. Yes.

Representative Stephens. When was it that you went back after the second lot of vouchers, and why did you go back after the second lot?

Mr. Nori. I went back because I thought---- he had said I would be responsible for them, and I went back again in the evening.

Representative Stephens. Who told you that you would be responsible?

Mr. Nori. Mr. Friedman.

Representative Stephens. Did he know at the time when he told you that you would be responsible that you had already got some of them and burned them?

Mr. Nori. No; I had not destroyed them then.

Representative Stephens. You had not destroyed them but still had them in your possession?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. Did you tell him that you had them?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. That you had gone to the office and got them?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. But that you had not got the last lot of vouchers?

Mr. Nori. Receipts.

Representative Stephens. Receipts?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. And those are the ones that he wanted you to go back after?

Mr. Nori. He wanted me to go for those receipts, I believe, of 1908, 1909 and 1910.

Representative Stephens. Did you do it?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. Then, when you came back with those, what did you do with them? Did you burn them?

Mr. Nori. I burned all of them; yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. Those and the first ones you brought, also, at the same time?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. Then, when did you tell him that you had burned them?

Mr. Nori. I think it was the next day after I burned them.

Representative Stephens. What did he say about it?

Mr. Nori. He did not say anything--- he said "all right," that was all.

Senator Townsend. Will you let me ask a question right there?

Representative Stephens. Certainly.

Senator Townsend. These receipts you destroyed were receipts for money that you paid to Miller.

Mr. Nori. No; they were receipts that I had given to Miller.

Senator Townsend. For money that Miller had paid to you?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. You got no receipt from Friedman for this \$500?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; I just turned it over to him.

Representative Stephens. What entry did you make on your books with reference to that?

Mr. Nori. I did not make no entry, because we did not keep no special book for it.

Representative Stephens. You did not keep any special book?

Mr. Nori. We just kept it in an envelope, with a statement.

Representative Stephens. You turned over the statement,

envelope and money and all to him?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. In the presence of any one?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; everything was done between him and I personally.

Representative Stephens. And no one else except you and Mr. Friedman knew of that transaction?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Representative Stephens. Why did Friedman want you to leave the school? You said that he wanted you to resign, transfer or something?

Mr. Nori. I believe it was just on that--- he might want---

Senator Lane. I want to ask you a question.

Representative Stephens. You do not know, then?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Senator Lane. Did Mr. Miller discover the absence of those papers or how did the thing happen to get out?

Mr. Nori. Why, I believe the inspector discovered that.

Representative Stephens. You spoke about Friedman when he first spoke to you about fixing up the accounts, and said he had received a letter of instructions from Abbott. Did you see that letter?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

44 Representative Stephens. How did you know about that? Why do you say that there was a letter?

Mr. Nori. Because, I heard his name in connection with it.

Representative Stephens. In connection with what?

Mr. Nori. To the effect that he had---

Representative Stephens. How?

Mr. Nori. He had a letter-to the effect that he had received a letter from Mr. Abbott.

Representative Stephens. Who was Mr. Friedman telling that?

Mr. Nori. I do not recall. I believe it was just in a conversation I overheard.

Representative Stephens. Oh, you overheard it?

Mr. Nori. Yes.

Representative Stephens. Who was he talking to?

Mr. Nori. I believe he was talking to Warner, the athletic man.

Representative Stephens. Who?

Mr. Nori. I believe he was talking to Warner, the athletic man; I think so; I am not certain.

Representative Stephens. Where were you and where was Warner and Friedman when you overheard that?

Mr. Nori. They were in their office, when I was in my own office adjoining.

Representative Stephens. Was there a door open between you?

Mr. Nori. Yes.

Representative Stephens. State that conversation, as near as you can.

Mr. Nori. Well, they were talking about what was best to do ---- I think, about the matter; and if I can recall, I heard him say something about a letter from Abbott, advising or telling him--- I could not say the word --- and then I heard the words "athletic account" and "fixing up"--- that word I heard--- those are the words that I heard.

Representative Stephens. Was that before or after he had given you instructions to fix up your account--- Friedman had given you instructions?

Mr. Nori. That was before.

Representative Stephens. How long after that did he give you those instructions about your books?

Mr. Nori. He spoke to me, I guess, about 2 or 3 days afterwards, then. That is when it started.

