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*Asst. Commissioner.*

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Mrs. Liddia Jessaun,  
Cherokee, North Carolina.

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My Friend:

Replying further to your letter of May 29 relative to the return of your son at the close of the present year, you are advised that having looked into this matter carefully it is found that Joseph's five year term of enrollment at the Carlisle School has not yet expired, but has one more year to run.

Joseph will enter the fourth grade next year and will have excellent opportunity to make progress in industrial training in the school tailor shop and another year of such instruction and practice should fit him to be of much more help to you than if he were to drop out now.

It is, therefore, believed that he should remain at Carlisle one more year and complete his enrollment period.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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

June 24th, 1916.



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

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Sir:

I am having attached hereto the original of a memorandum that was prepared yesterday by Mr. DeHuff of this school with reference to the inquiry that is contained in the Office's letter of June 22nd regarding the advisability of granting the request of Joseph Jessan's mother that her son be released from Carlisle.

Referring further to the Office's letter I respectfully recommend that Joseph be required to remain at Carlisle until he has completed the period of enrolment for which he was received as Superintendent Henderson's report previously copied for the Office's information indicates that Joseph cannot be of help at home. If he remains at Carlisle for an additional year he will have the opportunity to make similar progress as that which is reported by Mr. DeHuff and to prepare better for self support by taking additional training in our school tailor shop.

Very respectfully,

*O. H. Lipps*  
Superintendent.

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HKM.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

June 23, 1916

Memorandum.

Mr. Meyer:

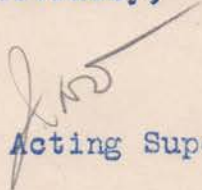
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The quarterly report mentioned in the second paragraph of Mr. Meritt's letter herewith is in error. As nearly as I can tell, Joseph Jessan was admitted to grade 2 when he entered this school in December, 1911. Up to a short time ago, the organization of this school was such that it took a pupil two years to finish one grade, consequently during the four and one-half years Joseph has been here, he has finished two grades, since he is now ready for grade 4.

It does not seem possible to me that Joseph Jessan is 23 years old, although I notice that on the report for the quarter ending December 31, 1911, his age is given as 20. To me he seems a mere child. This is a bad case of "retardation" and I don't know how much good he could do if he were kept longer. He might be given a chance for another year, now that he is to be assigned to the regular pre-vocational grades. It seems to me that he could have made better progress than he has during the past four years, but when a pupil enters school at the age of 19 or 20, and is only able to carry grade 2, it is often an up-hill matter to get him to do any good.

Respectfully,

  
Acting Superintendent.

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Mr. O. H. Lipps,

Superintendent, Carlisle School.

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My dear Mr. Lipps:

Referring to your letter of June 10, relative to the request of the mother of Joe Jessaun for the return of her son, the Office would like further information.

Your report for the quarter ending March 31, 1916, shows that Joseph Jassan enrolled from Cherokee, N. C., on December 2, 1911, that he entered the third grade and is still in that grade and is receiving industrial instruction in tailoring. It also appears that he is 23 years old. If this pupil has not progressed in four and one-half years beyond the grade to which he was assigned upon entering, it seems rather doubtful that he will, at his age, get much benefit by remaining longer, and unless he makes the fourth grade at the beginning of next year he will hardly be eligible at Carlisle under the new course of study.

Please advise as to the cause of this pupil's slow progress and his ability to increase his qualifications for self-support by continuing longer in school. It does

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not seem promising, from his past record, that he will reach a vocational status for many years to come. Your recommendations as to retaining him longer as a student are desired.

Very truly yours,

*(Signed) E. B. Meritt*

Assistant Commissioner.

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

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Sir:

Referring to the Office's letter of the 5th instant relative to the request for the return home of Joe Jessaun, I respectfully report that the young man was enrolled at Carlisle on December 2nd of 1911 for a five year period and that under the rules then in force his period of enrolment here will not terminate until after the close of the school year in June of 1917.

For the further information of the Office I submit below a copy of a communication that was addressed here by Superintendent Henderson of the Cherokee Agency on May 18th, last:

"The mother of Joe Jessan has called and asked me to write you concerning the return home of her son. She seems to think that he has been in Carlisle his allotted time. I observe however that his name does not appear on the list of those whose period of enrollment expires this year. The mother is in poor circumstances and it is a question in my mind as to whether Joe could help her any if he returned. If he has any money in the bank at Carlisle, five or ten dollars of it would be a far more service to her than her son which would likely be just one more to feed. I trust you will take this matter up with Joe, to having him help his mother if he has the funds."

Mr. Henderson had to be informed that Joe does not

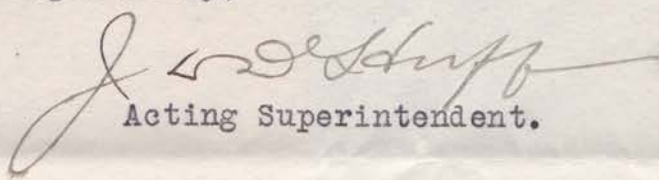
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have any funds now to his credit in our school bank.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

  
Acting Superintendent.





Cherokee  
May 27, 1916

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Hon. Com. of Indian Affairs  
Washington, D.C.



Sir; - As I am a widow  
and in a poor straits  
and am needing help  
the farm - I solicit your  
kindest favor in grant-  
ing my son, Joe Jessam,  
who is now at Carlisle  
Indian School, and who  
has been there for five  
years (time expired)  
the privilege of coming  
home this commencement.

for I certainly need him  
at home now. I am get-  
ting old also and cannot  
work much - and my  
eye-sight is getting very  
poor.

Please see to this mat-  
ter and let me know about  
it -

respectfully

Liddia Jessam.



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Mrs. Liddia Jessaun,  
Cherokee, North Carolina.

My Friend:

Receipt of your letter of May 29 is acknowledged.  
Attention will be given to your request to have your son, now  
enrolled at Carlisle, return home at the close of the present  
year and you will be advised later in the matter.

Your friend,  
*(Signed) E. B. Meritt*

Assistant Commissioner.

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

My dear Mr. Lipps:

Please consider the enclosed request of Mrs. Liddia Jessaun for the return of her son Joe, and return the same with your suggestions as to what should be done.

Very truly yours,

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

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