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Very respectfully,

(Signed) J. H. Dorick,

Chief Education Division.

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Enclosing communi-  
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October 4, 1910.

The Honorable,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
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Sir:

The letter written to the Office under previous date by Mrs. E. A. Pierce of Syracuse, New York, is being returned herewith. Referring to the contents of the same, this is to report that when Mrs. Pierce asked to have her grandson, Seneca Clarke Cook, sent home for the summer months, the request was granted her providing she would deposit sufficient money to pay the boy's return transportation.

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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,

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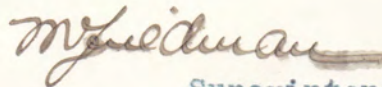
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Superintendent Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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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*Jacob Reed*  
Chief Education Division.

Sydney. 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. He is a best a like  
they dont 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 of got a family  
of children of their own. only  
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 land us. so Mr Mercer he land  
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 Glespe 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 cut up  
the blood run a stream from his back  
poor boys. it make <sup>and</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 of 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 a 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 boys 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 student 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~~ told him why did not Denny take  
 that girl back. to Carlisle the one came  
 back last Feb. only have about 2 weeks  
 give birth to a child was ruined there is

Carlisle. but never said any-thing about her. but he was after my grand son this girl that's raised there in Carlisle name

Maria Hill. how it went all over the reservation the news she had a child born to her. the <sup>Indians</sup> men said. 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 around 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 Jenny came after him with Hand cuffs took him back to Carlisle. I paid his fare home. The boy wrote to me again. he can not going stay here again. not the way they treated me. ~~the~~ big boy. he he 17 year old July 18 so he has gone away again. <sup>said</sup> 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 spash them. and showed the letter that Friedman wrote to me asking me to send the money for my grand sons fare home <sup>turn over</sup>

so I did send it. B. B. 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 hold 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 be 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 teacher, they bustt shops  
 making all kind work. we dont punish  
 our children. we lane 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 out Deany to get him back there  
 with hand cuffs to scare folks just so  
 if he was after murderer or train robber its  
 a shame I got disgusted such work I told  
 Friedman. some one must be crazy down there  
 you <sup>and</sup> Jerry Mrs O A Pierce