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Mr. Charles Arthur Bradley,
Supt., Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.,
Portland, Maine.

My dear Sir:

The Office has received your letter of October 19 with reference to your previous correspondence through Hon. Asher C. Hinds in regard to placing the children of Mr. Thomas J. Canadian in school.

Mr. Hinds was advised October 5 that the Office has no control over New York Indian schools. The Thomas Indian School at Iriquois is maintained by the State of New York. It is suggested that you correspond with Mr. George H. Ansley, United States Indian Agent, Salamanca, New York, in regard to admission of the two younger children of Mr. Canadian to the New York Thomas Indian School.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C. F. Hauke

Acting Assistant Commissioner.

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Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
New York

CHARLES ARTHUR BRADLEY
SUPERINTENDENT

TELEPHONE 39

PORTLAND, MAINE.

October 19th
1915



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To the Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Albany, New York

Dear Sir:

I have had extended correspondence through National Representative Hinds of the First District, Maine and with Assistant Commissioner E. B. Merritt of the Office of Indian Affairs at Washington, relative to the admission of the three children of an Indian, Thomas J. Canadien by name, now resident of this City, into the School at Carlisle. Arrangements are now under way for the admission of the oldest child, who is fourteen, to the Carlisle School but the Department advises me that the younger classes have been discontinued at the Carlisle School and that children under fourteen cannot be admitted now. It is at his suggestion that I seek to have them admitted to the Thomas Indian School at Iroquois.

Will you please advise me what steps I should take in the matter.

Yours very truly,

C. A. Bradley
Superintendent

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My dear Mr. Hinds:

I have your letter of October 2, requesting information in regard to placing the children of Mr. Thomas J. Canadien in school.

There is herewith enclosed a blank application form which should be filled out for the eldest child and sent to Mr. Oscar H. Lipps, Superintendent, Indian School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. This application will then be considered and afterwards you will be definitely advised. Should authority be granted for her enrollment, her transportation expenses cannot be borne by the Government.

Concerning the admission of the two younger girls to the Thomas Indian School, you are informed that this Office has no control over the New York Indian schools. They are maintained by the state.

Very truly yours,

(Signed E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

Hon. Asher C. Hinds,
Portland, Maine.

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ASHER C. HINDS
1ST DISTRICT MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

*J. A. G. H. Ausley
Salamanca*

Portland, Maine,
Oct. 2, 1915

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Hon. E. B. Merritt,
Asst. Commissioner Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I have already had considerable correspondence with you in relation to the Canadian children who have wanted to obtain admission to the Carlisle School. The matter is left in this way: the oldest child under certain conditions can be admitted to the Carlisle School but the two younger children are desirous of obtaining admission to the Thomas Indian School at Iroquois. I would be obliged if you would write me telling me what is required in order that the two younger children may be admitted to the Thomas Indian School, and also the specific conditions that must obtain for the admission of the oldest child ~~to be admitted~~ to the Carlisle School. As I remember, you said in one of your letters it would be necessary to have the transportation expenses of the oldest child paid from Maine to Carlisle, and also the expenses of the other two to the Thomas Indian School. I would be glad if you would let me know in relation to the matter.

Very truly yours,

Asher C. Hinds

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Hon. Asher C. Hinds,
Portland, Maine.

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My dear Mr. Hinds:

With further reference to your letter of June 26, in regard to placing the three children of Mr. Thomas J. Canadien in the Carlisle School, you are advised that in a letter from the Acting Superintendent, dated July 12, he says:

"It has been the custom to require students from the state of Maine desiring enrollment at Carlisle to be provided the necessary funds for their transportation by their parents and it would probably be inadvisable to make an exception in behalf of the three children of Mr. Thomas Canadien in whom the Hon. Asher C. Hinds has become interested.

"Reporting further as was directed in the Office's letter of the 3rd instant I beg leave to state that the lower grades have been discontinued and that even were it advisable to enroll children less than fourteen years of age there would probably not be any classes at Carlisle in which they could be entered. If Mr. Canadien can establish the fact that his children are rightfully members of a New York tribe application for their enrollment at the Thomas Indian School at Iroquois would seem desirable, but if the Government is to take care of such young children

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their enrollment at the Mount Pleasant School in Michigan, where a Primary Department is maintained, would give them the better chance because other children of similar age and attainments are enrolled there."

