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My dear Mr. Steenerson:

With further reference to your letter of Oct. 8, inclosing one from a brother of Lena Brunette of Beaulieu, Minn., you are advised that the Supervisor in charge of the Carlisle School reported Oct. 22, that through a clerical error the names of Mabel Brunette, who was enrolled at Carlisle in 1910, and Lena or Mallena Brunette, who was enrolled in Sept. 1913, became confused when the father asked to have Lena returned home. Through this error he was informed that because of his daughter's unfortunate experiences before she came to Carlisle she should not be taken out of school until the period of her enrollment had terminated. However, this matter refers to Mabel Brunette and not to Mr. William Brunette's daughter, Lena.

The amount of \$50.00 that was sent to pay for Lena's transportation was placed to her credit, but because her Superintendent at White Earth Reservation could not recommend her return home the money was not used.

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The Supervisor says Lena is now at one of the outing homes and is doing well. However, if her father insists on having her returned home and the Superintendent at White Earth so recommends, she will be allowed to go. It is believed that there are no reasons why she should not remain at school for the period of time for which she was enrolled.

A copy of this letter is inclosed for your convenience if you wish to send it to Mr. Billy Brunette, and his letter is herewith returned.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt
Assistant Commissioner.

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Hon. Halvor Steenerson,
House of Representatives.



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Oct. 22nd, 1914.

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

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Sir:

Referring to the Office's letter of October the 16th, to which was attached a communication from Mr. William Brunette of Beaulieu, Minnesota, I respectfully report that the names of Mabel Brunette, who was enrolled at Carlisle in October of 1910, and of Lena or Mallena Brunette, who was enrolled in September of 1913, became confused thru a clerical error when the father of the latter asked to have her returned home. Thru the error he was informed that because of his daughter's "unfortunate experiences" before she came to Carlisle she should not be taken out of school until her period of enrolment here had terminated. However, it was Mabel Brunette and not Mr. William Brunette's daughter Lena who had given birth to a child before she was sent on to Carlisle. Such an explanation was addressed to the father when the error was detected.

The amount of \$50.00 that was sent to pay for Lena's

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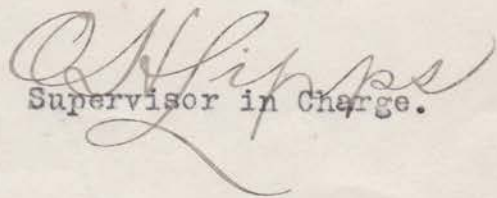
transportation home was placed to the credit of the girl, but because Superintendent Howard of the White Earth Agency could not recommend her return home it was not used to pay for transportation. When Lena presented a letter from her father in which he gave her permission to expend the money she was allowed to draw amounts of \$15.00 each at two different times.

She is now at one of our Outing homes and is doing very nicely, but if the father insists on having her return home and Superintendent Howard so recommends I shall not object at all to her leaving here. However, it is my belief that there are no reasons at all why she should not be expected to remain in school here for the period of time for which she was enrolled.

The enclosure that was submitted for my information is being returned to the Office herewith.

Very respectfully,

HKM.


Supervisor in Charge.

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Mr. Oscar H. Lipps,
Supervisor in Charge Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

The enclosed letter was transmitted to this Office by Hon. Halvor Steenerson, asking that an investigation be made in regard to Lena Brunette, of Beaulieu, Minnesota, pupil of Carlisle School.

Please look into this matter and report the facts to the Office as soon as practicable, returning the enclosure.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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Second Assistant Commissioner.

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My dear Mr. Steenerson:

Answering your letter of October 8, enclosing one from the brother of Lena Brunette, of Beaulieu, Minnesota, outing pupil of Carlisle School, I have the honor to inform you that the case in question is receiving attention and you will be further advised.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Merrill.

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Assistant Commissioner.

Hon. Halvor Steenerson,

House of Representatives.

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House of Representatives U. S.

Washington, D. C.

October 8, 1914.

The Honorable

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:-

Inclosed please find a letter from Billy Brunette, of Beaulieu, Minnesota, a Chippewa Indian on White Earth Reservation, and brother of Lena Brunette, the subject of this inquiry, whose present address is 615 Linwood Avenue, Collingswood, N. J.

Please cause an investigation to be made into the circumstances that led to the removal of Lena Brunette from the school at Carlisle to her present abode, at which place she fears she will not receive money that may be sent to her for her return home, and advise me of the result.

Very respectfully,

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Incl.