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Complaint.

OCT 29 1914

Mr. J. Blair,  
117 West Pomfret St.,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of Oct. 3, making complaint against the conduct of "Richard" (Richard R. Kesetta), an Indian boy, who was taken into the home of Mrs. Sharp, under the Carlisle Indian School Outing System, you are advised that the contents of your letter were sent to Mr. O. H. Lipps, Supervisor in charge of the School, who has reported that the neighbors of Mrs. Sharp have been consulted in regard to the matter and the consensus of opinion seems to be that Richard is a gentle little fellow and not any more mischievous than a boy eleven years old might be expected to be.

Mrs. Sharp has full control and jurisdiction over him and it is hoped that you will not be further annoyed by him.

Very truly yours,  
*(Signed) C. F. Henke*

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Second Assistant Commissioner.

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

Complaint.

Oct. 21st, 1914.

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

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Sir:

I have learned that the Richard R. Kesetta who is referred to in the copy of the complaint that was transmitted to me with the Office's letter of October the 16th was brought to the Carlisle School on August the 15th of 1907 when he was just four years old. His mother, a Lipan Indian, had just died without disclosing the name of the father of her illegitimate child, and the boy was sent to Carlisle because the mother had been enrolled as a student in former years and there was no other place to send the boy. It seems that the mother was sent to Carlisle in 1880, when she was thirteen years old, by an Army officer who found her on a battle ground after an engagement with a band of Indians.

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After the boy was cared for here at school for about a year Mrs. Sharp, an estimable lady of Carlisle, took him into her home and has voluntarily cared for him since. He has been reported under the school's Outing System since he

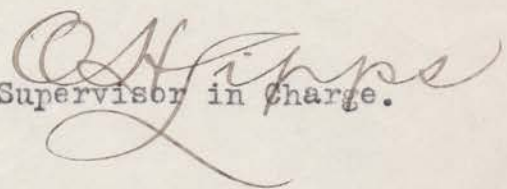
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was taken in charge by Mrs. Sharpe, but she has had full control and jurisdiction over him.

Regarding the mischievous pranks which have been reported I can only state that neighbors of Mrs. Sharpe and of the lady who evidently made the complaint have been consulted about the matter and the consensus of opinion seems to be that Richard is a gentle little fellow and not any more mischievous than a boy eleven years old can be expected to be.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

  
Supervisor in Charge.

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Mr. Oscar H. Lipps,

Supervisor in Charge Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

There is herewith enclosed copy of letter which contains a complaint against one of the boys belonging to the Carlisle School. The name of the writer has been withheld by request. However, there seems to be sufficient information in the letter to enable you to make a complete report, accompanied with your recommendations in the matter.

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Very truly yours,

*(Signed) C. F. Hauke*

Second Assistant Commissioner.

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117- West Compt. St.  
Charlottesville  
October 3.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
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OCT 16 1914  
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Not dated  
My name in  
this matter



Ben. Cato Cells  
Washington, D.C.

Esteemed Sir:

When you read my personal complaint, I trust you will see the wisdom of placing "Richard" an Indian boy, under government care, and discipline, provided for his people.

Mrs Martha Dreyfus-133- West Compt. St. Charlottesville Va. has had him with her for years & just a fancy. He is feeble, and ad-

vanced in life - Has  
kept notes, and boarding  
house, for possibly 30  
or 40 years - supporting  
an inebriate son, who  
lives with her, and  
it is said, she has mortga-  
ged her home to purchase  
a business stand, for  
another worthless  
son. You cannot fail  
to see that the influence  
over "Richard" is the  
worst.

The discipline is what  
an old lady's fancy  
would administer.

"Richard" is a nuisance  
in the neighborhood, his  
inborn treachery spending  
itself while at play on  
the street. Town a property

near Mrs Puck, and  
fear to reside there.

He walked in unan-  
nounced, and threatened  
to kill my old lady tenant.  
She was alone, <sup>and</sup> when he  
persisted in his threats,  
she went on a back stairs  
way and held the door,  
pleading with him to leave.  
When he found he could not  
reach her, he said he  
would shoot the eye out  
of a lady in a picture,  
on the wall.

His aim was true,  
and after he had satis-  
fied his vindictive pur-  
pose - which might have  
been a fatal one - he  
left the house.  
Certainly, I will not allow

again, but he has got  
around, and I do not  
know but the various  
garden boxes broken,  
have been his work;  
and my plate glass door,  
may be despoiled at  
least as the Carpenter  
places it.

He is skilled either with  
an arrow, or flint shot.  
I beg of you, you use your juris-  
diction, and give him removal  
at once - and kindly do not  
have him placed at Carlisle  
School, as he will be at Mrs  
Davis' with every excuse,  
and I may be the victim  
of his treachery.

Kindly do not heed the pleading  
of Corn maidens girls, on the  
same block, who enthrone on  
Indian interests. Yours very truly  
J. Blain.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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