The law provides that no Indian pupils under the age of fourteen years shall be transported at Government expense to any Indian school beyond the limits of the state or territory in which the parents of such children reside or of the adjoining states or territory and also that New York Indians can attend the Carlisle School only. Therefore, if these children are New York Indians the oldest could be enrolled at Carlisle. However, it appears that these three little girls are now in Maine, which state is not within any district from which Indian children are drawn or for whom transportation is paid to Government Indian schools. Therefore, the Office would not be justified in authorizing payment of the transportation of the older girl from Maine.

In view of these facts it is suggested that application be made to the Thomas Indian School at Iroquois, New York, where these children might be enrolled until they are old enough and sufficiently advanced in their studies to attend the Carlisle Indian School, at which time their transportation expenses from New York to Carlisle would

be paid by the Government.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

July 16th, 1915.



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

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Sir:

I respectfully report that on the 12th instant there was addressed to the Office the reply relative to the desired enrolment at Carlisle of Mr. Thomas J. Canadien's three children that is again referred to in the Office's letter of July the 13th.

The papers forwarded here for the information of this office were returned with the reply.

Very respectfully,

John S. DeStump
Acting Superintendent.

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Mr. Oscar H. Lipps,
Supt. Carlisle School.

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My dear Mr. Lipps:

Attention is called to Office letter of July 3, 1915, inclosing a letter from Hon. Asher C. Hinds, dated June 26, 1915, together with previous correspondence in regard to the enrollment at Carlisle School of the three children of Mr. Thomas J. Canadien.

The Office would like to have your report and recommendations in the matter as soon as practicable together with the papers sent to Carlisle on the subject.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

July 12th, 1915.

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

Sir:

I respectfully report that it has been the custom to require students from the state of Maine desiring enrolment at Carlisle to be provided the necessary funds for their transportation by their parents and it would probably be inadvisable to make an exception in behalf of the three children of Mr. Thomas Canadien in whom the Hon. Asher C. Hinds has become interested.

Reporting further as was directed in the Office's letter of the 3rd instant I beg leave to state that the lower grades have been discontinued and that even were it advisable to enroll children less than fourteen years of age there would probably not be any classes at Carlisle in which they could be entered. If Mr. Canadien can establish the fact that his children are rightfully members of a New York Tribe application for their enrolment at the Thomas Indian School at Iroquois would seem desirable, but if the Government is to take care of such young children their enrolment at the Mount Pleasant School in Michigan, where a Primary Department is maintained, would give

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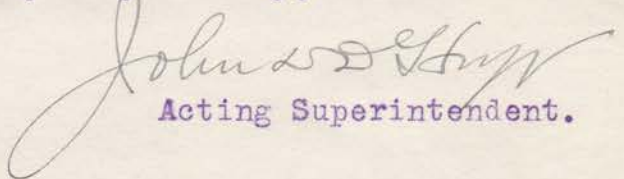
them the better chance because other children of similar age and attainments are enrolled there. X

The correspondence submitted is being returned to the Office herewith as was requested.

Very respectfully,

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Acting Superintendent.

ASHER C. HINDS
1ST DISTRICT, MAINE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

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Portland, Maine,

July 5, 1915.

Hon. E. B. Meritt,

Asst. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Interior Department, Washington, D. C. FILED BY C. P. F.

Dear Mr. Meritt:

I have received your letter in relation to the three children of Thomas J. Canadien, and I note that you have transmitted the correspondence to the Superintendent of the Carlisle Indian School. I thank you for your kindness in the matter and for bringing it before the Superintendent.

Very truly yours,

Asher C. Hinds

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Mr. O. H. Lipps,
Supervisor in Charge,
Carlisle Indian School.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

There is herewith sent you a letter from Hon. Asher C. Hinds, dated June 26, together with previous correspondence in behalf of the three children of Mr. Thomas Canadian, urgently requesting that they be permitted to attend the Carlisle Indian School.

