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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,

CARLISLE, PA.

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April 10th,

My Dear Mr. Valentine:

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Referring to your favor of the 1st instant, I find that Joseph Johnson is the best ball player among those boys examined for appointment to the messenger service in your Office. He is an ordinary good pitcher and is the mainstay in that position on the second team at this school.

Arthur Coons is also a ball player and has generally played the second base position.

Orlando Johnson has some pitching ability, but is not good enough to be specially recommended.

We have quite a number of ball players for any other position, and I should only be too glad to recommend such of them as would be desirable for the service in your Office.

Very sincerely yours,

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Superintendent.

Mr. R. G. Valentine, Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Friedman:

In considering your boys for our messenger service here, do you happen to have either a good pitcher or a catcher, a good pitcher preferred if we can't get both, who would add glory to the Department of the Interior ball team? I am not in the business of getting men into the Indian Service in order to play ball, but I think it would do our Office good, morally and physically, to have some of its people represented on the team. I merely throw this out toyou as a collateral consideration in picking men now or at any time in the future for our Service here. What I really care for is the physique that ball playing implies, provided it goes with mental capacity, which is really the essential.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Commissioner.

Moses Friedman, Esq.,

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