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June 22nd, 1916.

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

Sir:

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I respectfully report, in reply to the Office's letter of June 21st relative to the return home of Mr. William Obern's two sons, that they left here with the home-going party of boys on June the 7th.

The enclosure with the letter above referred to is being returned herewith as was requested.

Very respectfully,

J. D. DeHuff
Acting Superintendent.

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ASHLAND, Wisconsin June 2nd, 1916.

Hon. C. F. Hauke,
Second Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I should have answered your kind and friendly letter that I received last fall, but I had firmly resolved not to answer the letter until I could faithfully and truthfully promise that I would abide by your wishes in reference to drink. I feel at this present time that I have passed the danger lines of drink and can truthfully say that I will never again take a drink of intoxicating liquors. I wish to thank you for your kind friendly letter. It showed the christian spirit and brotherly feeling and that your efforts in trying to do good were not lost. I feel often that your letter to me has had a good and lasting effect on me. I will try hereafter to prove myself worthy of your friendship.

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Mr. Hauke I have a little matter to present to you concerning my boys Luke and Lawrence Obern, age fifteen and seventeen years, now attending the Carlisle Indian School at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. I want the boys home for vacation. Lawrence, the oldest is sickly and puny, has been ever since childbirth, and the weather conditions there in the summer I am certain will not agree with him, as the humidity there is greater than it is here in that low altitude. Furthermore, I wish to take them to the lands I selected

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for them under this new schedule of allotments, show them their lines and corners, and show them where they might make improvements, if at any time in the future they should feel like improving their lands. Furthermore, this is their first trip away from home, and they are very homesick. They have been begging of me all winter to allow them to come home, reminding me of the promises that I made them, when I signed them to that school. I promised them faithfully that I would get them home each vacation. They tell me that if I do not get the release or permission for them to come home, that they will run away. In that case, something might happen to them, and I would then forever blame myself for not doing all I can to get them home. Find enclosed a copy of letter of Superintendent O. H. Lipps, which explains itself. The Indian Agent, Mr. Everest is away, and has been away for some time and Mr. Rodman, the Chief Clerk says that he could not act on this matter in the absence of the Indian Agent. The Indian Agent is probably in New York City, as I am told by Mr. Rodman, and I would like to have the boys come home with the rest of the Odanah pupils when they start from there on June 7th. The Superintendent speaks of Luke not having enough money for to pay his fare home and leave on deposit his return fare. Luke has \$40.00, so he writes me and Lawrence had a few days ago \$60.00 on a requisition granted him. Lawrence will willingly give his brother some of the money he has, or I can deposit some money here with the Indian Office or wire it to the Superintendent,

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if he will wire me and tell me just how much I should wire. I have been sickly myself for the past eighteen years, and I feel that I might die suddenly at most any time. I would like to have the boys home to give them further instructions before anything should happen me.

Hoping that you will give this matter your personal attention, and thanking you in advance for the same, and would thank you for a reply in this matter that I might know just what is taking place, I am,

Yours ever obedient,

William Obern

C O P Y.

May 29", 1916.

Mr. William Obern,
Odanah, Wisconsin.



My dear Mr. Obern:

I have received your letter of the 24th instant, in regard to the return home of your boys and am sorry you did not comply with my request that you refer the matter to Superintendent Everest. It is noted in your letter that the Superintendent is now absent, but he has left someone in charge of his office whose recommendation in the case will be required.

While I should prefer to have the boys continue with their enrolment, no objections to their going home will be interposed, if the usual formal applications are placed on file and it is recommended that the privilege be allowed them. The requirements are directed by Office regulations and are complied with in all cases where students go to their homes for vacation.

Your attention must also be called to the fact that the \$40.00 to the credit of your son Luke will not be sufficient to cover the cost of the round-trip fare that must be placed on deposit before a vacation can be allowed.

Herewith you will find enclosed the blanks upon which the applications for your boys' vacations may be submitted to your Superintendent's office for approval and whatever recommendation from that office is then forwarded I will comply with.

Trusting that the matter can yet be adjusted so that your boys can join the home-going party on June the 7th, I am,

Very truly yours,
O. H. Lipps,

Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Everest).

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

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My dear Mr. Lipps:

There is herewith enclosed for your information a letter from Mr. William Obern of Ashland, Wisconsin, with correspondence pertaining to his request to have his two boys, who are pupils at the Carlisle School, go home for the summer vacation.

Inasmuch as it is understood that their transportation expenses will be paid from their own funds, the Office will have no objection to granting the request, provided in your judgment they should be permitted to leave the school according to the wishes of their father. Please return this enclosure to the Office.

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

Assistant Commissioner.

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