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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

J. WHITWELL
PRINCIPAL TEACHER

January 11, 1908.

Hon. F. E. Leupp,
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Commissioner:

✓ This will be handed to you by our Principal Teacher, Mr. John Whitwell, who will make an excellent Superintendent and I most heartily recommend his appointment as my successor.

Mr. Whitwell has reorganized the academic work at Carlisle and I believe that never in the history of the school has that department done such good work as it is now doing.

Mr. Whitwell is, I fully believe, able to handle all the other departments successfully and to maintain discipline and efficiency throughout. He knows the character and capabilities of every employee--can at once separate the indifferent from the energetic and efficient--and the loyal from the disloyal--so that he can take up the work where I leave it off, which is something that no stranger to the school can do for at least a year or two. If Mr. Whitwell is made Superintendent I am sure he will please you--if he could be Superintendent and a disbursing officer relieve him of property and money matters, it would be an ideal arrangement.

Sincerely yours,

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

[Handwritten initials]