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Jan. 20th, 1915.

Mr. Ernest Stecker,  
Superintendent, The Kiowa Agency,  
Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Sir:

Minnie Tsait-Kopeta, who had to be sent to her home in June of last year because of her general undesirability as a student, has written me a very penitent letter and has requested that I permit her to return to Carlisle.

Her actions here and the tone of her letter seem to indicate that the girl must be afflicted with melancholia or dementia, and in order that definite information regarding her can be placed on file here I would thank you to advise me.

Minnie was also known here by the name of Ah-Kaun, and it will be appreciated if you can let me have the information desired.

Very respectfully,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Jan. 20th, 1915.

Miss Minnie Tsait-Kopeta

C/o P. A. Romick, Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Friend:

I have received your letter of January the 12th, in which you request permission to return to Carlisle so that you can make better use of your time than when you were formerly enrolled here.

In reply to your letter I must state that we have enrolled practically all the students who can be accommodated here this year and that for the past several months we have been able to take in only those specially selected ones who had been promised a place earlier in the year or whose applications showed that they were well recommended and at an age where they could go right ahead with work in some trade. For the present, therefore, your request cannot be given favorable consideration.

Regretting that this reply could not be gotten to you as soon as you expected it, I am,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Jan. 12, 1915.

Dear Sir.

I am sorry, I  
am very sorry.

I act like I was  
half crazy when I was  
going to school there.

I did not know  
the best for me was to  
stay in school.

I am sad I did  
not understand this when  
I was there.

You people there  
The people at the agency  
that take care of us

I

and Mother said "It is better for you to stay in school."

But I did not obey you.

You were right what you said you knew what was best for me.

I did not understand, why? because I did not know as much as the old people. I mean persons (older, and wiser.) than me.

They knew what was best for me.

I did not know my self.

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know now what  
big mistake I made.  
It took me 8 months  
to find out my mistake.

I know now what a  
fool I was then.

It would have been  
best to let me starve  
but instead of that I was  
given food and told what  
was right.

Mr. Lipps when I think  
of it I feel ashamed I  
do not know which  
way to turn.

I have nothing to  
give in return for  
the kindness but this  
and it is (my love and  
a prayer that God will  
Bless them.)

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A day has past too  
any times before me.

I am telling you be-  
cause I think you are  
the one that will help  
me.

This way you may  
help me.

Give me an order  
to go back to school  
at Carlisle.

God will make up  
your mind what to  
tell me "No" or "Yes"

My address is  
Minnie Tsait-Kopeta  
Anadarko Okla.

Care of P. A. Romicks.  
I will look for answer

Monday.

December 29, 1913.

Mr. Ernest Stecker, Supt.,  
Kiowa Agency,  
Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Mr. Stecker:

I am returning to you under this and another cover a letter and a package for Minnie Tsaitkopeta. It seems this girl is receiving regularly mail of such a character as to unsettle her and encourage her in disobedience. I shall, therefore, from now on return all mail coming to her to you so that it can be sent to her people, and hereafter any mail which they desire to send to her should be sent in my care and subject to my inspection.

The matron is loath to send this girl home, and expel her, because she is convinced that is all the girl is working for, and that it would have a bad effect on discipline. We shall, therefore, keep her for the present until it is ascertained that this course of action is useless, then we shall return her to her home. The matron informs me that the parents and relatives of this girl have to some extent been encouraging her not only by the kind of letters which are written, but by sending her funds.

I shall keep you informed as to our progress and hope we shall have your active cooperation. I have not taken up with the Department the matter of sending her to a

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reformatory because of what you say regarding the parents' opposition.

Very sincerely yours,

MF:SR

Superintendent.

December 20, 1913.

Mr. Ernest Stecker, Supt.,  
Kiowa Indian Agency,  
Anadarko, Okla.



Dear Sir:

I am sending you a letter addressed to Minnie Tait-Kopeta from one of her people in Oklahoma. This girl has been receiving a number of letters recently from her aunt which have tended to make her believe that efforts were being successfully made at home for her return. I do not believe that these letters are proper for her to receive, and am returning one herewith enclosed. Please see that it is transmitted to her people.

Very respectfully,

MF:SR

Superintendent.

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Nov. 18th, 1928.

