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Very respectfully,

(Signed) J. H. Dorich,

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ADDRESS ONLY THE  
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Enclosing communi-  
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October 4, 1910.

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After several days at the school this boy ran away again, and as he evidently made his way to his grandmother's home, nothing more has been heard from her since that time.

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Moses Friedman,

Superintendent.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. J. Friedman", with a horizontal line drawn through the end of the signature.

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Moses Friedman, Esq.,

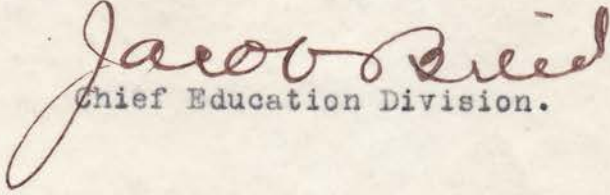
Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Enclosed is a communication from Mrs. E. A.  
Pierce. You are requested to make a report to the Office  
on the subjects touched upon in the letter, and return it  
with your report.

Very respectfully,

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Chief Education Division.

Syracuse. July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1910

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Dear Sir, Hon. Robt G. Valentine  
I write again will say that Mr Denny  
The Indian is there in Carlisle discipline  
in school he feel so big he can lick the  
students. I have heard and so Mr  
Moses Friedman. It is about a like  
they don't know how to treat the  
boys, they think they can lay their  
hand on them hurt them. They  
aint fit for the place. because  
they aint either <sup>one</sup> of got a family  
of children of their own. or  
they got wives. Jennie Seemadock  
telling me last week. she said  
she was there 5 years she know's  
who is the best. it was Mr Pratt  
he know how to treat the Indians,  
he loved us. so Mr Mercer he loved  
us because they both had children  
of their own. so they know <sup>how</sup> it is  
to have a family. how to treat children  
Leroy George was telling. how he was treated  
there in Carlisle. 2 years ago. that Mr  
Denny. whipped <sup>him</sup> with raw hide on his back  
he was all covered with blood and out up  
the blood run a stream from his back  
poor boys. it make <sup>one</sup> cry to think, that  
are treated like that. since Friedman



there. my grand son was there just little  
while one time they commenced to sing. and  
looked up at the student they kind smile each  
other. the officers saw them smile, so he was order  
out the room. Told him to go such a place so  
he went. by + by Mr Denny came in ready to  
kill. so he told him to in another room  
way back room. where they keep the old  
trash scrubbing tools. there he put him  
in there. and lock the doors and then  
he pick up. big board was going knock  
him on a head. this <sup>boy</sup> yelled he said  
if you hit me with that board I will  
make trouble. sure. so when he came  
out of that room. some of the boy, told  
him. To go tell supt Friedman what  
Denny <sup>did</sup> to do. so he went in told supt  
told all about it, what happen. supt  
answered said. that Mr Denny has right  
to do that. hurt them. The students aint  
got no friends. Mr Denny has. I aint going  
to let my sons go back to Carlisle and the  
way treated me this summer. The Idea Denny  
came round here with hand cuffs rattling  
in his pockets showing us. what he got  
and its vacation time. what he want ~~come~~  
after them for. nothing to do there, only  
they are mean. I wrote to Mr Friedman  
~~to tell~~ told him why didnt Denny take  
that girl back. to Carlisle the one came  
back last Feb. only home about 2 weeks



Carlisle. and news <sup>about</sup> her. but he was after my grand son  
this girl that named there in Carlisle name  
Maria Hill. how it went all over the <sup>Indians</sup> <sup>reservation</sup>  
the news she had a child born to her. the <sup>Indians</sup> <sup>men</sup> <sup>said</sup>. they teach every thing down there  
I got another grand son in Carlisle he  
wrote to me. he said Friedman lost  
good students. they ran away its because  
they are not treated right. one of my  
grand son work named in N.Y. 2 summer  
only got \$8.00 month. the 3d summer this  
summer he was to come home. work for us  
so he did worked. got \$1.00 per day only stand  
15 day. that Denny came after him with Hand  
cuffs took him back to Carlisle. I paid his fare  
home. The boy wrote to me again. he <sup>said</sup> <sup>is</sup> not  
going stay there again. not the way they treated  
me. ~~he~~ big boy. he he 17 years old July 18  
so he has <sup>said</sup> <sup>is</sup> gone away again. I will go away  
money or no money. I shant never stay  
there. I aint seen him yet. poor boy I  
feel so bad over it. I told our State Indian  
agent Mr Nichols he didnt like it bit. how they  
treat the boys. told him about that girl was  
ruined there. about the Hand cuffs after  
innocent boy. so <sup>said</sup> he will write to Mr Friedman  
to expelled the boys dont want to stay there  
any more. he will just spoil them. and  
showed the letter that Friedman wrote to me asking  
me to send the money for my grand sons fare home



so I did send it. B. 8: To him. after while  
I had another letter. From Mr Friedman he  
says. But if he desires to return to school  
next fall. I will consider such a request  
from him. No promises can be held out  
to him at this time. That I never told  
the boy. about this letter. for I was a  
shame to tell him that. for the boy  
was so sure that he was going back to  
school next fall. The way it turn out  
they got the <sup>boy</sup> mad they ruined him. now  
he said. when he wrote to me when they got  
back to Carlisle. I will never stay here  
again. that the last letter. I aint seen him yet  
I rather he dead then to be there again.

I wish they would let him alone. he can  
go to school. here we got good school now  
we have 4 teachers. they bust shops  
making all kind work. we dont punish  
our children. we love them.

I think Friedman <sup>didn't</sup> do right. after he wrote to  
me that the boy, got to ask for it to get  
back in the school again. after while he  
sent and Denny to get him back there  
with hand cuffs to scare folks just so  
if he was after murderer or train robber it's  
a shame I got disgusted such work I told  
Friedman. some are must be crazy down there  
yours Truly Mrs O A Pierce