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Hon. E. B. Meritt,
Indian Office,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Meritt:

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Thank you for your favor of the 11th instant,

enclosing copy of your letter to Supervisor Lipps, regarding the case of Hannah Kennedy. I am glad to get the facts, and to know that when Hannah's term expires, in June, 1915, she may be placed on parole until she is twenty-one years of age.

I will write to Miss Mary T. Scheurman, of Waterbury, Conn., sending her your letter and its enclosure, suggesting that she communicate with Supervisor Lipps.

Sincerely yours,

M. K. Sniffen

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Mr. Matthew K. Sniffin,
Drexel Building,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. Sniffin:

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On April 29, 1915, you took up with the Office the question of placing under the charge of Miss Mary T. Scheurman, of Waterbury, Connecticut, Secretary of the Organized Charities, Hannah Kennedy, a mixed-blood Onondaga Indian from the State of New York, now confined in the State Reformatory for Girls at Media, Pennsylvania.

In response you are advised that the matter has been investigated by the Office. It appears from a report of Miss Lida M. Johnston, Girls' Field Agent for Carlisle School, that Hannah Kennedy was visited by her at Sleighton Farm, a reform school for girls, on August 6, 1914. Hannah Kennedy was committed to this institution on June 5, 1913, by the Cumberland County Court for a period of two years. Her term expires in June, 1915, at which time she may be placed out on parole until she

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is twenty-one years of age.

Mrs. Falconer, the Superintendent of the institution, gives an excellent report for the conduct of Hannah. They have an honor system in their cottage homes and at one period Hannah was "Mayor" of her cottage. She "fell from grace", however, and was demoted. Mrs. Falconer advised the Field Agent that Hannah will again be at the head as she is very ambitious. In industry she leads in handicraft, particularly lace-making. She is very musical, but lacks "application to practice".

As Hannah Kennedy will be eligible for parole early in June, the Office will be glad to cooperate in the matter of procuring her parole in the care of Miss Scheurman, as suggested by you. Supervisor Lipps has this day been directed to act in the matter, and a copy of Office letter to him is enclosed for your information. It is suggested that Miss Scheurman take the matter up directly with Mr. Lipps in order that there may be no delay in complying with the various formalities that the institution may require.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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Mr. Oscar H. Lipps,

Supervisor in Charge, Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 4, 1915, regarding Hannah Kennedy, an Indian girl now at Sleighton Farm, a reform school for girls.

It is noted that Hannah Kennedy will be eligible for parole early in June, at which time she can be placed in the charge of Miss Mary T. Scheurman, of Waterbury, Connecticut, Secretary of the Organized Charities. The Office feels that the parole of this girl in the care of a proper person who will have her best interests at heart is very desirable.

Mr. Matthew K. Sniffin, Secretary of the Indian Rights Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has this day been advised of the facts concerning the commitment of Hannah Kennedy and her eligibility for parole, and of the desire of the Office to cooperate in the matter. It has been suggested to him that Miss Scheurman correspond directly with you in order that there may be no delay in comply-

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ing with the various formalities which the institution may require.

You are directed to act with Miss Scheurman in procuring the parole of Hannah Kennedy in her care.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt

Assistant Commissioner.

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

May 4, 1915.



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

Sir:

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Replying to Office letter of April 30th, requesting report setting forth the facts concerning the incarceration of Hannah Kennedy, a mixed blood Onondaga Indian from the State of New York, who was sent from Carlisle to the State Reformatory for Girls at Media, Pennsylvania, because of alleged improper conduct at Carlisle, I am enclosing herewith copy of report submitted to me by Miss Lida M. Johnston, Girls' Field Agent, under our Outing System, which is all the information on file in this Office regarding the matter.

I first heard that this girl had been sent to a reform school last summer. I immediately instructed Miss Johnston to visit her at the first opportunity and make a report regarding her. It appears that her term of sentence will expire early next month, and I shall be glad to cooperate in the matter of securing her parole in order that Miss Mary T. Scheurman, of Waterbury, Conn., may take the girl and assume responsibility for her care.

Very respectfully,

Wm. Lawrence
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O. H. Lipps
Supervisor in Charge.

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O. H. LIPPS, SUPERVISOR IN CHARGE



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



August 10, 1914.

Mr. O. H. Lipps
Supervisor Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lipps:

On August 6th, I visited Hannah Kennedy who was committed to Sleighton Farm, a reform school for girls on June 5, 1913.

Mrs. Falconer, Superintendent, gives an excellent report for the conduct of Hannah. They have an honor system in their cottage homes and at one period Hannah was "Mayor" of her cottage. She "fell from grace" and was demoted. Mrs. Falconer tells me she will again be at the head as she is very ambitious.

In industry she leads in handicraft, particularly lace-making. She is very musical but lacks "application to practice."

Mrs. Falconer informs me that the Cumberland County Court committed Hannah to this reform institution for two years. Her term expires in June, 1915. At that time she may be placed out on parole as she is under the control of same institution until she is twenty-one years of age. She is now eighteen years old.

Mrs. Falconer says she will be glad to cooperate with Carlisle in regard to any plans for Hannah's welfare.

The letter inclosed is one written by a sister of Hannah's. Very little has been learned concerning Hannah's parentage. It is not known definitely that she is a sister of Hannah's. This letter is to be returned to Mrs. Falconer.

Very respectfully,

Lida M. Johnston.

Girls' Field Agent.

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Mr. Oscar H. Lipps,

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Supervisor in Charge, Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

The Office has been advised, by Mr. M. K. Sniffin, Secretary of the Indian Rights Association, that Hannah Kennedy, a mixed-blood Onondaga Indian from the State of New York, was sent from Carlisle to the State Reformatory for Girls at Media, Pennsylvania, to be kept there until she is twenty-one years of age, because of some alleged improper conduct while at Carlisle.

The Office is further advised that Miss Mary T. Scheurman, of Waterbury, Connecticut, Secretary of the Organized Charities, will be willing to assume responsibility for the girl's care provided she can be released from the Reformatory.

You are requested to submit immediately a report setting forth all the facts concerning the incarceration of Hannah Kennedy, the date she was placed in the Reformatory, the authority under which this action was taken, and

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the steps which may be necessary to procure her release
to the care of Miss Scheurman.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Meritt
Assistant Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

April 29, 1915.

Memorandum for


Education Division:

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I am advised by Mr. M. K. Sniffin, Secretary of the Indian Rights Association, that Hannah Kennedy, a mixed blood Onondaga Indian from New York, because of some alleged improper conduct was sent to the State Reformatory for girls at Media, Pa. to be kept there until she is 21; that she is now 17 or 18; that she was sent there from the Carlisle School; and that ^{Miss} Mrs. Mary T. Scheurman, of Waterbury, Conn., Secretary of the Organized Charities will be willing to assume the responsibility for the girl's care provided that the girl can be released from the Reformatory.

Please look into this matter and see if we cannot be of assistance in having Miss Kennedy placed under the care of Miss Scheurman.

Very truly yours,


Assistant Commissioner.