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MISS COLLINS

I want to talk
this over with
Major McLaughlin
FHA

note in
indicated
lines

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Mr Abbott

I see no reason
for changing the
letter which I
suggest be written.
To carry out Mr.
Fridman's plan
officially will get
you into very
deep water +

JMA

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I suggest some thing like this in
line of the last # of the letter.

~~Any mixed blood Indian who is
eligible for admission into
any Indian school can be
admitted to Carlisle even
though the admittance of such
blood is that of a negro.~~

~~not to be~~ entitled to benefits

The application **FILED BY C. P. ...** alluded to
by your correspondent probably ^{being}
was rejected for reasons other ^{connected}
than those stated, as such a
position wherever in the particular
case can not be given without
more information as to tribe,
degree of Indian blood, health,
home etc.

~~no more~~

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Mr C,

Mr Frances

says he will
take this up
with us later -

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Better call to his
attention soon -

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

Oct. 3rd, 1912.

My dear Mr. Abbott:

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Referring to the communications attached hereto, this is to advise that students who claim any degree of negro blood are usually refused permission to enroll at this school. Such action is being taken because of the fact that a few who have come here under such circumstances are so generally ostracised by the other students that they have very little chance to enter into the school activities in spite of what can be done by the employees to overcome such prejudice.


I have been guided in this matter entirely from what I consider the very best interests and happiness of these prospective students. There are a number of good schools, such as the Lincoln Institute near Philadelphia, the Hampton Institute and the Tuskegee School, as well as many others where these young people could be given equally helpful training and where their associations would make their school life happy and contented.

-2- Mr. F. H. Abbott.

There is a very strong prejudice against negroes on the part of the Indians and as the students who come to school here live on the grounds, eat together and are constantly associated in a social way the student with negro blood, especially where it is noticeable, is very unhappy because of the way he is slighted by other students.

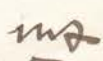
It is believed, therefore, that to allow such students to enroll here is not fair to them, and as their stay at the school soon becomes an unhappy one they have usually been informed that their applications cannot be given favorable consideration.

Very sincerely,


Superintendent.

HKM.

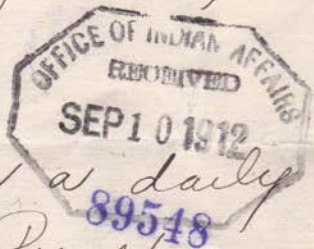
Mr. F. H. Abbott,
Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

P.S. I believe our policy in this matter has been so eminently fair that there would be no objection to this fact becoming public if the reasons are given. 

Haverford Pa.

Sept. 7, 1912

Dear Sir:



I am a daily
reader of the Press.
And greatly enjoy the
Forum, finding I enjoy
the valuable information
it gives. I appeal to
you privately for a
few puzzling questions.

You know, there is an
Indian school located
at Carlisle, for Indians

genuine, and Indians, half breeds.
Now it is like this, how is it
that Indians are refused who
have the slightest degree of
Negro blood in them. Does the
government refuse admittance
is ^{it} that who refuses? Or is it some
of the lower officials?

I know of a girl who is now
deceased, who applied for
admittance there, and was
told, "No" "Positively". That Indians
were not admitted, who had
negro blood in them.

Hoping you will treat this
privately and confidentially
I remain, A lover of the Forum.

Nattie Martin.

Harerford,
Pa.

c/o Mrs. Blair. Box 190

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Editorial Department

PHILADELPHIA, PA.,

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Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly send me an answer to the enclosed question, returning the question with the answer. We will appreciate this very much.

Very Truly Yours,

W. C. Cawley
"The Press."

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Each

G A C

September 25, 1912.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

I am informally referring to you two letters which have been received in the Office, for your comments thereon, before a reply is made. Please write me informally concerning the matter brought up in these letters, and address your answer to me personally.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Sgd F. W. Hottel
Acting Commissioner.

Mr. M. Friedman,
Care Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

9-GAC-25

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