Representative Stephens. That started the whole matter of fixing the books?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. How many conversations did you overhear about that, about this investigation and about Abbott requiring it?

Mr. Nori. That is only the one time.

Representative Carter. Mr. Nori, were there vouchers destroyed besides the receipts that passed between you and Miller?

Mr. Nori. Vouchers? No, sir.

Representative Carter. No other vouchers were destroyed, except the receipts?

Mr. Nori. Except receipts.

Representative Carter. That passed between you and Miller?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Representative Carter. There were no vouchers destroyed that had Friedman's name to them?

Mr. Nori. No vouchers that had his first name were destroyed--- none whatever; just the receipts.

Representative Carter. First you had destroyed the

receipts from 1908 to 1910?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. On your first trip, you secured those?

Mr. Nori . Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. Then, on the second trip you secured those running after 1910?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. When did Mr. Friedman come to Carlisle?

Mr. Nori. April, 1908.

Representative Carter. Can you tell us just about the time that you heard of this letter Abbott had written--about the date?

Mr. Nori. I did not see the letter, Senator.

Representative Carter. I want to know about the time you overheard a conversation about a letter coming from Abbott to Friedman.

Mr. Nori. The letter from the Office came first, and they were talking about it---discussing it, and I think the letter came subsequently, though just how long after, I do not know.

Representative Carter. What letter was it ~~that~~ came from the Office?

Mr. Nori. Relative to the athletic fund.

Representative Carter. From what Office?

Mr. Nori. From the Indian Affairs.

Representative Carter. From the Commissioner of Indian Affairs?

Mr. Nori. Yes.

Representative Carter. What was the contents of that letter?

Mr. Nori. I could not just exactly say, because Mr. Friedman kept that, and I believe gave it to Warner for an answer, and I believe I only saw it one time, but I did not read it.

Representative Carter. But it was asking for an accounting of the athletic funds?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. Do you know the date of that letter?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Representative Carter. Do you know anything about the date or about the time?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Representative Carter. Was it in February?

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Mr. Nori. I could not say.

Representative Carter. Was it before Christmas?

Mr. Nori. I am not positive--- I cannot--- I know the circumstances.

Representative Carter. How long after that letter came before you heard Abbott's letter mentioned?

Mr. Nori. Oh, a week or 3 or 4 days, maybe.

Representative Carter. That was before Linnen came to Carlisle, when you first heard it?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir; quite a while.

Representative Carter. State specifically, as you never have, Mr. Nori, what it was that was said about Abbott's letter and who said it--- was it Warner or Mr. Friedman who spoke of it?

Mr. Nori. Mr. Friedman, I believe, was talking.

Representative Carter. What did he say about the letter?

Mr. Nori. As I say, it is just a mere chance remark that I heard; that is all; his name was mentioned.

Representative Carter. I know you said that. I want to know what he said. You ought to know what the remark was, if you heard it, Mr. Nori.

Mr. Nori. You see, I was not close enough to hear it.

Representative Carter. How did you know that the Abbott letter was relative to---

Mr. Nori. What is that?

Representative Carter. How did you know that the Abbott letter was relative to the athletic account, then?

Mr. Nori. I heard him say--- he said--- what I could hear--- just slightly, that it was a letter directing him to look into his athletic account.

Representative Carter. Was that while Abbott was Assistant Commissioner of the Indian Affairs or since?

Mr. Nori. I believe it was after he left; I do not know when he left, but---

Representative Carter. Do you know about what date you destroyed these papers?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; I can only go by the time. Mr. Linnen has been either 3 or 4 days--- the first one, and then---

Representative Carter. When was the first time Friedman spoke to you about destroying these papers?

Mr. Nori. It was soon after the letter from the Office regarding the athletic account.

Representative Carter. Before Linnen came there?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. What did he say? Just see if you cannot tax your mind and tell us what he said, Mr. Nori.

Mr. Nori. He said, "About the accounts, Nori"--- as near as I can recall. "Well," I said, "Of course, you know how they are;" I said, "they are not altogether right in a whole lot of instances." "Well, had you not better look into it and try to fix them up as far as possible." That, maybe, would be the end of the conversation, and maybe a day or two again the subject would be brought up, just casually, and he would say, "well, how about those accounts? Have you done anything?" I says, "We cannot do anything, because they are all in the Auditor's Office," and that is all I could tell him.

