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Mr. Levi Levering,
Omaha Agency,
Nacy Nebraska

My dear Mr. Levering:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 21, 1918
in regard to the present whereabouts of your son,
Lincoln Levering, a deserter from this school.

In response you are advised that I have not been
able to get any information as to the location of
your son. I assure you that as soon as I find
out where he is, I will promptly advise you, and
if he is located within a reasonable distance of
the school, I will see that he is returned. I
think upon consideration, in view of your exper-
ience as a school man, you will appreciate the
very great problem to hold a boy here against his
will, in these times of war, without resortint to
drastic measures, which personally I would not
care to use in the management of a school, and I
am quite sure you would not want exercised towards
a child of yours.

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We are located right in the midst of the manufactur-
ing area of the United States, where war conditions
have made a tremendous demand for labor and extreme-
ly high wages, and have made it possible for almost
any type of man or boy to get a job. At the Hog
Island Shipyards common laborers are paid thirty
cents an hour for an eight hour shift. Riveters,
chippers, and that type of skilled labor, who can
be trained in a few weeks receive fifty, sixty and
seventy cents an hour. I am explaining this to
you so that you will understand that there is every
opportunity for a discontented boy to leave the

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school and get into one of these manufacturing centers, and the only way we can locate him is either when he communicates with the school, or to stumble on him. To search for a boy under those conditions is like hunting for a needle in a haystack.

Early in April we received information that Lincoln was in Philadelphia, and I promptly sent the Outing Agent there to get him, but was unable to locate him.

Lincoln is a lad seventeen years old, who should have some general ideas of his own best interests. The Government has offered him training and education which he has seen fit to throw away. He ran away from you last fall when you arranged to put him in this school. He failed in his studies here and then ran away.

In view of these circumstances it would seem therefore that, while I am responsible to you for your son while he is in my charge, when he secretly leaves the school and conceals himself that he by his own action relieves the United States and me of a great deal of responsibility, and it seems unfair to assume lack of interest or negligence on my part in following up runaways because I have made it a practice to follow up and return runaways to the school.

I am sending a copy of your letter to the Commissioner in view of the fact that a copy of your letter to me was sent there.

Sincerely yours,

Signed, John Francis, Jr.

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Superintendent

CC to Commissioner

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Omaha Agency,

Macy, Nebraska,

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Supt. Jno. Francis, Jr.,

Carlisle, Pa.

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Dear Sir:

You wrote me some time ago that my boy, Lincoln Levering, had run away from school, that you didn't know where he went and that you could not locate him.

Do you know now where he is? It is funny that you have kept silent all this time, never pay no attention to anybody what happens. You should continue to inform me about the disappearance of this boy who was a member of your school and I am sure you should know where each boy or girl is located. That is your business. I haven't heard anything of my boy all this time and I just wondered where he is. If you can furnish me further information in reference to this boy I will greatly appreciate it as I want to know something about him. It is my own interest in my family affair.

I think your school authority ought to exercise more strict ruling than it has been in the past, then there would be less run aways from your school.

I want to tell you that I was there as student of your school for nine good years. During those years we never allowed a student to get away, not even as far as Harrisburg and if he did he was a good one because we, as a body of students, helped the superintendent to keep good order and conduct in the school.

Very truly yours,

Levi Severing

Interpreter U.S.I.S.
Omaha Agency, Nebraska.

Carbon to Commissioner.

