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Enrollment of
Elsie Rabbit.

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Carbon for Mr. Peairs.

Mr. John Rabbit,
Bem, Minnesota.

Sir:

The Office has under consideration your letter of June 8, with reference to the withdrawal of your daughter, Elsie, from the Carlisle Indian School, where she is enrolled at the present time.

The matter has been referred to the Superintendent of the Carlisle School, who will communicate direct with you in reference thereto.

Respectfully,

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(Signed) R. G. Valentine.
Commissioner.

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Mr. Moses Friedman,

Supt. Carlisle School.

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Sir:

The Office has your letter of July 22, in reference to the case of Elsie Rabbit, a Chippewa Indian girl, enrolled in your School, whose parents have requested her withdrawal therefrom on the ground that they have not consented to her transfer from the Bena School, Minnesota, alleging further that her physical condition is not good.

You state that Elsie is doing excellent work under the outing system, and up to July 1, her general condition of health was satisfactory. You enclose with your communication the application of this girl, together with certain correspondence having reference to the case under consideration.

From the correspondence submitted, it appears that the transfer of Elsie Rabbit to your School and her enrollment therein were made without the consent of her

parents, and although the said application is signed by the girl herself, it does not bind her, inasmuch as she was under age at the time this application was made.

Under the circumstances, it is suggested that you communicate direct with the parents of this girl with reference to the health of their daughter, quieting their fears as to her condition, and enclosing, if possible, a statement from her as to her wishes in this matter.

If the parents then still insist upon Elsie's withdrawal from your school, you may drop her name from your school roll and return her home.

Respectfully,

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(Signed) *R. G. Valentine.*
Commissioner.

(Papers returned, as requested)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,

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July 22nd, 1912.

Enrolment of Elsie
Rabbit.

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

Sir:

Referring to Office letter of July the 20th, I respectfully report that the application transmitted herewith, covering the transfer to Carlisle of Elsie Rabbit, was signed by the girl herself. There is also enclosed a letter from the former Superintendent of the Leech Lake Agency in which it is stated that the parents did not give their consent to the girl's going to Carlisle.

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In this connection I beg leave to report that Elsie has been making an excellent ^{record} at the outgoing home where she is now located and that on July 1st her health was "very good".

Very respectfully,

M. P. J.

HKM.

Superintendent.

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Mr. Moses Friedman,
Sup't, Carlisle School.

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Sir:

In your letter of June 28, 1912, reporting upon one from Mr. and Mrs. John Rabbit, forwarded to you on June 12, you failed to make any statement in reference to that part of their letter in which they say that their daughter was taken away from home and enrolled without their consent.

It is necessary for the Office to have some statement in regard to this phase of the case, before it can make proper answer to the parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Rabbit's letter is returned herewith. You are requested to return it with your additional report.

Respectfully,

(Signed) R. G. Valentine.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,
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Report and
return of papers.

June 28th, 1912.

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

Sir:

Reporting as was directed in Office communication attached hereto, I respectfully state that inquiry was made about Elsie Rabbit's health and that on June the 19th I received the following reply from her outing patron, Mrs. T. W. Morley of Marysville, Penn.

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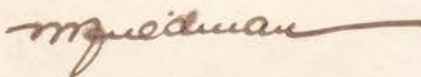
"Received your note in regard to Elsie Rabbit's health. She seems in usual health, barring a slight trouble with her eyes. I took her to my oculist, the best in Harrisburg, and he said she had a very mild form of trachoma. As he is our oculist he says he will treat her once a week free of charge. If you should deem it advisable to return her to the school for treatment please let me know at once before I take her to my physician. Awaiting a reply,"

Under the circumstances it is not believed necessary to allow her to return to her home, and it is my opinion that she should be required to remain at Carlisle until the termination of her period of enrolment

-2- The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

in 1914.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. J. Quinn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Encls.

HKM.

Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Washington, D. C.,

JUN 12 1912

The matter to which this slip

is attached is referred

Superintendent of

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John H. ...

Chief, *Education* Division

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Bena. Minn.

June 8th. 1912.

Hon. R G Valentine
Comm. of Ind. Affairs
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir.

I beseech you because you have all power with the Ind School, to allow my daughter Elsie Rabbit that is at the Carlisle School come home for the summer.

She was taken without my consent, and she ^{is} also under age. She had consumption

she was under Dr Joe
Gibbson's treatment, and
now she is not very
well again.

I want her home so
that I may know just
her condition.

School work and school
food may not just have
agreed with her, if I
find she is stronger
that they say, she may
return.

Just now she is under the
Cutting System and the
school authorities may just
not know her condition.

Please let me have her
for the summer, she
has ^{weakly} troubles she has
kept to her self, and

I do not want her neglected.
Please write to Mr. Friedman
for me, I want her home
and she too wishes to
come.

I wish it very much
her mother join me in
my entreaty.

Very truly,
Mr & Mrs John Rabbit