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Mr. J. H. Hinton, Supt.,
White Earth Indian Agency,
White Earth, Minnesota.

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Dear Mr. Hinton:

Your letter of Oct. 7th regarding the pupils escorted from your reservation to Carlisle by Mr. Frank Cajune has just been received.

Mr. Cajune left here last evening for home and as we have not yet received the Railroad Company's bill for the tickets we do not know whether or not the tickets furnished all the students brought by Mr. Cajune are charged to this school.

On checking over the names this morning we find that Georgiana Bellecourt, Henry (Bennie) Laduke and Napoleon LaDuke arrived here in Mr. Cajune's party. We have no applications covering these students and we did not place transportation for them. All transportation was placed to your order and we took particular pains to name each student in placing the order so that there would be no confusion and no one would receive a ticket whose application had not been

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first approved at this office.

I am in hearty sympathy with your efforts to enforce the office regulations regarding the transfer of students. In fact I do not want any of these tramp students in my school if I can help it. Since you assure me that these pupils will soon have money to their credit and that you will see that the transportation for their return to the reservation is paid I am ready and willing to return them.

It appears that the LaDuke boys are both runaways from Pipestone. Please advise me at what railroad point on your reservation these students should be sent. They will be returned immediately upon receipt of this information.

Very truly yours,

Oscar Lippe

Superintendent.

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Mr. Frank Cajune,
Lengby, Minn.

MAILED BY C. P. F.

Dear Mr. Cajune:

I am in receipt this morning of a letter from Supt. Hinton in which he requests the return to White Earth of Georgiana Bellecourt and Henry and Napoleon LaDuke, three students brought in your party last week. Upon checking up this morning, we find that there are no applications on file in this office for these students. We also find that the Superintendent of the Pipestone School wrote Superintendent Hinton on Sept. 22nd stating that the two LaDuke boys were confirmed runaways and that their mother went there and stole them away one night. I also find that we did not place an order for tickets for these students so I presume they paid their own way here. We have not yet received the railroad company's bill so are unable to determine whether or not their tickets were charged to the account of this school. If they were, it was without any authority from this office.

Under the regulations it will be necessary for

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me to return these students immediately and their return transportation will have to be paid from their own funds. I regret that it becomes necessary to deny these students the privileges of the Carlisle school but the LaDuke boys have forfeited all rights in any Government school until they return to Pipestone and there clear up their record. It is positively against the regulations now for one Indian school to enroll a student who has attended another Indian school unless that student has first finished the course and proved himself worthy of further opportunities at Government expense.

Very truly yours,

Oscar Lipps
Superintendent. *L.M.J.*

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Copies sent to Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Supt. Hinton, and Supt. Mann.