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Mr. John Francis, Jr.,

Superintendent, Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Francis:

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Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter recommending the expulsion of George Francis, a Maine Indian pupil of your school, for misbehavior.

The Office agrees with you that he should be expelled and you are authorized to take necessary steps and notify other Superintendents in regard to the matter.

Very truly yours,

Signed) C. F. Hauke

Acting Assistant Commissioner.

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



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April 24, 1917.



Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

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Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the case of George Francis, a student of this school from Perry, Maine, of three-fourths Indian blood, 24 years of age and a member of the Senior class.

This young man was enrolled on December 9, 1912, ran away July 9, 1914, returned to the school on September 21, 1914, was on leave during the summer of 1915 but re-entered school in September 1915 and has been constantly in attendance at Carlisle since that date. He is a good student and would unquestionably have graduated with his class. He has had an excellent reputation, having been both a non-commissioned officer and a commissioned officer. At the present time he holds the rank of Captain.

About three weeks ago Father Feezer of the Catholic Church who has charge of the work of his Church at this school advised me that he had information to the effect that George had been visiting the home of a married woman in Carlisle. It appeared that this woman was married last September and left her husband during February.

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George Francis, with the permission of Mr. Lipps, became engaged to a girl student of this school and they proposed to get married immediately upon his graduation. I was advised by Father Feezer that he had endeavored to persuade George Francis to give up his manner of living and that he felt that it was due the fiancée of Francis that she be notified of his behavior. This was done and the engagement was broken off by the girl.

There was no evidence of misconduct against George Francis other than the fact that he had visited this married woman in Carlisle which is against the rules of the school. I called him into my office and charged him with the offence which he admitted, but denied that there was any improper relationship between them, and I pointed out to him that he had violated the rules of the school through his behavior and that his relationship with this married woman must cease immediately or it would be necessary to take drastic steps against him. He agreed not to leave the grounds without my permission, and I advised the Disciplinarian and night watchman of the matter and told them to keep their eye upon Francis.

On Saturday he was in charge of the Band and was permitted to go to Harrisburg for the Parade and returned with it in the evening. His behavior during the day, as far as I know, was most excellent. Saturday evening, after the return of the Band, the night watchman reported to me that in the absence of the Disciplinarian in Philadelphia Francis had obtained permission from the Major-in-charge

of large boys' quarters to go to Carlisle in the evening a day or so before and had not returned until 1:00 o'clock in the morning. I directed him to have Francis report to me in the morning and in the meantime to keep a close watch upon him. About 11:00 o'clock the report was made that Francis was not in his room. The Disciplinarian and night watchman then proceeded to Carlisle to the address of the married woman and watched the house. About midnight Francis came out and was brought to the school by them. In the Disciplinarian's office, while the night watchman was getting the keys of the Guard House, Francis escaped from the Disciplinarian in charge of him. Word was immediately sent out to the local Police and Station Agents. This made it impossible for him to escape, and Sunday night after taps he returned of his own accord to the office of the Disciplinarian and gave himself up. He is now confined in the Guard House.

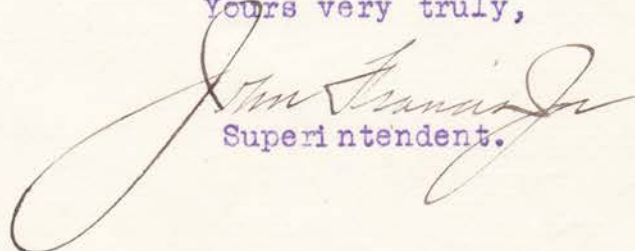
In view of all the facts in the case it seems that the only course to take for the good of the discipline of the school is to expel this young man. His age, the fact that he is a member of the Senior class and his rank as a Captain makes him a leader in the school and demands exemplary behavior of him. Viewing his actions with the utmost leniency possible, he was warned that a continuance of his behavior would result in his getting into trouble. He gave his word to desist from the course he was pursuing. This word he deliberately broke. He was found in town without authority

out of hours in direct disregard to the rules of the school. Upon his return to the school, in the custody of its officers, he deliberately took advantage of the fact that he was not forcibly held or detained to run away. He gave himself up simply because he could not get away. In view of all these facts, much as I regret it for I personally like the boy and would gladly help him if I could, I feel that the discipline of the school absolutely demands that he be expelled, and I so recommend.

Francis has no money in the custody of the school. He was compelled to pay his own expenses here. He should not be turned out of school and permitted to loaf around the town of Carlisle and injure the school discipline. I recommend, in the absence of legal objection, that I be authorized to pay his way home and ^{endeavor to} see that he goes home.

Pending your action in the case he will remain confined in the Guard House. Please make action on this case special.

Yours very truly,


Superintendent.

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