Representative Carter. These receipts that passed between Miller and you were not in the Auditor's Office, were they?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Representative Carter. Those are the only things you say you destroyed?

Mr. Nori. That is all.

Representative Carter. Then, why did you tell him that nothing could be done, that they were all in the Auditor's Office?

Mr. Nori. There was not anything that he could do with his official accounts.

Representative Carter. What did you understand him to mean, Nori? Did you understand him to mean that he wanted you to destroy vouchers or that he wanted you to make false entries? What did you understand by "fixing". Did he not

make any explanation at all?

Mr. Nori. He just told me--- from what I can recollect--- he wanted me to destroy any evidence.

Representative Carter. Did he tell you that he wanted you to destroy "any evidence"?

Mr. Nori. Sir?

50 Representative Carter. Did he tell you that he wanted you to destroy any evidence?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; he just told me ~~that~~ he wanted me to destroy any papers that would complicate--- I mean that would involve these things.

Representative Carter. He told you to destroy any papers that would involve you or him?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. Which one of you--- involve you or involve him--- which one did he say?

Mr. Nori. I suppose him. He said I would be liable as well as him.

Representative Carter. Oh, he did? He said it would involve both of you?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. How many times did he tell you that, Nori?

Mr. Nori. Well, 2 or 3 times, I think.

Representative Carter. How many times did he tell you before you went to get the papers?

Mr. Nori. He did not tell me but once--- except--- about once; I guess; and after that---

Representative Carter. You went and got the papers as soon as he told you?

Mr. Nori. Not exactly.

Representative Carter. Did you not tell me that he told you away back there when Abbott wrote this letter that you had better do something about it?

Mr. Nori. Oh, yes, he told me--- he intimated lots of times, but then he did not tell me directly.

Representative Carter. When was the first time he told you directly to get the papers and to destroy them?

Mr. Nori. It was after Linnen had been there.

Representative Carter. Did you get the papers before he told you to do it, directly?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Representative Carter. You did not get them until he had instructed you to get them and destroy them?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Representative Carter. When did Friedman first have a conversation with you about making these false entries in the book, and about carrying this matter along, as you did carry it?

Mr. Nori. I guess it was the first year that he came, pretty nearly.

Representative Carter. How long after he came there was it, Nori?

Mr. Nori. About 6 months, or so.

Representative Carter. What did he say?

Mr. Nori. He said--- he would say "tickets for pupils." Now, he had an understanding with them, if they would interest themselves with the schools--- "I have an understanding with them. We will pay their money and charge their tickets to the Government and hold them until they

return with whatever expense or if they have interested themselves."

Representative Carter. Interest themselves in getting scholars to come to school?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. And what did he tell you and what kind of an entry did he tell you to make about it? What did he tell you to do about it?

Mr. Nori. We just merely--- we just merely kept the money in an envelope, and whenever the boys---

Representative Carter. I am not asking you what you did. I am asking you what he told you to do. How did he tell you to handle it?

Mr. Nori. I would present these bills to him and show him how they were marked, and then he would say, "Now, this boy will be---" he would have an understanding with him to interest himself for the school--- "charge his ticket---let the Government pay it."

Representative Carter. What was that ticket for--- for the boy's return home?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. You already had the money from the boy yourself to pay it?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. Did you begin handling this ~~the~~ thing this way just as soon as he told you to?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. How long had you been in the service then?

Mr. Nori. I went there in 1900.

Representative Carter. He had been there 8 years?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. Had it ever been handled that way before, prior to the time Mr. Friedman came there?

Mr. Nori. I have no knowledge of it.

Representative Carter. Were you acting then in the capacity of chief clerk, as you are now?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. How long had you been acting in that capacity?

Mr. Nori. One year before.

Representative Carter. Had any such thing occurred prior to that time?

Mr. Nori. There was some cases like that, but that was settled by Mercer.

Representative Carter. Just the same as Friedman did?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. Did you find them settling them that way as chief clerk?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. Did it not occur to you that it was wrong?

Mr. Nori. It was customary, I guess; that is all I know.

Representative Carter. What degree of Indian blood have you, Nori?

Mr. Nori. Full blood.

Representative Carter. Your mother and father were both full bloods?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. Could you speak English when you first went to the school?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Representative Carter. Where were you educated?

