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Reports relative plan of sending agents through Indian country to gather statistics concerning returned students and graduates, and asks to be instructed as to desires of Office in the premises.

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. July 24, 1908.

SUBJECT:

Plan for collecting
statistics with regard
to graduates and returned
students.

Supt. Indian School,
Carlisle, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant has been under consideration.

While the general plan of sending two agents throughout the Indian country for the purpose of collecting statistics at first hand concerning your graduates and returned students, at the expense of the Athletic Association, may be a good one, you would have to be extremely careful to avoid any conflict with the provisions of Circular No. 217 with regard to collecting agents for nonreservation schools. Were your two agents to collect any pupils, that would be a violation of the Circular, and their expenses of collection would be disallowed.

As your program would establish a new departure, I prefer not to sanction it until Commissioner Leupp has had an opportunity to pass upon it, as it approaches too nearly to a violation of the Circular referred to, which was issued under his positive directions.

Very respectfully,

C. J. Farnabee

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE,



Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., July 15, 1908. *lmc*

Subject:

Obtaining record
of all students who
attended Carlisle School.

The Commissioner

of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

About two months ago, plans were made to send two agents throughout the Indian country for the purpose of collecting statistics at first hand concerning our graduates and returned students. The idea was to ascertain in detailed form whether or no these students had been successful. It was also intended that these agents should visit the Indians who are engaged in manufacturing primitive Indian products, such as blankets, beadwork, leather-work, baskets, pottery, etc.; they were to purchase these products with the purpose of distributing them through our art studio among people in the East.

E I desired these agents to take with them a camera and take photographs of the homes of our former students and graduates, and other matters of general interest on the reservation. These statistics are necessary for the reason that no authentic information of our returned students and graduates

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gathered at first hand is available except up to the year 1904.

The expenses connected with this investigation were to be met by the Athletic Association.

Since I had thought of this matter, your office has issued Education Circular #217, and before taking further action, I desire to place myself in communication with your Office for instructions. I do not want this action misconstrued, nor do I wish to run the risk of having it charged against us that we were trying to circumvent the regulations concerning the soliciting of students. These agents will not be sent out for any other purpose except that which I have mentioned.

As this is the time when nonreservation schools are most busily engaged in an endeavor to fill their institutions with their full quota of students, your Office may deem it advisable for me to delay sending these agents out until the end of the canvassing season,- during the month of October,- and if you deem this best in the premises, I shall of course be guided by your instructions. I am enclosing under this cover, copy of a blank which the agents were to use in obtaining statistical information concerning our returned students.

Very respectfully,

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W. Friedman
Superintendent.

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