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

My dear Mr. Francis:

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In reply to your letter of December 18, 1917, in regard to the release of John Matthews, an enrolled member of the Osage Tribe, from Carlisle School, you are advised that your action concerning the return of this boy to his home is hereby approved owing to the facts given by you and also for the reason that efforts to persuade the boy's mother to allow him to remain at Carlisle were unavailing.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

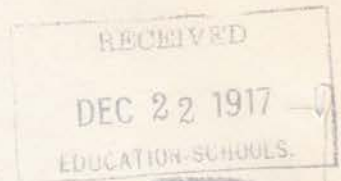
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL
CARLISLE, PA.

December
Eighteenth,
1917



Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

FILED BY G. P. F.

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 13, 1917 regarding the release of John Mathews an enrolled member of the Osage tribe and a student of the rolls of this school. I note your statement that you have addressed a letter to Mrs. Preston, through the Superintendent of the Osage Agency, with the view of obtaining her consent to have John finish his term at Carlisle.

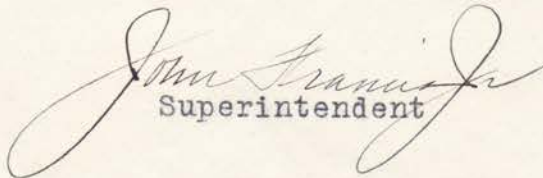
In response I have the honor to advise you that she had arranged to take John with her to California on the 15th. His attitude towards the school was not good and tended to demoralize other students from the same tribe. After his mother had made the request for his release, while doing nothing for which he could be drastically punished, he assumed an attitude of general indifference which was not good for the discipline of the school, and particularly on his fellow Osages.

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In view of this, he having been furnished money by his mother and not having heard anything further from the Office, I permitted him to leave the school on the 15th. I appreciate the Office's endeavor to obtain the consent of the mother to permit him to remain at the school. However, she personally came to the city of Carlisle at the time that she made the request for the release of the boy and was determined to take him with her. She was a former student of the school and understood its rules and requirements but efforts to persuade her to allow the boy to remain were unavailing.

I hope the Office will appreciate that my action in releasing John before the answer to the Office letter was received was due to what I felt, was to the best interests of the school at the time and in no sense a failure to appreciate the authority of the Office in the premises. I request that my action be approved.

Sincerely yours,


Superintendent

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DEC 17 1917

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

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My dear Mr. Francis:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 3, 1917, enclosing one from Mrs. Lorenzo Mathews Preston, an enrolled member of the Osage Tribe, and mother of John Mathews, a pupil at your school, requesting that this boy be released to take effect December 15, 1917. I have addressed a letter to Mrs. Preston, through the Superintendent of the Osage Agency, Oklahoma, with the view of obtaining her consent to have John finish his term at Carlisle at which time it can be determined whether or not he should continue his course at school.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

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Assistant Commissioner.

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Mrs. Lorenzo Mathews Preston,
Through Supt., Osage Indian School.

DEC 17 1917

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My friend:

I have received your request through the Superintendent of Carlisle School for the release of your son, John Mathews, from school to take effect December 15.

It is believed that your boy will be greatly benefited by the advantages he will receive at Carlisle, and I am writing with the hope that you will change your mind and permit him to remain until the close of the present school year, at which time it can be determined whether or not he should continue the course. The things which John dislikes at school appear to be the very things that will make a man of him, and I am sure that you will not regret, if you give your consent to have him finish his course at Carlisle School; at least, I trust you will agree to keep him at school this year.

Your friend,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL

CARLISLE, PA.

December
Third,
1917



Dommissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

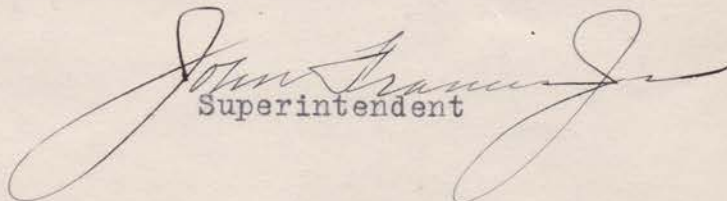
I have the honor to enclose herewith a letter dated November 1, 1917, from Mrs. Lorenza Mathews, an enrolled member of the Osage Tribe and the Mother of John Mathews, an Osage student at this school.

Mrs. Mathews requests the release of her son from this school, to take effect December 15, 1917. This young man is about seventeen years of age and was enrolled at this school in September. In view of his wealth as an Osage, he was required to pay, and did pay, a tuition charge of Two Hundred Dollars a year. He was at the school only about a week when he ran away and returned to Pawhuska. He was promptly returned to the school where he has remained ever since and has complied with his duties to the school, but it is very apparent that his heart is not in his work. He is unhappy and discontented, the discipline is irksome to him and above all things else he dislikes the fact that he is required to work. Personally, I feel that Carlisle could do something for this boy. Those things that he dislikes in the school are the things that would make a man out of him. However, in view of the fact that his mother, who entered into the contract for him to come to the school, desires to withdraw him and as it is apparent that the school must overcome not only the opposition of the boy but also of his mother, it will be better to drop him from the rolls as requested by his mother.

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I have explained to her that the tuition has been deposited to the credit of the United States and it is doubtful that it can be reclaimed and she has waived any claim to it. I, therefore, recommend that I be authorized to drop John Mathews from the roll for the reasons stated.

Sincerely yours,


Superintendent

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JOHN FRANCIS, JR.
SUPERINTENDENT



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

December 1, 1917.

Mr. John Francis, Jr.
Superintendent Indian School
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

MAILED BY G. P. F.



I hereby request the release from the
Carlisle Indian School of my son John Mathews,
this release to take effect December 15, 1917.

I agree to waive any claim to the
tuition heretofore paid for this boy.

Very truly yours

Loenza Mathews Preston