Mrs. Amy Tsaitkopets,  
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

My dear Madam:

I have noted the request you conveyed to me in your letter of November the 8th, to the effect that you desire to have your daughter, Minnie Ahkoun, sent home without delay. Replying thereto I will call attention to the fact that Minnie was regularly enrolled here with the approval of Superintendent Stecker ~~xxx~~ and any request for her return home should now also come thru the Superintendent's office.

In this connection I will call attention to the splendid care that is given our students in regard to their health, and I am sure there need be no anxiety about your daughter.

Very truly yours,

HKN.

Superintendent.

Copy to Superintendent Stecker.

Frederick Opla  
Nov. 8, 1913

Capt. M. Friedman  
Carlisle  
Pa.

Dear Sir:

I will now endeavor  
to drop you a few lines  
I am a woman and now  
know my own self and about  
our daughter which is our  
own daughter now she  
has gone up to Carlisle to  
school now to work so  
we send her up there to school  
and not for work and  
besides she isn't strong and  
is not use to hard work  
she come out of a family  
which die mostly of Tuberculosis

I suppose you know him  
Mr. Tsathopeta its her daughter  
which is now at your school  
she went on her own accord  
she didn't have my consent  
Cause I had a daughter there her  
name was Julia she was in  
the senior class but on account  
the work she passed away

please send Mimmie  
 down here for she is  
 strong and wants to  
 come back home, she won't  
 be contented if she did stay.  
 She is the only one left  
 and we think a great deal  
 of her, now at present  
 for she isn't strong.

This is all for now  
 so if you intend to send  
 her down notify us and  
 we will forward you  
 her transportation at  
 once.

And Oblige  
 Her Mother  
 Army Isaitkopeta

January 14, 1914.

Mr. Ernest Stecker, Supt.,  
Kiowa Indian Agency,  
Anadarko, Okla.

Dear Mr. Stecker:

I thank you for your courteous letter of January tenth, and for the information conveyed therein. Minnie Tsaitkopeta is getting along nicely at present, and I hope that this may continue. It is probable that part of her difficulty some time ago was caused by the use of peyote, some of which was, no doubt, sent to her by her people. We shall do everything <sup>possible</sup> to help her.

Very sincerely yours,

MF:SR

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Kiowa Indian Agency,

Anadarko, Oklahoma, Jan. 10, 1914.

Mr. M. Friedman, Supt.,  
Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I have to refer to my letter of January 2nd, relative to Minnie Tsait-kope-ta and to enclose herewith, two letters received by her stepfather which he kindly left with me.

Mr. Zumwalt fully approves your course in returning all mail not sent in your care and will make it plain to Minnie's mother and Aunt that only such mail as is sent in care of the Superintendent will reach her.

The package returned by you has been reforwarded by us today and contains Christmas presents without the money which Minnie's mother had placed in the gloves.

Please note Minnie's request for peyote which seems to bear out my statement that she had been addicted to this habit.

Very truly,

*Ernest Stecker*  
Superintendent. *EH*

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Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 2, 1914.

Mr. C. A. Zumwalt.  
Apache Okla.

Dear Father.

How are you all?

I am well.

Is William walking or not? you must tell me, I want to know.

Where did you spend Christmas, and did you enjoy it?

I had a nice time Christmas

I got candy, cards, two books, and another book.

Yesterday the girls were out skating, some did not know how to skate, but others knew how.

I like to watch them, it seemed so hard yet they went on smoothly.

Perry, and Clara, are well.

I have nothing much to tell you.

I hope this year I will not make as many mistakes as last year.

I will try hard to be a better girl.

I wish this for you all.

A new, happy, good, year.

From Daughter.



Mr. B. A. Zimmwalt.  
Apache  
Oklahoma.



Anadarko Okla

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Capt. M. Friedman

Carlisle

Pa.

