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Hon. Com. of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Hon Sir:-

I wish to write to you and inform you that I am not pleased concerning one thing which happened to me. I have reference to the taking of my son away to school without my consent, and while in school at Carlisle my son became sick and came back and died here. I am old and almost totally blind and this my only son has died now so I have no one to help me; I feel very much downcast and bereft because of the death of my only son. I wish to ask you now whether it is with your consent that our agent takes children from the reservation to non reservation schools without the

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consent of their respective parents.
You have the charge of the Indians
and so I turn to you to know
this; I am not the only one
who is not satisfied with
this; many of my people are
complaining that their children
were stolen from them and
taken away to school.

I wish you would let me
know if it is with your consent
that our agent steals our
children away from us to take
them off to school.

Very respectfully

Two Moons

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

Education
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Subject:
Complaint of Two Moons.

Sept. 19, 1907.

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Superintendent,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir :

The enclosed communication from Two Moons of Busby, Montana, saying that his son was taken away without his consent and enrolled in your school where he died, is referred to you for a full report on the statements made therein.

Return the communication with your report.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Larrabee.

Acting Commissioner.

J.H.D.(P)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Subject;
Complaint of Two Moons.

Tongue River Agency,
Lamedeer, Montana,
October 23/1907.

Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir;-

Replying to "Education 77889-1907, File 820, October 5, 1907" I have the honor to report that the children enrolled for the party that arrived at Carlisle February 28/1907 were gathered under circumstances altogether fair and open. For a week or more preceding the departure of the party the older Indians of the reservation residing in the section from which the greater number of the children gathered were drawn held meetings in which they spoke enthusiastically in support of the movement to have their well grown children leave the reservation to go to school. Fully one hundred and fifty Indians were at the Training school the day before the departure of the children and it can be truthfully said that a holiday spirit pervaded the business of collecting this party of children from first to last.

There was not with any of the Indians the slightest doubt as to what was the intention in forming the party. In every case where the child was under eighteen years of age the parents or one of them if living was at the school to say good bye to their children or said good bye to them at the agency a day or two before the departure of the party.

No complaint other than that of Two Moons ever came to

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the agency office and since the receipt of the above referred to office letter I have had a conversation with Two Moons in the presence of Supervisor Pringle in which he stated that he harbors no resentment in the matter toward the superintendent. Two Moons is one of the older men. His son was 23 years of age. He was a serious young man and a good worker who said that he wished he could learn English for the good it would be to him. It was considered that on account of his age, he was qualified to sign his own consent blank and as he only decided to go of his own free will and choice at the last moment the matter of referring the subject to his father was not considered as necessary. The children at Carlisle are writing letters home to their parents that show that they are happy in their school experiences.

It is most unfortunate that George Two Moons died. There was no sign of weakness about him, in fact he was regarded as the sturdiest constitution among the number enrolled. I saw Two Moons many times after the boy left the reservation and he made no mention of his dissatisfaction until after he was depressed by the death of his son. I think that it would be impossible to form a party of children that would leave home ^{more} happily and with such good nature on the part of the parents ~~than~~ did this party.

Enclosed is a list of the children with information called for in office letter above referred to.

Very respectfully,


Supt. & S.D.A.

Cheyenne Pupils arriving at Carlisle, February 28/1908

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Name.	Age	Father.	Mother.	Consent Sign
Chas. Yellowrobe.	14	Wm. Yellowrobe.	Minnie Yellow-robe	Mrs.. Yellowrobe.
Hugh Weasel Bear.	18	Weasel Bear.	Hide Scraper.	Frank Lightning.
Benj. White.	16	White.		Little Woodpecker
Davis Wounded Eye	19	Milton Wounded eye		Davis Wounded Eye
George Two Moons	23	Two Moons.	Mrs. Two Moons.	George Two Moons.
Nora Two Moons.	14	John Two Moons.	War Path.	John Two Moons.
Bessie Standing Elk	19	Eugene Standing elk	Min a wee ah	Edward Tall Bull
Henry Smith	16	John Smith	Feather Woman	John Smith
David She Bear.	21	Calvin She Bear.		David She Bear.
Curtis Redneck	18	Yellow	Paint Woman	Thomas Elkshoulders
Alice Redbird.	13	Redbird	Medicine Rock	Medicinerock.
Rutherford Rolling bull	16	Rolling Bull	Good voice woman	Jno. Black Wolf.
Emma Rowland	14	Zack Rowland	Julia Rowland	Zack Rowland.
Thomas Rowland	16	Willis Rowland	Ellen Rowland	Willis Rowland.
Reno Rowland.	15	Zack Rowland.	Julia Rowland.	Zack Rowland.
Nora Rowland.	15	James Rowland	Alice Rowland	Willis Rowland. James Rowland.
Lizzie Rowland	7	Zack Rowland	Julia Rowland	Zack Rowland.
Fannie Rollingbull	15	Rolling Bull	Good Voice Woman.	Jno. Black Wolf.
Jessie Rowland	19	Zack Rowland	Julia Rowland.	Willis Rowland.
Fred Roundstone	20	Lewis Roundstone	Mrs. Roundstone	Fred Roundstone.
Benton Rowland	9	Zack Rowland	Julia Rowland.	Willis Rowland.
John Russell	16	Wm Russell	Lucy Crane.	Wm Russell.
John Porcupinedress	18		Porcupine Dress	Chas Whistling elk
Marion Mexican Cheyenne	23	Charles Mexican Cheyenne.	Sadie Mexican Cheyenne.	Chas Scalpcane.
Willis Medicinebull	20	Robt. Medicinebull	Maggie Medicinebull	Willis Medicinebull.
Stanley Lamewoman	19		Bessie Lamewoman	Bessie Lamewoman

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Florence Little Whiteman.	19	Littlewhiteman	Wolf in Plain sight.	Little Whiteman
William Little Wolf.	23	Little Wolf.	Big Woman.	Little Wolf.
Wm.High Bear .	20.	High Bear.	Stringing Beads.	Wm.High Bear.
Albert Duster	18	Medicine One.	Duster	Albert Duster.
Dewitt C.Wheeler (Assinaboine tribe)	15	Dewitt Clinton Wheeler.	Minnie	D.C.Wheeler.

