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Mr. Moses Friedman,
Supt. Carlisle School.

Sir:

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The Office has had under consideration your letter of October 23, 1913, in reference to certain checks now in the possession of the school banker which have been sent you to be turned over to the students, and notes the two requests with which you conclude your letter.

You ask that some way be evolved to regulate the sending of large checks or even of checks of any kind direct to students at the school unless the money is placed to their credit on the books and treated the same as all other moneys of all other students. Section 16 of the Regulations for handling Individual Indian Money does not limit the amount to be remitted nor can this always be done arbitrarily even if it might seem advisable to do so. It is, however, stipulated that such transfer of funds shall be made to the disbursing officer and strict compliance is always expected and insisted upon.

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When any such check is received regardless of amount or source of funds, the individual for whom the check is intended should be asked to endorse it over to you as Superintendent, and the proceeds placed to his credit as Individual Indian Money, Pupils. Refusal on the part of the pupil to endorse check should be promptly reported to this Office for consideration, giving full particulars as to the reasons advanced by the pupil for such refusal, and your own recommendations.

Your letter says that these checks are sent to the students for one reason or another after approval by this Office and according to the regulations they are turned over to the students so that the money is expended without any further supervision. This reference to the regulations is not understood. On the contrary, in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down in Section 11 of the regulations for handling individual Indian money, you are expected to supervise the disbursement of all individual Indian moneys.

You also ask favorable action with reference to a general authority to close out the accounts of students who return to their homes.

It is believed that you have sufficient authority in sections 14 and 16 to cover all ordinary cases of this kind. If cases arise in which Indian pupils, when at home, will not be under the jurisdiction of any Superintendent, the paying over to them all of their savings should be made the subject of special correspondence with this Office. Every request of this kind must be full and complete, accompanied by such statement of competency as will enable the Office to act promptly on your request.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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Check for Joseph
H. Broker.

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Mr. John R. Howard,

Supt., White Earth School.

Sir:

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The Office has received a letter from the Superintendent of the Carlisle School, Pennsylvania, saying that the school banker has in his possession check No. 1456 in favor of Joseph H. Broker for \$450.00.

The Superintendent at Carlisle asks for certain instructions but before complying with his request it will be necessary that you furnish additional information regarding the above case.

Please, therefore, report the source of the fund transmitted, explain why you remitted this check and under what regulation it was done, stating whether the check was sent to the pupil direct and for what purpose. An immediate reply is requested.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Second Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Checks.

Winnebago Agency, Winnebago, Nebr.,

November 25, 1913.



Carlisle

The Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of November 20, 1913, asking for information regarding certain checks sent from Winnebago and Omaha Agencies to Carlisle, I have the honor to state, that they all represent annuity payments. The payees are all of age and the payments were in no way restricted. The Superintendent had no discretion but to deliver the checks to the payees.

Very respectfully,

John S. Fear,
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Check for
Joseph H. Broker.

White Earth Agency,

White Earth, Minn.,

Nov. 24, 1913.



Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to Office letter of November 20, 1913, I have to inform you that Mr. Broker's individual bank balance came from the sale of timber on his allotment.

A request for authority to pay \$450 to Joseph H. Broker to aid with his education was submitted to your Office and approved unconditionally by date of Sept. 27, 1913. On receipt of this approval a check against his account was drawn and sent to the Superintendent of the Carlisle School, as it was necessary to have Mr. Broker sign the check, he being of age. A copy of the letter sent to Superintendent Friedman and a copy of his reply to same are herewith submitted.

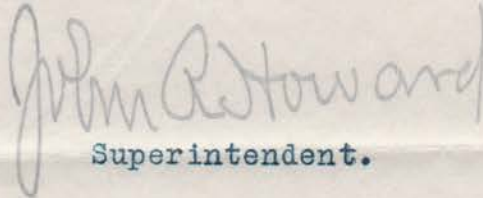
On the strength of Mr. Friedman's statement that he had delivered this check to Mr. Broker, we have been assuring the relatives here that the check had been delivered, and we

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cannot understand why it was not.

