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Request of Alaskan students at CARLISLE SCHOOL  
to be permitted to return to their homes on account  
of conditions affecting them.

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Carlisle Pa  
June 11, 1908

Hon. F. H. Leupp.

Com. Indian Affairs  
Washington D. C.

Dear sir:-

Much discussion has been held concerning us, and for other reasons, and it also being against the Indian rules for us to be present at this School, and further we firmly believe that <sup>we</sup> ought to be allowed to return to our respective homes.

Therefore, we the undersigned Alaskan students attending the Carlisle Indian School do hereby ask your unanimous consent and do earnestly petition you to allow us to return to our respective homes. There are several boys and girls, numbering about seven are out in the country under the Outing System, who vie with us, but are unable to sign this petition, and we the undersigned represent these feelings. We do.



herely earnestly beg of you to listen  
to our petitions and grant us our  
request with Unanimous consent,  
Thanking you in advance we are,  
Very respectfully.

Paul G. Durks  
Isaac B. Waterbury  
Michael Chabot  
Mr. E. Burgess  
James C. Jahrmay.  
Albert Prunda  
Christopher Dalton  
Joseph Simpson.  
Paul Jones  
Robert P. Young.  
A. Guthrie.

This petition does not concern  
any body besides the above signed  
signatures.



REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

*JW*  
Inclosure.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

✓ Education  
41059-1908  
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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

July 6, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Request of Alaskan students  
for permission to return to  
their homes.

Supt. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

There is inclosed herewith for report and recommendation  
a letter from certain Alaskan students at Carlisle, asking  
to be permitted to return to their homes.

Please return the letter with your report.

Very respectfully,

*C. L. Farris*  
Acting Commissioner.

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

45932



July 7, 1908.

Subject:  
Reports on letter  
of Alaskan students.

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

Sir:

In compliance with your Office letter (Education 41059/1908) dated July 6th, I have to report as follows concerning the eleven Alaskan students, whose letter is returned to you herewith as requested:

According to the records here Paul Dirks' time is not out, as his guardian signed papers for his re-enrollment last year. However, as Paul denied that he agreed to this re-enrollment, he was told some days ago that he would be discharged in September next.

Michael Chabitnoy voluntarily re-enrolled for three more years on March 16, 1907, in order to graduate. He has not expressed a desire to go home.

The other nine who signed said letter started for their homes on June 26th. For some time previous to their departure they had been told that they could go as soon as permission to send them was received from your Office.

Very respectfully,

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*M. Friedman*  
Superintendent.

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

July 21, 1908

Hon. F. E. Leupp,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear sir:-

Although I do not want to cause you any trouble, yet I feel that it is my duty to write to you, because of injustice done me this year.

I shall have been at this school six years next September, and as the rules state that only five years attendance is required of pupils.

I have been trying to secure the permission of the Superintendent for a discharge since the Spring of 1907, but have been unsuccessful so far. Many pupils have been discharged when they have served only two or three years, and of course many went home at the expiration of their terms. I don't see any justice in this whatever. I should think that it would be the aim of every person connected with the Indian service, to give the Indian justice if they care to do him any good at all. It is of no wonder that the Indian has never trusted the white man, because they say that the white man never sticks to his words. Of course this is not true of all of them. But there are some that I know to be of that quality. "Honesty is the best policy" is what the white man says and if that's the case, why don't the Superintendent of this school practice what he preaches, or any one else.

As I cannot stand such treatment any longer, therefore I humbly ask of your consent to let me return to my home. I came to this school in September 1902 and my term expired in 1907 and from that time I have

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CARLISLE, PA.

been trying to go home. My father and mother are growing old and it seems to me that I ought to go home and help them in their old age when they have taken care of me when I was a child.

I am very thankful for what I have learned at Carlisle and will try to practice what I learned at its doors. Although I have nothing against the school I beg of you to let me return to my home the latter part of this month. I have asked the head of this school time after time but he would not let me go when my term was ended a year ago. I think that I ought to get justice any way if I don't get anything else.

Hoping that you will listen to my petition, I am

Very respectfully,

*Paul G. Dirks*



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

Education  
45932 - 1908

J.R.D.

August 6, 1908.

SUBJECT :

Return of Alaskan boys  
who petitioned to be  
sent home.

Superintendent,  
Indian Industrial School,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir :

Answering your letter of the 7th ultimo, concerning the return home of Paul Dirks and other Alaskan pupils, it is noted that you say that Paul will be discharged in September next.