Jan. 2nd, 1914.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Amy Tsaitkopeta,  
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

My dear Madam:

I have noted the request contained in your letter of December the 21st, but because your daughter was enrolled here for a definite term of years it can not now be arranged to let her go to your home. Her health is being carefully safeguarded and there is no reason why you should be anxious regarding Minnie as far as her physical condition is concerned.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

*one of my children up to school and my husband died of Tuberculosis and now I have had mine for a year and a half she was refused for a year and when she arrived she passed away. Now Minnie isn't well so please send her down home again please. I have raised her and when I heard of her it hurted my feelings. Tell me and I'll paid her her expenses.*  
and Oblige  
Amy Tsaitkopeta

Anadarko Okla

Dec 21 1913

St. M. Friedman  
Carlisle  
Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have had nine  
of my children up to school  
and every one died of Tuberculosis  
and my husband died of the same  
and now I am getting sick

so please send me Minnie  
for I like to see her at once

Julia my most beloved  
one went to Carlisle and she  
complained in the same way  
we asked for her but was refused  
finally she got sick was sent  
down and when she arrived she  
passed away. Now Minnie  
isn't well so please send her  
down home again please.

I have raised her and when I heard  
of her it hurted my feelings.  
Tell me and I'll send her her  
expenses.

and Oblige  
Amy Tsaitkopeta

Personal:

I have been informed by Minnie's Aunt and others that Minnie has been quite a user of Peyote and this may have some bearing on her unusual actions since entering school.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Kiowa Indian Agency,

Anadarko, Oklahoma, January 2, 1914.

Mr. M. Friedman,  
Supt. Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

My dear Mr. Friedman:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo relative to Minnie Tsaitkopeta.

Your Matron has undoubtedly, sized up the situation correctly regarding Minnie's desires and I trust that rigid discipline will be her portion for a time as this is needed to "break" her. The girl has always exhibited an uncontrollable temper, has been given her own sweet way in everything and for for or five years back has successfully bluffed her mother, step-father (C.A. Zumwalt) and Aunt into doing many things for her that should not have been done. She has been a source of much worry and trouble to her folks.

I will do as you suggest regarding her mail and you may feel assured of our cooperation in every effort put forth to curb this pupil and bring her to her senses.

Please keep me advised regarding her.

Very truly,

*Ernest C. Fletcher*

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Carlisle, Pa.

Kiowa Indian Agency,

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Anadarko, Okla., Jan. 15th, 1914.

Mr. Ernest Stecker,  
Superintendent, Kiowa Indian Agency,  
Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Sir:

The application to lease that was transmitted with your letter of December the 17th was brought to Minnie Ah-kaun's attention this morning. After the terms of the same had been explained to her she stated that she would prefer to have her mother make a decision in the matter and that she would not sign any papers until advised to do so by her mother.

Therefore, the papers are being returned to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Kiowa Indian Agency,

Anadarko, Okla., Dec. 17, 1913.

Mr. M. Friedman, Supt.,

Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Please submit the enclosed application for lease, to Minnie Ah-kaun for consideration and signature, explaining the terms thereof to her, and after which return it to this office at the earliest practicable date.

Very respectfully,

*Ernest Stecker*

Superintendent.

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May 22nd. 1914

Mr. Meyer: In regard to Minnie Tsait Kopsiat will say that she has an enlarged cervical gland, which probably will give little trouble. I consider the condition trivial and her general health good.

Respect.

Walter Rindorff M. D.

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UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Febr. 11th, 1914.

Anadarko, Oklahoma, February 11, 1914.

Mr. Ernest Stecker,  
Superintendent, The Kiowa Agency,  
Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Mr. Stecker:

I return to you herewith for your files the letter that was submitted to me with your communication of February the 3rd. The entire correspondence had been referred to our School Matron so that she could use it as seemed advisable in dealing with Minnie Ahkaun.

With your kind co-operation I believe that an improvement can be accomplished in Minnie's disposition, which seems to be her chief fault.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

HKM.

*Ernest Stecker*

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Kiowa Indian Agency,

Anadarko, Oklahoma, February 3, 1914.

Mr. M. Friedman,  
Supt. Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am enclosing for your information a letter recently written by Minnie Ahkaum to her step-father Claude A. Zumwalt of Apache, Oklahoma, in which she again asks him to use his influence with me to have her returned home.

I will ask you to try and impress upon Minnie the fact that I am not in favor of her return to this country at present and without good reasons it would be useless for Mr. Zumwalt or Minnie's mother to ask me to recommend it.

Please tell Minnie that I am interested in her welfare and am of the opinion that her attendance at Carlisle will prove of great benefit to her eventually and make her a better, brighter girl. I feel sure that the treatment she will receive at your school and the associations, environment etc., will broaden her views and make life worth living and certainly will tend to improve her disposition and self control which need improvement more than anything else concerning her.