Very respectfully,


Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE



White Earth Agency, White Earth, Minn.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Sept. 12, 1913.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to recommend that I be authorized to approve the checks of Joseph H. Broker whose balance in bank is \$ 1425.00, in the amounts and for the purposes specified below:

This young man asks that he be given the use of \$450.00 of his individual balance, as he desires to enter Conway Hall, Carlisle, Pa., with the purpose of taking up a course in law, and he will require the use of this money in order to defray his expenses while he is taking the course. The young man is of age and is of good reputation and steady habits, and I believe that he could be trusted to carefully handle the amount he asks for, and I recommend that it be given to him.

Exhausted.

AMOUNT OF AUTHORITY.		EXPENDITURES.	
		DATE.	AMOUNT.
450.00			(1456)
		10-6	450.00

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(Signed) John R. Howard

~~Agent~~ Superintendent.

Approved: C. F. Hauke.

Second Assistant

Commissioner.

Date, Sept. 27th, 1913.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE



White Earth Agency,

White Earth, Minn.,

Oct. 6th, 1913.

Supt. M. Friedman,

Indian School,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am herewith enclosing individual Indian check No. 1456, drawn to Joseph H. Broker for \$450.00. You will please have Mr. Broker sign this check in the usual manner and I request that you advise the young man as to the best disposition to make of this money, as the Department has authorized this amount to aid with his education.

Respectfully,

(Signed) John R. Howard

Superintendent

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

Carlisle, Penn., October 20, 1913



Mr. John R. Howard,

Superintendent,

White Earth, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of the 6th enclosing check for \$450.00 in favor of Joseph H. Broker. This check has been handed to Joseph as desired.

Respectfully,

(Signed) M. Friedman.

Superintendent.

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE



Pawnee Agency, Okla., Nov. 24, 1913. 2

The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to the above described letter, I have to say that the pupils in whose favor these checks were drawn are Pawnee Indians over eighteen years of age; that the funds against which these checks were drawn are "Fulfilling Treaties with Pawnees, Oklahoma" and "Interest on Pawnee Fund". The authority for the disbursement of these funds is No. 114980013 granted September 30, 1913. The checks were not sent to the pupils direct but were sent to the Superintendent of the Carlisle school with the advice that they represented the shares of the students of the annuity payment. Copies of these letters transmitting these checks are attached hereto. Had these pupils been at home they would have received these checks direct the same as all of the other adult annuitants. In sending the checks to the Superintendent we expected that they would be handled in accordance with the regulations of the Carlisle school and we did not ask that they be turned over to the students to be used without restriction. The payment of these funds to annuitants who are legally competent to receive them is provided for by treaty and the authority under which this particular payment was made states that the payment is mandatory.

Our records show that there were but six of these checks transmitted instead of ten as stated in Department letter.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. L. Reed", written in a cursive style.

Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Pawnee Indian Agency,

Pawnee, Okla., Oct. 3, 1913

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Supt. M. Friedman,

Carlisle, Pa.,

Dear Sir;

I am enclosing herewith an official check in Elmo Matlock's favor, a Pawnee Indian boy attending your school, for \$36.60. This is his share of the annuity payment which was made to the Pawnee Indians yesterday. Kindly see that it is properly taken care of.

Very respectfully,

Geo. W. Nellis,

Supt & Spl. Disb. Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE



Pawnee Indian Agency,

Pawnee Okla., Oct. 3, 1913.

Supt. M. Friedman,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith checks for Pawnee pupils of your school as followd:

Grant White	\$36.60
Lucy West	\$36.60
Myra Lone Chief	\$36.60
May Lone Chief	36.60
Cecelia Matlock	36.60.

These checks represent their shares of the annuity payment which is being made to-day.

Very respectfully,

Geo. W. Nellis,
Supt. & Spl. Disb. Agent.

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Mr. George W. Nellis.

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Supt., Pawnee School.

