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Mr. John Francis, Jr.,
Supt. Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Francis:

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Your letter of August 20 to this office requesting authority to send your Agricultural teacher to Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Sioux country for the purpose of soliciting pupils, in addition to your having sent a Disciplinary for Osage pupils, has been noted.

You are hereby notified that the office approves your sending Mr. Marks as requested.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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



August 20, 1917.

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

Sir:

Reference is made to Section 126 of the rules for the Indian school service. This provides that only the Superintendent of a nonreservation school, or one employee of this school authorized in writing by the Superintendent, may visit reservations to obtain pupils. It provides also that if the size and circumstances of the nonreservation school warrants, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs may, upon application from the Superintendent, authorize an additional employee to visit the reservation for the purpose of obtaining pupils.

Under authority conferred by this paragraph I have authorized one employee to make a short trip to Oklahoma. I intend to endeavor to get a number of Osage pupils who will pay their own transportation and tuition and who need the benefit of a school so far away from their home conditions that they cannot easily return to them.

To do this I am sending Mr. Duran, our Disciplinarian, who worked among these Indians for years and knows every Osage boy and girl.

One or two of the western Superintendents have expressed the desirability, in obtaining pupils, of having a representative of this school present at the time of the Fair. This

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school has as its Agriculture teacher Mr. Leo Marks, a most excellent young man and skilled in his branch, being a graduate of Cornell University. He is an eastern man and has no knowledge of the home conditions of the Indians. Mr. Lipps last summer discussed with him and practically arranged for a short trip this summer into the Indian country for the purpose of attempting to gather pupils, while at the same time he would get some knowledge of the farming conditions among the Indians which will be of the utmost importance in teaching Indian students.

In view of the fact that in the detail of Mr. Duran I have exhausted my authority I request additional authority which will permit me to send Mr. Marks to certain places in Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Sioux country for the purpose of soliciting pupils and at the same time gaining instructions on Indian conditions.

Yours very truly,

John Francis
Superintendent.

JF/S

