

Carlisle.

May 31, 1913.

Friedman, Superintendent,  
Carlisle, Penna.

Antoine Denomie reports that his granddaughter  
Cecelia Harto has been twice in the hospital and has lost  
several pounds in weight, that he has written her twice  
within the last two weeks and has been unable to get an  
answer. He desires to have her return home. Make immediate  
and complete report in the case.

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Washington D.C. 5/31

Mr Abbott

Commissioner of Indian Affairs

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Dear Sir I have been very unclucty in my Efforts  
to get my children an Education, I am now  
Compell to ask your Office for the release of  
my Grand Daughter Cecelia Harto who seem to  
have been desperate in begging me to get her  
out of the Carlisle school she tells me she  
has been now twice in the Hospital as healthy  
as she was 5 months ago and has lost several  
pounds in weight. she has Imploving me for  
goodness sake to release that if I dont she doesnt  
know what will become of her, she is afraid  
she will go Crazy if she is not now so,  
and have not heard from her for two week though  
Ive writtem two or three letters, now I feel very  
Anxious what is the trouble, I ask you therefor  
to findout, if Possible today, and I ask for her  
relieved from further tormenting as she Consider her  
Further detention then Respectfully A. Demonic.

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June 12, 1913.

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My dear Mr. Denomie:

On May 31st, I telegraphed to the Superintendent of the Carlisle Indian School for a report on the health of your grand-daughter, Cecelia Harto.

I am now in receipt of report from Mr. Friedman, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for your information.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) F. H. Abbott.  
Assistant Commissioner.

Mr. Antoine Denomie,  
C/o National Hotel,  
Washington, D. C.

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

Cecelia Harto.

June 3rd, 1913.



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

Sir:

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Upon receipt of Office telegram of May the 31st our resident school physician was requested to make a report regarding the condition of Cecelia Harto's health. I respectfully submit below a copy of the same:

"Celia Harto was in the Hospital February 17th to February 24th, 1913, with tonsillitis; April 6th to April 9th with hives due to constipation and May 21st to May 24th with constipation.

There is nothing else wrong with Cecelia except the above condition - constipation - which accounts for her lassitude to a great extent."

Since the time the above report was made the grandfather of the girl, Mr. Antoine Denomie, has placed a sufficient amount to her credit with which to secure transportation to her home at Odanah, Wisconsin, and, complying with the wishes of Mr. Denomie, it has been arranged for the girl to leave here this evening with another girl who is enroute to Ashland, Wisconsin.

*M. Friedman*

-2- Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

I also submit herewith copies of correspondence that has passed between Mr. Denomie and myself during the time his grand-daughter has been a student at Carlisle.

Very respectfully,



Superintendent.

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Washington, D. C., 1/26-13.

Mr. Friedman,  
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

I am in receipt of a letter from my grand-child Cecelia Harto praying me to come and take her out she says while she would like to obey my insistance of keeping her there she says she cannot on account of the poor food. Every meal of the same kind without sugar in coffee nor butter on bread when she has to scrub the floor now Mr. Friedman I realize Cecelia being so young and beforehand disliking to go to a place, as she imagines so far away from home, makes her write and gives the worse picture of the place but with all I ~~write~~ do not entirely disbelieve her there is some truth in it. Now Mr. Friedman I am like many parents I love my children for this reason I am anxious to give her a good education but under no circumstances will I stand a far off without making some sort of attempt to relieve her of any thing that may cause to increase her suffering in addition to that she has to endure from privation of her dear little sisters and parents. So Mr. Friedman I am your friend as I am of all good people, therefor I trust you will to make no mistake may be made, you personally see and arrange that Cecelia may not be overworked by scrubbing nor by lack of some sweet and milk in coffee and a might of butter in her bread at least once a day, if this is not possible from lack of appropriation I am willing to pay even the small amount of ten cents a day, in addition to that the gernments furnishes, 10¢ worth a day of sugar - milk - Butter in the food of a child would make a big difference. butter is high but sugar is comparatively cheap some say sugar is not good for children our family was brought up at sugar season Especially lived almost entirely on sugar and my family was noted for health and strength, in my Early manhood I was noted as being unexcelled in strength among the best of 1/3 more weight and my age being very much mistaken as younger then my actual age of (64) after having extream hardship for ten years among the glazial mountains of the northern pacific coast. So, my dear Mr. Friedman I ask you to see Celia gets at least three teaspoonful a day Even in the event that I had to pay for it, if you do it will relieve my mind very much indeed. Mr. Friedman it may not be out of the way to tell you the truth that the Indian the original owner of this country have been subjected to the grossest of outrageous treatment in our reservation by departmental supervision. I am here now seeking remedy and I can see now the coming of deliverance coming fast our way to which work I have assisted and hope in gods name to never to be compelled to have to do similar work again and hope am not mistaken in thinking will soon be over, hoping to hear from you soon I remain yours

Sincerely

ANTOINE DENOMIE

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January 29, 1913.

Mr. Antoine Denomie,  
Washington, D. C.



My dear Mr. Denomie:-

I have your letter of January twenty-sixth, and was surprised to hear what you say about the question of food.

It will be of interest for you to know that the quantity of food and the kinds of food, which are given the students in an Indian school, are prescribed by Government Regulations. I beg to inform you, however, that the allowance at the Carlisle Indian School is larger than in any other Indian School in the Service. Our allowance of meat, bread, sugar, etc., is at least one-tenth larger than any other school.

I note that you say you will be willing to pay a small amount of money if your daughter can be given larger amounts of sugar, etc. You will readily see that this would not be fair to our other students to select one child out of a thousand and give her special foods. It would make all the rest of them discontented. Carlisle has the reputation of setting one of the best tables in the Indian Service, and I was very much surprised to hear of your statement.

It is a natural thing, however, in any place where a number of people eat together for some of them to get tired of the food occasionally. From time to time we have difficulty of this kind in the teachers' club, which is run by the teachers themselves, and every once in a while one of the teachers expresses dissatisfaction with the food.

Your daughter is given every possible attention and is well fed and well clothed. However, if you feel that you do not wish her to remain at Carlisle, I shall be glad to make arrangements with you so that she can join you in Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

M. FRIEDMAN

Superintendent.

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