Very truly,

*Ernest S. Stecker*

superintendent.

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Febr. 20th, 1914.

Mr. Charley Jackson,  
Anadarko, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:

I have noted the request contained in your letter of recent date and in reply thereto will state that Minnie Tsait-kopeta, or Ah-kaun as she is known here, is doing very well. She has made a determined effort for a month or longer to improve her disposition and under the circumstances there is no reason why she should be sent to her home just at this time.

It will be the very best that can be done for Minnie if she can be helped to continue in the effort she has put forth to co-operate with those who are interested in her and who are her friends. She is bright and should stay in school.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

Mr. C. P. ...  
Grand Rapids Osla  
Feb 1914.

Dear sir:-

This morning  
finds me doing  
nothing and so I  
made up my mind  
to ask you some  
questions what I  
have heard about  
Mammie Faithopta and  
now I am going to  
tell you something  
Well sir if you  
think of god why  
you should do the  
right way and let  
mammie go than you  
wouldn't be thinking  
bad about her

and now you think  
and look over my  
letter and see if  
you think I am right  
or not. if you dont  
do the right thing  
there will something  
come to you <sup>some</sup> day  
you will find out  
when this day comes  
you must think of  
me & think of this  
letter there will be  
some thing happen some  
day & pray to god and  
I do the right things  
I dont do anything wrong.  
I pray you I wouldnt  
ask any one else to let  
mammie come home

If I was Superintendent  
of Carlisle I would like  
Mannie come home that  
is if she wasnt doing  
the right thing up here  
at this school. now  
Mr. Friedman believe on  
me and take my  
advise by what I  
mean. well this is  
all I am going to tell  
you this morning. also  
please let me know what  
you are going to do let  
her come or not. when  
you make up your mind  
to do anything for mannie  
let her know, that is if you  
are going to let her come  
home. I am feeling bad  
about this all the time  
I am nearly sick about  
this. I heard mannie

was in Jail and  
not trying to do  
right please let me  
know what you are  
going to do. let her  
come home or not.  
let me know. well  
this is all so excuse  
mistakes I am Manners  
own Uncle

Mr. Harley Jackson  
yours truly friend  
Answer soon.

Card 8836 & 9505  
Kio. 307 & 314

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE  
Carlisle, Pa.  
KIOWA INDIAN AGENCY

Febr. 25th, 1914.

Anadarko, Oklahoma, Feb. 14, 1914.

Mr. Moses Friedman, Esq.,

Mr. Ernest Stecker,  
Superintendent, The Kiowa Agency,  
Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Sir:

The two sets of lease papers you transmitted to this school with your letter of February the 12th were explained to Minnie Ah-Kaum, but she again stated that she will not sign any papers until she receives word from her mother that she is to do so. It was pointed out to Minnie that her refusal to sign might mean a delay in the farm work on the two places, and that her mother had already signed the one set of papers, but she remained unwilling to sign and so they are being returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

Encls.

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

KIOWA INDIAN AGENCY

Anadarko, Oklahoma, Feb. 12, 1914.

Mr. Moses Friedman, Supt.,  
Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

Dear Sir:--

I enclose herewith two leases No. 8836 and 9505 for the signature of MINNIE AH KAUM. You will secure her signature on all four copies of both leases on the lines indicated by the check mark. Also have some officier who has the power to administer oaths, take her acknowledgment on these papers, and also fill in the county.

Kindly return all papers promptly to this office after the signature has been secured.

Very respectfully



Superintendent.

HOD

December 18, 1913.

Mr. Ernest Stecker, Supt.,  
Kiowa Indian Agency,  
Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Mr. Stecker:

We have made an earnest and conscientious effort to help Minnie Ak-kaum, or Satkopta. She has been given repeated opportunities and has taken advantage in every case. On a number of occasions she has defied the matron and her assistants and has refused to go to school or to the vocational industries. She is defiant, has an ungovernable temper, and has now developed more militant methods than ever. She has spent a good portion of her time in the guard room in girls' quarters, and a few days ago because she absolutely defied the matron and refused to go to work or to school, she was put in there again.