As this boy's home seems to be in Alaska and communication with many of the Alaska ports is uncertain in the fall and winter months, I do not see why he should not be released now and allowed to go as soon as proper arrangements for transportation, etc., can be made.

Concerning Michael Chabitzoy, another signer of the petition, who, you say, enrolled voluntarily for another term in order to graduate, your attention is called to the fact that the enrolment of Alaskan children is not encouraged. In view of this policy it is suggested that it might be well to allow him to go home also, if he now wishes to do so, as his signing the letter indicates such a wish, notwithstanding his voluntary re-enrolment. It appears that Michael is one of the boys who took the examination for Messenger in this Office, and is probably equipped to care for himself hereafter.

An early answer is desired.

Very respectfully,

*W. F. Garrison*

Acting Commissioner.



Comm. Socys, in date of  
July 29. Please inquire  
into the case & see what  
it calls for. CJS

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# M E M O R A N D U M .

Paul Dirks, Alaskan, 18 yrs. old. Entered Carlisle in September, 1902 (from Wood's Island, Kodiak, I think.)

Report says, "Telegraph operator under Outing". Is in 8th grade. I am not sure, but think at school he was a printer.

He was away from the school under outing a good part of the time.

Supt. Friedman says ,  
"His guardian signed papers for his re-enrolment last year . However, as Paul denied that he agreed to this re-enrolment he was told some days ago that he would be discharged in September next."

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As this boy's home is in Alaska and communication in the fall months and winter is uncertain at many points, I don't see why he should not be allowed to go in the summer.

Michael Chabitnoy "voluntarily re-enrolled for 3 more years, in order to graduate. He has not expressed a desire to go home



Michael was one of the boys who took the examination for Messenger in this Office.

As he is an Alaskan, and such enrolments are not encouraged, wouldn't it be well to let him go home if he wishes to, notwithstanding his "voluntary" re-enrolment?

The Supt. reports that there are yet at the school 55 pupils whose terms expire this summer.

He must be waiting for funds to send them with.

Mr. Schooley says funds for this purpose have not been placed to his credit yet.

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



August 7th, 1908.

Subject:  
Relative to the  
return home of pupils  
from Alaska.

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

Sir:

Referring to Office letter, dated August 6th, 1908,  
"Education, 45932-1908, J.H.D.", Subject: "Return of Alaskan boys,  
etc.", I respectfully state that Paul Dirks and Michael Chabitnoy,  
Alaskan pupils now at this School, will be sent to their homes as  
soon as arrangements can be made for their transportation.

Very respectfully,

*M. Friedman*

HKM.

Superintendent.

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



August 26th, 1908.

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

Sir:

Mr. Friedman has informed me that I am to leave here for my home in Alaska on the first day of September, but I respectfully ask that permission be granted me to remain here until the end of my term.

I have no home in Alaska and there would be no chance for me to use the training that has been given me here. It is my intention to graduate here and then to go to work for myself in the States.

I am now in the eighth grade and have worked as printer for a year and a half. I intend to finish my trade and to go to work as a printer.

I am now twenty one years old, and earnestly desire that I may be allowed to stay here until I graduate.

Very respectfully,

*Michael C. Habington*

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

August 26th, 1908. *1 m*

Subject:  
Transmits request  
from Michael Chabitnoy,  
an Alaskan pupil, to re-  
main at Carlisle School.

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

Sir:

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I respectfully transmit herewith a statement and  
request made by Michael Chabitnoy, an Alaskan pupil.

This boy was originally enrolled here on July 11th, 1901,  
and was re-enrolled, at his own request, on Mar. 14, 1907, for  
another term of three years. This boy is now in the eighth  
grade and has had a very good school record during his entire  
term here.

I, therefore, respectfully recommend that his request be  
granted him.

Very respectfully,

Encl.

*M. Friedman*

HKM.

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Education  
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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

August 29, 1908.

Subject: Authority for Michael  
Chabitnoy to remain at Carlisle.

Supt. Indian School,  
Carlisle, Penn.

Sir:

Indians from Massachusetts.

There is no objection to the reenrolment of Michael  
Chabitnoy, an Alaskan pupil now in the eighth grade who  
wishes to finish his trade and go to work as a printer.

Very respectfully,

*F. E. Lupp.*  
Commissioner.

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