Owing to the unusual circumstances concerning these little girls, the Office would like to have your report and recommendations as to whether they should be placed in your school. Please return Office file.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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My dear Mr. Hinds:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 26 with reference to your previous application in behalf of the three children of Mr. Thomas J. Canadien who wish to be enrolled in the Carlisle Indian School.

All the correspondence concerning this matter has been referred to the Superintendent of Carlisle School. When his report is received you will be definitely advised.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

Hon. Asher C. Hinds,
Portland, Maine.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON

Portland, Maine,
June 26, 1915.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Interior Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On May 13, 1915, I received a communication from your office in relation to the application I had made in behalf of the three daughters of Thomas J. Canadien who is desirous of placing his daughters in the Carlisle School. You stated that so far the correspondence had not contained sufficient information to warrant the enrollment, and you suggested that there should be something to show the degree of Indian blood of the parents, the tribe to which they belonged and perhaps sufficient of their history to indicate whether they have so far adopted the customs of civilized life as to be on the same footing as other persons and to show the fact of their citizenship. I am in receipt of a letter from Charles Arthur Bradley of Portland, Maine, who is well known as the Superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York. It was he who first brought the Canadien children to my attention, as I think Mr. Bradley had employed the father of the children for a guide in the Maine woods. Mr. Bradley tells me that the father, Thomas J. Canadien, is now a guide in the Maine woods although he went to New York temporarily in connection with a sportsmen's camp and the most of his time is spent in the Rangely's in the vicinity of the Oxbow--the Rangely's being in the so called "Big Woods."

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Mr. Bradley states that Canadien is a full blood Indian-- each of his father's grandparents being Iroquois, and each of his mother's grandparents being Malecits. Mr. Bradley also states that he personally knows that Canadien is a citizen and has been for two or three years past. The mother of these children, until the time of her death, lived among the Indians altogether. Mr. Bradley states that he could not say that the Canadiens had adopted the customs of civilized life so as to be in effect on the same footing as other persons

Of course it is a little hard to find out definitely who came from the Iroquois country and settled in the Maine woods because records and witnesses are not abundant in their lives, and it is only when a man ^{like} ~~gets~~ a Canadian gets in touch with a man who takes an interest as Mr. Bradley has done, that he can make his status known.

Would it help your Department ^{if Mr. Bradley} ~~could~~ make oath to these particulars, and also do you think that ~~you~~ you ought to have more particulars than Mr. Bradley gives?

It seems to me evident that the children would be greatly benefitted by the Carlisle School because the vicinity of "Oxbow in the Rangely's" is not a place where school privileges are abundant. "Oxbow in the Rangely's" is not even an incorporated place. Of course/the children at present are in an orphan asylum in Portland but that is a temporary arrange-

ASHER C. HINDS
1ST DISTRICT, MAINE

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I would be obliged if you would let me know what further particulars would be useful in getting these children located.

Very truly yours,

Asher C. Hinds

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My dear Mr. Hinds:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 14, enclosing the two letters referred to in your letter of May 5 in regard to obtaining authority to enroll Mr. Thomas J. Canadien's children in the Carlisle Indian School.

The Office will be glad to give this matter attention upon receipt of the information which you say you have requested from Mr. Bradley.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C. F. Houke

Second Assistant Commissioner.

Hon. Asher C. Hinds,
House of Representatives.

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1ST DISTRICT MAINE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 14, 1915.



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To the Assistant Commissioner of
Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meritt:

I received your letter calling attention to the fact that two enclosures were omitted from my letter of May 5th, one being a general recommendation of Thomas J. Canadien as a recognized member of the Iroquois Tribe and signed by A. D. Patten, M.D., Chief Counselor and Medical Doctor. The other letter is from Charles A. Bradley to Chief Peter DeLisle asking for certain information which he has not yet received. I enclose the two letters mentioned.

I will write to Mr. Bradley and ask him if he can give the particulars you ask for in your letter of May 13th.