Mr. Nori. At Carlisle Indian School, and Dickinson for a little while.

Representative Carter. Your whole experience has been at Carlisle, has it?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. And you know nothing of white men's ways and white men's business except what you learned at Carlisle?

Mr. Nori. That is all.

Representative Carter. As chief clerk, did you consider it your duty to do whatever your superiors asked you to do?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir; I was there to follow instructions.

Representative Carter. Would you consider it your duty to follow instructions whether you were violating the law or not?

Mr. Nori. Well, I ---- I tried to work against what I thought it was, but I did not think--- if my superior officer would pass them---

Representative Carter. Why did you not complain about these things before now, Nori? Just tell us. You have a reason, why did you not? Just tell the committee frankly why it was.

Mr. Nori. I would be blamed for it; that is all I know. I did not want to complain, because I would be blamed for irregularity, because I believed that Friedman

would throw the responsibility on me in every way, shape and form.

Representative Carter. What did you consider would have happened if you had made a complaint? What did you think would be the result? Did you ever study about that?

Mr. Nori. Why, I suppose I would suffer the penalty of, whatever it was.

The Chairman. Miller was a bonded officer, was he?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. And Friedman was the disbursing officer?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. And they were chargeable with the correct keeping and paying out of those funds?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. I want to find out, now, just what happened when you first told someone besides Friedman about having destroyed those receipts. Do you know whether or not Linnen went to Mr. Miller's office and got the remaining files there of receipts or not, and did he show them to you and show you where receipts had been torn from the files?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. And did he confront you with them and accuse you of having done it?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. And you then admitted to having done it?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Do you know whether or not you got all those receipts that related to cases of individual

Indian pupils who had paid their transportation, and in which cases it was still vouchered against the Government? Do you know whether you got them all or not?

Mr. Nori. I only got what I could; that is all.

The Chairman. As a matter of fact, you lacked about \$909.59 of getting all the receipts, as appears from the records still on file in Miller's office, of cases where individual Indian pupils had paid their own transportation in advance, and in which vouchers were made against the Government for their transportation?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Take as an illustration the case of Lafe Allison. Does the Government pay the transportation home of a pupil who has deserted or leaves the school and runs away?

Mr. Nori. Hardly possible.

The Chairman. That is never done, is it?

Mr. Nori. There might be sometimes, but I cannot--- I do not think generally.

The Chairman. Do you remember the case of Lafe Allison?

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Mr. Nori. No, I do not think I do.

The Chairman. Do you know of any cases where pupils had, as a matter of fact, deserted and run away and their transportation was vouchered against the Government, when, as a matter of fact, it was not used by the pupil?

Mr. Nori. Yes, there have been cases like that.

The Chairman. There have been case like that?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Can you recall from memory now any of those cases?

Mr. Nori. No, because there are so many of them.

The Chairman. A large number of them?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Do you know whether Lafe Allison was one of those pupils or not?

Mr. Nori. He was one of the chronic ones.

The Chairman. What?

Mr. Nori. Chronic ones--- might have taken his name as one.

The Chairman. What do you mean by "chronic?" I do not understand just how you use that word.

Mr. Nori. If he had been in the habit of running away, his name would be used even if he did not run away.

The Chairman. There was a habit there, then, of vouchering for the transportation of pupils who had run away?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Did he voucher for a pupil who had run away more than once?

Mr. Nori. Sometimes. He may run 3 or 4 times.

The Chairman. What I want to know is, in a case of a pupil who is in the habit of running away, if the administration there have the habit of vouchering this transportation and making the Government pay it?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Lane. And would they charge him with running away when he had not been guilty of it?

Mr. Nori. Would he charge?

Senator Lane. Would they accuse him of running away more times than he really did, and draw vouchers when he did not?

Mr. Nori. No.

The Chairman. They would not charge him with running away in that connection.

Representative Carter. They would not charge him with running away when he did run.

The Chairman. Charge him with going home and paying his expenses out of the Government fund.

How old are you, Nori?

Mr. Nori. Thirty-eight years old.

