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Mr. Charles E. Dagenett,

Supervisor of Employment.

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My dear Mr. Dagenett:

The Office wishes to acknowledge receipt of your note of May 28th inclosing a copy of the excellent letter which has been sent to all Alumni of the Carlisle Indian School, and feels sure that this work will arouse the interest of the returned students and will be of material benefit to them.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Cato Sells
Assistant Commissioner.

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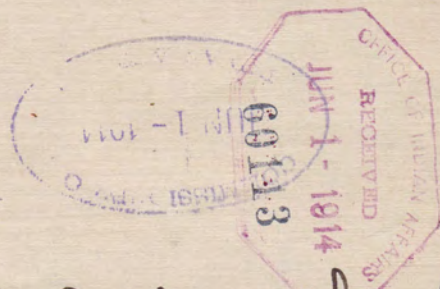
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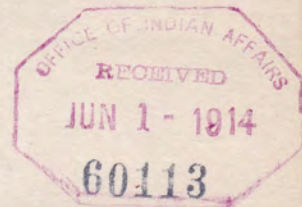
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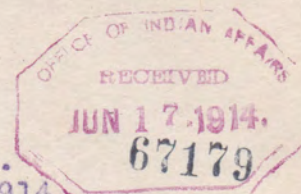
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