Very truly yours,

Asher C. Hinds

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Chief Peter De Lisle
Caughnawaga, Quebec



Dear Sir:

In my endeavor to obtain from the United States Government through Representative Hinds and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, certain concessions favoring the children of Thomas J. Canadian, now of this City, I am seeking proofs of Mr. Canadian's tribal origin, What is wanted is authentic information that Mr. Canadian is a Mohawk, or at least that he is of six-nation origin.

Canadian suggests that I write you and so I am taking the liberty of doing so.

Would it be putting you out too much to ask you to take this matter up with the proper authorities, or write me yourself so that I may have a statement properly sworn to, stating that Thomas J. Canadian of Portland, Maine, is of such and such a tribe and giving any other details that might make the proof still stronger.

Tom is a son of John Canadian now in Caughnawaga.

I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for a reply and will be responsible for any expense in connection with the taking oath to the statement or letter, and I thank you very much for any trouble you may be put to.

Very truly yours,

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Caughnawaga 12th April, 1915.

To whom it may concern:-

This is to certify that Mr Thomas J. Canadien is a recognized member of the Iroquois tribe of the Caughnawaga reserve, any favours that may be granted to him will be highly appreciated

Very truly yours,

A. J. Patton, M.D.

Chief Councillor & Medical Doctor.



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My dear Mr. Hinds:

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The Office has received your letter of May 5, 1915, with reference to previous correspondence in regard to placing in the Carlisle Indian School the three little daughters of Mr. Thomas J. Canadien.

Your letter did not contain the inclosures mentioned and the Office is without sufficient information to determine whether these children should be enrolled at an Indian school. All the correspondence on the subject has been collected. There should be something to show the degree of Indian blood of the parents, the tribes to which they belonged and perhaps sufficient of their history to indicate whether they have so far adopted the habits and customs of civilized life, as to be in effect on the same footing as other persons, and to show the facts as to their citizenship. If further information of this character can be given and you will send the missing inclosures, I will be glad to give the matter further consideration.

Very truly yours,

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(Signed) *E. B. Meritt*
Assistant Commissioner.

Hon. Asher C. Hinds,
House of Representatives.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 5, 1915.



FILED BY G. P. F.

To the Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Interior Department,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago I visited your office to inquire about the children of Thomas J. Canadien, an Iroquois Indian, who came into Maine some time ago with his Indian wife. Mr. Charles Arthur Bradley, a prominent business man of Portland, has interested himself in the case of Canadien who was left a widower with three young daughters. I visited your department in the hope that something might be done toward getting the children into the Carlisle School as one of the children is of suitable age so that all might be admitted under the rules of the school as I understand it. But at that time I supposed that Canadien was a Penobscot or Passamaquoddy Indian, and your department as well as the Superintendent of the Carlisle School felt that a Maine Indian would not be admissable. But I was told that the Carlisle School is open to some Six-Nation Indians, they being wards of the nation under an old treaty. Mr. Bradley has taken the pains to look up the history of Canadien. He addressed the Chief of the Caughnawaga Indians and has a report from the Chief Councillor and Medicine Doctor, A. O. Patton, M.D., which I enclose. I enclose also a letter which Mr. Bradley sent to Chief Peter DeLisle of Chaughnawaga, Quebec, giving

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the name of the father of Canadien. I think there is no doubt that Canadien's children could be admitted to the Carlisle School under the usage of the Department. My previous correspondence on this subject must have been in December and there you will find the data in relation to the ages of the children.

I talked the matter over with the Assistant Commissioner not long ago and expressed to him the desirability of giving the children a chance in the Carlisle School. The father, Canadien, has contracted another marriage with a white woman and the Indian children of the first marriage may not have a happy home, although I have no positive knowledge about that. So far as I know Canadien is at present in New York, but the children are in the St. Elizabeth Orphan Asylum in Portland, a Catholic Institution, as I am informed.

In my conversation with the Assistant Commissioner he informed me that it had not been usual to admit New York Indians any more than Maine Indians, although in certain cases they had been admitted, but the pressure for the admission of Western Indians makes it difficult to enter pupils from Eastern States where facilities for schooling are much better than in the West. But I hope you will look into this matter carefully, because the Canadien children are in exceptionally hard circumstances.

