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SUBJECT: About two girl pupils with Capt. Gosman, Columbus Barracks, Ohio.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa.,

March 6, 1908.

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

Sir:

I deem it my duty to advise your Office in regard to the cases of two of our girls, Susan Littlesfield and Sarah Chubb, who are now with Captain (Dr.) Geo. H. Gosman at Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, under our outing system. Dr. Gosman is the son-in-law of Major W. A. Mercer, and the girls left here about December 27th last with Dr. and Mrs. Gosman in pursuance of arrangements made by Major Mercer, then superintendent.

It is suggested, aside from the fact that these girls are not in our outing district but are where they cannot be visited by the outing field agent for girls, the surroundings and social conditions at a military post are not likely to be in any way desirable for Indian girls.

The facts are submitted for such action as you may deem advisable.

Very respectfully,

Chas. H. Dickson

Supervisor in Charge.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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with Capt. Gosman at
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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., March 24, 1908.

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

Sir:

Referring to my letter to you of March 6th (to which no reply has been received by me) in reference to the return to this school of two Indian girls, Sarah Chubb and Susan Littleshield, who are now at Columbus Barracks, Columbus, Ohio, under our outing system with the family of Dr. Geo. H. Gosman, son-in-law of Major W. A. Mercer, you are advised that I have this day written to Dr. Gosman requesting that these girls be returned to Carlisle at the earliest date practicable, and under no circumstances later than April 1st, which is the usual time for the return of pupils from the fall and winter outing period.

In connection with this matter your attention is invited to the inclosed letter addressed to me by Superintendent H. E. Wadsworth dated today in regard to the return of Susan Littleshield, and also to letters received from the girls themselves: one dated the 20th instant from Sarah Chubb to Mr. Wise, and one dated the 22d instant from Susan Littleshield addressed to Mr. Kensler, the quartermaster. It is not believed that the influences surrounding these girls are what they should be and it is evident that they are dissatisfied and very anxious to return to Carlisle. It

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will be noted that the period of enrollment of both of these girls will expire in June so that in any event, in pursuance of the practice that has prevailed at this school for several years, they should be recalled at the end of the winter outing.

Referring to reference of Susan Littleshield to Mr. Wise making her go to Columbus, Mr. Wise states that he did not approve of this outing arrangement at all, but that the basis for the girl's statement is the fact that when Major Mercer had arranged for her to go to Columbus he called Mr. Wise into his office to witness her promise and then told her that she could not now "back out" but must abide by her decision. It is altogether likely that this incident served to give the girl the impression that Mr. Wise favored her going to Columbus, but erroneously so. Mr. Wise also states in this connection that previous to this arrangement with Susan similar arrangements had been made with four or five other girls to go, each of whom in succession had changed their minds and decided not to go.

Considering all the facts, I felt that the matter of returning these girls should not be longer delayed and I have therefore taken the action as above stated.

The letters to Mr. Kensler and Mr. Wise from the girls should be treated as confidential and I request that they be returned with your reply.

Very respectfully,

Chas H. Dickson
Supervisor in Charge.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa.,

March 24, 1908.



Mr. Charles H. Dickson,
Supervisor in Charge,
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of information with reference to Susan Little-shield, now at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, which leads me to believe that she should be returned to Carlisle school at once or permitted to go to her home. As I understand your outing system, it does not cover a case like this, and I further understand that this girl was, in a measure, forced to go away from this school, and from her own letter she is thoroughly dissatisfied with her present position and wants to return to your school.

I respectfully request that steps be taken at once to have her returned to Carlisle School.

Very respectfully,

H. G. Gadsden

*Supt. & Spl. Dist. Agt.,
Shoshoni Agency, Wyo.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

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March 30, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Return to school
of Susan Little-
shield and Sarah
Chubb.

Mr. Charles H. Dickson,
Supervisor in charge,
Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir :

Answering your letters of March 6th and 24th, concerning the re-
quests of Susan Littleshield and Sarah Chubb to be permitted to return
to the school from their place of outing at Columbus Barracks, Ohio,
you are advised that, for the reasons set out in the correspondence
and your recommendation, it seems proper to recall them at once. Your
action in calling for their return not later than April 1st is there-
fore approved. Their letters are enclosed, as requested.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) G. F. Larrabee.

Acting Commissioner.

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