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

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75323 - 1907
Subject:

October 31, 1907.

Enrolment of
George Two Moons
at Carlisle.

Two Moons,
Busby, Montana.

My Friend :

I have been investigating your complaint regarding your son, who, you informed me, was taken to the Carlisle School without your consent and a few months later returned home so sick that he died soon after; also your statement that the parents of other children who were taken to Carlisle at the same time are very much dissatisfied.

Both Supt. Mercer, of the Carlisle School, and Supt. Eddy, of the Tongue River Agency, have made reports to me. I quote from Supt. Eddy's report, which has just been received :

For a week or more preceding the departure of the party the older Indians of the reservation residing in the section from which the greater number of the children gathered were drawn held meetings in which they spoke enthusiastically in support of the movement to have their well grown children leave the reservation to go to school. Fully one hundred and fifty Indians were at the Training school the day before the departure of the children and it can be truthfully said that a holiday spirit pervaded the business of collecting this party of children from first to last.

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I think that it would be impossible to form a party of children that would leave home more happily and with such good nature on the part of the parents than did this party.

The children at Carlisle are writing letters home to their parents that show that they are happy in their school experiences.

It is a rule of the Office that Indians who have reached the age of 21 years may be enrolled in a nonreservation school without the consent of their parents, provided there is no other reason than this want of consent to withhold the privilege of further schooling at Government expense. It appears that your son George was anxious to have more education and that Supt. Eddy thought him worthy. Ordinarily, a young men of his age, 23, are supposed to have passed the school period, and unless there is reason to expect serious application on their part, their transfer to distant schools is not favored.

I regret exceedingly that your son's career was cut short and can understand your sorrow. I cannot see, however, that any blame attaches to either Supt. Mercer or Supt. Eddy, their part being only

in furtherance of his commendable wish for better preparation to live and be useful.

As it appears that the remainder of the party taken to Carlisle along with your son are happy in their school life, that part of your letter is answered.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) W. E. Leupp.
Commissioner.

F.I.P.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

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File 820

Subject:

October 31, 1907.

Report on Two
Moon's complaint.

Superintendent,
Tongue River Training School,
Lamedeer, Montana.

Sir :

Your report of the 23rd instant, on the complaints of Two Moons,
has been received, and is satisfactory.

The statements having direct bearing on the complaint have been
repeated to Two Moons.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) F. E. Leupp.
Commissioner.

F.I.P.

Oct. 17/07 Encl.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

Sept. 20, 1907. *J.P.*

Subject:
Complaint of Two Moons.

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

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Sir:

I am in receipt of your Office letter (Education 75323/07) dated the 19th instant, from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, inclosing letter from Two Moons of the Tongue River reservation, Montana, complaining that his son George Two Moons was taken away from the reservation and brought to Carlisle by the agent without his (Two Moons') consent. Complying with Office request for a full report upon the statements contained in the letter of Two Moons, you are advised that this young man was brought to Carlisle on February 28, 1907, with a party of 31 or 32 other members of the Cheyenne tribe from the Tongue River Agency by the superintendent, J. R. Eddy, who collected the party and procured all the required papers and consents in connection with their enrollment at Carlisle; that according to our records the said George Two Moons was 23 years of age at the time of his enrollment here; that the required consent in his case was signed by himself and duly witnessed by Elmore Littlesfield, an employee, I believe, on the reservation; that soon after his arrival at Carlisle, George Two Moons developed marked symptoms of tuberculosis which were later confirmed without question by our school physician, and that on *8* *9* May 27th he was discharged from the school and returned to his home,

where he died, according to information received later.

Proper consents and enrollment papers were brought by Supt. Eddy for all the members comprising the party above referred to, and up to this time no complaint has been made by parents or others interested in any of these pupils to the effect that proper consent for the enrollment here had not been previously obtained. Further than this I am unable to make answer to the charge that many of the Indians there on the reservation are complaining that their children "were stolen from them and taken away to school."

The most of the pupils in question are now doing very well indeed and are happy and contented, and it is believed that their own welfare and the welfare of their people at home will be promoted by ^{these children} putting in a term at Carlisle.

The letter of Two Moons is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,


Major 11th Cavalry,

Superintendent.

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WASHINGTON.

Subject:
Complaint of Two Moons.

October 5, 1907.

Superintendent,
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Sir:

The enclosed correspondence is referred to you for a report and return of all the papers.

The Office desires full information concerning the circumstances under which this party of children was collected, their names, ages, etc.; whether their parents signed the consent blanks, whether they knew that their children were to be taken away from the Tongue River Boarding School if the party was made up there, and whether they saw the children before they left the reservation. The list should show the names of parents as well as the children transferred, and who signed each consent blank, etc.

Please give this matter attention at an early date.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) O. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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