Very truly yours,

Asher C. Hinds

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My dear Mr. Hinds:

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JAN 21 1915

I have your letter of January 13, asking whether the three minor children of Mr. Canadian, a Penobscot or Passamaquoddy Indian of Portland, Maine, may be admitted to the Carlisle Indian School.

It is not the policy of the Office to undertake the education of such Indians as have heretofore been cared for by the State for the reason that the funds now available are already over-taxed in giving educational opportunities to Indians for whom the Federal Government is responsible. It is, therefore, deemed inadvisable to approve the enrollment of these little girls at Carlisle as requested.

An extra copy of this letter is enclosed for your convenience, if you wish to send it to Mr. Canadian.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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Assistant Commissioner.

Hon. Asher C. Hinds,
House of Representatives.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON



Hon. Cato Sells,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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There are three Indian girls at Portland, Maine, now at the Saint Elizabeth Orphan Asylum, who could be helped by an enrollment at the Carlisle Indian school. Their father is a guide in the Maine woods and their mother is dead. I wrote to the Superintendent of the Carlisle school about two years ago, and the Department ruled that the three girls could not be enrolled at that time, saying that they were too young, the oldest being less than fourteen years of age, so the children have stayed in the Saint Elizabeth Orphan Asylum where they are being cared for. Now the oldest girl, Maud Canadian, will be fourteen on the 18th day of the coming February and the friends of Thomas Canadian ask me to bring the family to your attention and ask that the three children be admitted to the Carlisle Indian school. Lucy is eleven years old and Louise is ten. Will you kindly let me know if this can be done? The father is, as I suppose, a Penobscot Indian although he may be a Passamaquoddy. The Penobscots were an important tribe in the East, and as I remember history I believe it was a party of Penobscots who accompanied LaSalle down the Mississippi. I think their title for admission to the school is probably all right but I will look that up if it is necessary.

Very truly yours,

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Asher C. Hinds

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Mr. Moses Friedman,

Sup't Carlisle School.

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Sir:

The Office has received your letter of October 27 transmitting copies of correspondence relative to the enrollment at your school of two Indian girls who are less than 14 years old. It is believed that these children should attend the public school near their home. From the information at hand the Office would not be justified in permitting them to be enrolled at the Carlisle School.

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Respectfully,

(Signed) E. L. Merritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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



Enrolment.

Oct. 27th, 1913.

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

Sir:

FILED BY C. P. F.

I respectfully transmit herewith copies of correspondence that has passed between Congressman Asher C. Hinds of the 1st District of the State of Maine and myself in regard to the enrolment at Carlisle of two Indian girls who are less than fourteen years of age.

Very respectfully,

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Superintendent.

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Portland, Maine,
Oct. 22, 1913.

President of Carlisle Indian School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

FILED BY C. P. F.

An Indian by the name of Thomas Canadian resides in Portland in the winter, and in summer is a Maine woods guide. He has two daughters: Maud, 13 years old, and Lucy, 10 years old. The mother is dead, and the father has one child that will stay with him. Thomas Canadian is industrious and reliable and is reported to be a man worthy of consideration. Will you kindly let me know under what arrangements these children can be taken at the Carlisle School?

Very truly yours,

ASHER C. HINDS

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Oct. 27th, 1913.

Hon. Asher C. Hinds,
Member of the U. S. Congress,
Portland, Maine.

My dear Sir:

FILED BY C. P. F.

Replying to your letter of October the 22nd, I have to inform you that the Regulations forbid the enrolment at Carlisle of Indian children who are less than fourteen years of age unless it can be arranged to enroll an older brother or sister at the same time. It is also required that parents provide transportation if enrolment is effected under such special arrangement.

I beg leave to suggest that your request be referred to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, so that I may be instructed what action to take in regard to the desired enrolment of the two children in whom you have become interested.

Very respectfully,

M. FRIEDMAN

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Superintendent.

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