

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE
INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

Feb. 11, 1908.

Subject:

Request of parents
for release of Eugene
and Michael Ranco.

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Feb. 15 and 18 to Carlisle
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The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There is inclosed herewith for your information, and with request for instructions to me from your Office, a letter dated the 4th instant from F. W. Knowlton, attorney-at-law, of Old Town, Me., in which he asks, in behalf of the parents, that Eugene and Michael Ranco be discharged and sent home.

There is no reason given for making this request other than that the parents want their boys released. So far as this school is concerned, we know of no reason why the request should be granted. The boys are doing well at this time and are undoubtedly profiting by their training at Carlisle in a far greater measure than could possibly be the case at their homes, although it is understood they have access to both mission and a small public school there. These boys left the school without permission just after the holidays, but were apprehended and returned, and on their return they were under punishment for a time. It is altogether probable that this occurrence is at the bottom of the request on the part of the parents to have the boys released. For the boys themselves, I cannot but feel that it would be a most undesirable step.

In connection with these cases attention is respectfully

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Gene

invited to correspondence with your Office about two months ago in the case of Blanche Shay, who was sent home in pursuance of your instructions on the request of the girl's mother. It would, I believe, have a bad effect upon the pupils of the school and tend to unsettle a number of them if the request of the parents of these boys were to be granted at this time, and I respectfully recommend, in view of all the facts, that the request be not granted.

For your complete information I inclose the signed consents in the case of these two boys. Please return the same with your reply, together with the letter of Mr. Knowlton.

Very respectfully,



Supervisor in Charge.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Education
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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

February 15, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Request for the release
of Eugene and Michael Ranco,
pupils at Carlisle.

Supervisor in Charge,
Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, inclosing a communication from F. W. Knowlton, an attorney-at-law of Old Town, Maine, in which he asks, in behalf of the parents, that Eugene and Michael Ranco be discharged and sent home.

As you say that the boys would have access to a mission or a small public school at their home, there does not seem to be any necessity to hold them at Carlisle against the wishes of their parents, even though they have signed enrollment blanks for a term of five years.

I assume that the Government paid the transportation of these pupils to the school, and as they are to be returned in advance of the agreement it is only proper that the parents should bear the expense of sending them home. You may therefore inform Mr. Knowlton that as soon as an amount sufficient to

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return the boys is deposited, they will be sent home.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) G. F. Larrabee:
Acting Commissioner.

J.H.D. (F)

Inclosures

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Education
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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. February 18, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Return of applications for
enrollment of two pupils, and
letter from F. W. Knowlton.

Supervisor in Charge,
Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of February 11 with regard to the release of Eugene and Michael Ranco, I return herewith the applications for the enrollment of those two pupils, and the letter written by F. W. Knowlton, an attorney-at-law, in behalf of the parents.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) *L. P. Carrabee,*

Acting Commissioner.

E.A.P.