Sir:

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The Office has received a letter from the Superintendent of the Carlisle School saying that the school banker now has in his possession ten annuity checks of \$36.60 each to be turned over to the students according to the regulations.

The Superintendent at Carlisle asks for certain instructions but before complying with his request it will be necessary that you furnish additional information regarding the above cases.

Please, therefore, report the source of the funds transmitted, explain why you remitted these checks and under what regulation it was done, stating whether the checks were sent to the pupils direct and for what purpose. An immediate reply is requested.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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asst Commissioner.

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Mr. John S. Spear,
Supt., Winnebago School.

NOV 20 1913

Sir:

The Office has received a letter from the Superintendent of the Carlisle School, Pennsylvania, saying that the school banker has among other checks now in his possession to be turned over to students, according to the regulations, the following:

Arthur West, Check No. 615,	\$317.90
John Armell, Check No. 540,	317.91
Ethel Greenhair, Check No. 567,	317.91
Silas White, Treasury Warrant No. 1955, (Omaha)	151.25

The Superintendent at Carlisle asks for certain instructions but before complying with his request it will be necessary that you furnish additional information regarding the above cases.

Please, therefore, report the source of the funds transmitted, explain why you remitted these checks and under what regulation it was done, stating whether the checks were sent to the pupils direct and for what purpose. An immediate reply is requested.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt



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

October 22, 1913.



The Honorable
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Besides a large number of smaller checks, the school banker has now in his possession to be turned over to students according to the regulations, the following checks:

(Arthur West, Winnebago per capita payment,
check No. 615, amount,\$317.90
John Armell, ditto, check No. 540, 317.91
Ethel Greenhair, ditto, " " 567, 317.91
✓ Pawnee pupils (ten annuity checks of \$36.60 ea.) 366.00
✓ Silas White, Treasury Warrant, No. 1955, 151.25
✓ Joseph H. Broker, White Earth Agency, check 1456, 450.00

These checks are sent to the students for one reason or another after approval by your Office, and according to the regulations they are turned over to the students, so that the money is expended without any further supervision. While the students draw them for a stated purpose, there is no assurance that the money will be spent for that purpose, unless the funds are placed under exactly the same conditions as all other funds of those and other students.

According to the new regulations issued, paragraph

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11, page 5, a small allowance of spending money is granted, while there is another provision making it necessary to obtain authority in each case where over \$25.00 is expended, regardless of the fact of whether the student has earned this money himself or has obtained it through his agent in the West. The present method of sending checks to students, as quoted above, is harmful in two ways.

First, it encourages extravagance among a certain number of students whose extensive expenditures are not supervised and cannot be after the money is turned over to them.

Second, a few students having more money spend large sums, while other students in large numbers are held to very small expenditures, according to the regulations, causing dissatisfaction and a feeling among those who are held down that favoritism is practiced.


I simply bring this matter up at this time, because it seems to me and to other attaches of the school that some adjustment should be made. At the same time, I respectfully call attention to the difficulty in closing out the accounts of the students who return to their homes. Most of these students earn all the money which they have in their possession in the school bank, and some of them are not under the immediate jurisdiction of the Superintendent of a reservation, such as the New York students. I have

made it a practice here that whenever a student goes home who lives under the jurisdiction of an agent and has a large sum of money to his credit, say \$50.00 or more, that the money has been sent as "transfer of funds" to the superintendent of the reservation. A large number of students, however, do not come under such jurisdiction and the delay incident to sending their money causes dissatisfaction among them and a feeling of anxiety.

I am strongly in favor of the students being held down in their expenditures while they are in school, and it has always been the practice of the Carlisle School to insist on the students saving half of their money even though it is earned under the Outing System.

I merely submit these two matter, first, that some way be evolved to regulate the sending of large checks or even of checks of any kind direct to students here at the school, unless the money is placed to their credit on the books, and treated the same as all other moneys of all other students. Second, I respectfully request favorable action with reference to a general authority to close out the accounts of students who return to their homes.

Very respectfully,


Superintendent.

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