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Mr. O. H. Lipps,  
Superintendent, Carlisle School.

My dear Mr. Lipps:

The Office has received your letter of September 13, asking to be advised in regard to Indian young men who desire to take advantage of the chance that can be given them at Carlisle to prepare for special work in the Ford Motor Company's factory at Detroit, Michigan, or other establishments of this character.

You should first correspond with the Superintendent of the school where such young men were last enrolled to determine whether they are regularly released and if so whether the Superintendent is willing in each case that they should complete their training elsewhere; also to determine whether they are worthy. That being determined, they should either pay their own transportation or enter into written agreement to reimburse the Government for all transportation money expended for taking them to Carlisle and sending them to place of employment.

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Under these circumstances it is believed that it would be justifiable to enroll them for the purpose suggested. The enrollment of married men for this purpose should be denied.

Upon receipt of the required information from the respective reservation superintendents and the pay-agreement to pay ment or the/traveling expenses, authority is hereby granted you to receive such pupils for the training indicated.

Very truly yours,

*(Signed) E. B. Meritt*

Assistant Commissioner.

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Sir:

I am receiving a number of inquiries from Indian young men who desire to take advantage of the chance that can be given them at Carlisle to prepare for special work in the Ford Motor Company's factory in Detroit, Michigan. The inquiries are a result of an offer that has recently been made to a number of young men thru Supervisor Dagenett's office in Washington and are from young men who have been in attendance in this and other nonreservation schools. In the majority of cases they are over 21 years of age.

There is room at Carlisle to accommodate additional students, but under the regulations very few of these referred to above can be enrolled because they had not completed any definite course of work when they left other schools. I desire to be advised, therefore, whether or not the requirements that a definite course of work must have been completed before eligibility for enrolment at Carlisle can be established may be waived and whether or not a general authority may be granted to enroll students over 21 years of age and to retain those who are more than 24 years of age if it is shown that they are tak-

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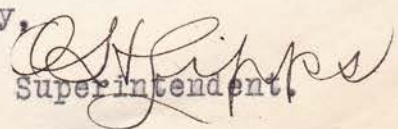
ing our preparatory course for work in automobile and other manufacturing establishments where special instruction is a part of the work that is given.

There are establishments other than automobile manufacturing plants where young men could be placed with profit to themselves after they have demonstrated that they have the required ability and that they have the proper qualifications in so far as habits and industry are concerned to enter as busy a life as such industries demand. It is for that reason that we have insisted here on boys taking a preparatory course to test their fitness before being selected to go to the Ford factory in Detroit. It has given us the opportunity to try out our boys, to give them special instruction and to select those only who are qualified to make a success of what they undertake.

Not less than six months time should be given to preparation here for work in automobile plants and even more than that for work in plants like those of the General Electric Company where a more general education is required to master the trade. The use of tools and the discipline of being regular and on time taught here is a splendid equipment for a young man to have when he begins his work in a place where as great efficiency is demanded as that upon which the remarkable success of our best manufacturing plants is based.

Trusting I shall be advised fully, I am,

Very respectfully,

  
Superintendent.

HKM.