The Chairman. You knew that the Joint Commission was investigating those funds?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. You knew that Mr. Linnon was sent there for that purpose?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. You knew if he got hold of these records that they would enable him to check up these false accounts?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. If I understand you correctly, it was your idea and purpose to destroy the evidence that would implicate you and the superintendent in making these false accounts, and thus prevent the matter being correctly checked up?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Senator Townsend. Has Mr. Friedman ever complained to you that you had kept the money instead of turning it over to him?

Mr. Nori. No, I do not think he did, but I think it was his intentions if ever any thing should come of this character.

Senator Townsend. You are sure you did not keep any of that money?

Mr. Nori. Only as I stated.

Senator Lane. He said he kept some.

Senator Townsend. Yes.

The Chairman. You were not arrested until after you had made your statement to Mr. Linnen and you were arrested the day following?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Before a justice of the peace in Carlisle?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. Did Mr. Friedman know that you had made a statement to Mr. Linnen?

Mr. Nori. I do not know; I suppose he thought I did; I suppose he would know I would tell what I know about it.

The Chairman. Do you know whether or not Mr. Friedman, when he had you arrested, knew that you had been in conference with Linnen or had made a statement to him?

Mr. Nori. I suppose he did.

The Chairman. Where did you make your statement to Linnen?

Mr. Nori. In the office of Mr. Lipps.

The Chairman. In the office of the superintendent there at the school?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. You say you got \$100 from some of these funds to send your wife West. What funds was the

\$100 taken from?

Mr. Nori. From this transportation of pupils.

Representative Stephens. Then you sent your wife the same way as had been customary to send the pupils?

Mr. Nori. Yes, to interest any prospective students. She went to Seattle and then went to a school in Oregon--- I have forgotten--- Salem and from Salem down to *Riverside*.

Representative Stephens. What was she doing at all these places, influencing pupils to come to Carlisle?

Mr. Nori. She went home. Her father wanted her home, and he paid her way, and then her uncle lives in New Mexico, and she went down as far as San Francisco with him.

Representative Stephens. Then, how did you get this \$100? Her father paid her way, and then you got the \$100 out of the Treasury besides?

58 Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. You kept the money?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. That is the same thing as many others have done when they sent persons out for the purpose of enlisting pupils--- they were trying to avoid the law, were they not?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. The rules and regulations?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Stephens. I am anxious to know how that is done. How do they cheat the law by getting pupils to Carlisle, solicit them?

Mr. Nori. When the regulations came out that they should not solicit, this, of course, was one form to interest x pupils, but there was no direct authority given to anybody. They only asked the people out in the field to do as much soliciting as possible, without going over the regulations.

Representative Stephens. Was any amount of money paid to those people who sent students?

Mr. Nori. I cannot say; there may have been, out of the athletic fund; I could not say as to that.

Representative Stephens. Who had charge of the athletic fund?

Mr. Nori. Mr. Miller, the gentleman who has charge of the individual Indian accounts.

The Chairman. Who was present when you made your statement to Inspector Linnen?

Mr. Nori. Miss Herrman, the clerk, took down the testimony.

The Chairman. Was she a stenographer?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. In whose employ had she been previously-- whose employ was she in?

Mr. Nori. She was in my office.

The Chairman. In whose employ?

Mr. Nori. In the United States Government.

The Chairman. Under Friedman?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

The Chairman. She had been his stenographer?

Mr. Nori. Well, she takes dictation from him.

Representative Carter. Was this \$100 given to you on account of your wife's visit to the West?

Mr. Nori. What did you say?

Representative Carter. Was this \$100 you took out of the fund, was that taken out of the fund for your wife's visit to the West?

Mr. Nori. Yes, sir.

Representative Carter. To pay her expenses?

Mr. Nori. No, sir; such as may be required to interest pupils.

Representative Carter. She went to the West to interest pupils to come to Carlisle--- was that the purpose of her mission?

Mr. Nori. As others were.

Representative Carter. What authority did you have for taking that \$100? Who told you to take it--- that you might take it out of the fund?

Mr. Nori. I did not have no specific authority.

Representative Carter. Did anybody tell you that you might take it out of the fund?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Representative Carter. Did you tell anybody that you had taken it?

Mr. Nori. It was in the statement I gave to Friedman.

Representative Carter. Friedman did not authorize you to take that out for your wife?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.

Representative Carter. Did he know that you took it out for your wife?

Mr. Nori. He had a statement, I think.

Representative Carter. Did he make any objection to it?

Mr. Nori. No, sir.