Several days ago she received a letter from her aunt saying that the matter of her return home would be taken up with you. Yesterday when the assistant matron took her supper to her on a tray, she dashed the tray with the dishes and all against the door besmearing the entire place.

This is a large institution and the ordinary questions of discipline are difficult enough without going further through this way. It seems that all this girl is working for is to be sent home. She absolutely proclaims that she will accomplish

this end. My own judgment is that the best thing for this girl would be to send her to a reformatory. She has been in trouble in every school where she has been. I understand she has a fight with the matron at Haskell. She has never been controlled and she is a nuisance here. When this side of her character was first made manifest, we all tried to handle the situation in such a way as to bring the girl to her senses, and show her the mistake she has been making. Every kindness has been shown her and when necessary firmness has been used.

I am of the opinion that further effort here is useless and our patience is exhausted. I earnestly believe, and the matrons share in this belief that this girl will get into serious trouble if she is permitted to run loose. There is a very good Reform School in Pennsylvania known as Creighton Farm, where girls only are kept. It is under the jurisdiction of well trained women and under the superintendency of Mrs. Falcomer, whose work there has been accompanied with good results. The State has spent thousands of dollars in equipping this institution, and it is one of the best in the country.

If you will kindly wire me on receipt of this letter, I shall take the matter up with the local court to have her sent to Creighton Farm. You know the girl better than I do, and I feel confident that your knowledge of her, as indicated in your correspondence, will show the wisdom of this move. To return her to Oklahoma would be simply piling up trouble for you

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and her people.

Very sincerely yours,

MF:SR

Superintendent.

I am glad I am  
forgiven - 1893

She sure is a good  
actress. I only hope we  
may conquer.  
- A.H.R.

Miss Ridenour

Please read this  
correspondence and return  
for files. Respy

T.H.

DEPART

Mr. K. K. Moore  
J. Moore

Mr. T. Moore

*and Minnie*  
*Miss*

November 18, 1913

Mr. Ernest Stecker, Sup't.,  
Kiowa Indian Agency,  
Anadarko, Okla.

Dear Mr. Stecker:

I have your letter of November 14 and agree with what you say with reference to Minnie Ah-kaum. I have had several talks with this girl, and at the last talk I had with her several days ago, she seemed to be in a mind to behave herself and try to make good. I hope she will not depart from the decision then made.

My own feeling is that she is a high tempered girl who wants her own way, and that this is probably the first time that she has been anywhere where she was not allowed to do as she pleased. The matron is giving her personal attention and we shall endeavor to train her to be a good woman.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Kiowa Indian Agency,

Anadarko, Oklahoma, Nov. 14, 1913.

Mr. M. Friedman,  
Supt. Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Pa.

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Dear Mr. Friedman:

I am enclosing herewith, a letter dated November 9th, written by Minnie Ah-kaum or Satkopta to Mr. Hilton of this office, for your information.

Minnie pursued about the same tactics at Haskell 2 years ago and finally succeeded in getting back home.

She was more than anxious to go to Carlisle and she and her mother, whom she has given lots of trouble, called here three or four times before we consented to send her.

Minnie has an ungovernable temper and has always been permitted to have her own sweet way and it is believed that she needs a little discipline more than anything else. Somehow, kindness doesn't seem to work on her and firm treatment should be her portion for a while until she becomes more subdued.

I request that you keep me advised regarding her.

Very truly,

*Ernest P. Stecker*

Superintendent.

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Carlisle Pa. Nov. 9/13.

and I told a lie to Supt.

made trouble there and got locked up  
and refuse to obey Matron and talked  
back to Supt.

Matron and I went to him and I told  
him I would obey and be good and  
stay, My mouth said it but my heart  
refuse. That is the sin I did here. I  
am telling you because it is wrong  
and he may think I really mean what  
I said and you will think so too  
if you got a letter from him.  
he said he would write and I know  
he will send it to the office there  
I forgave the Matron and God will  
forgive me for the sin. I think I  
am Insane and I think you will  
think the same because I am acting  
foolish of asking to go home. Please  
send for me help me to get home  
and I shall never bother you again

of anything never. I am ashamed of  
myself for asking you to help me.  
I did not really care to go to school here  
but I just wanted to know how it  
was to be far away from home  
Mr Hilton now I know.

I can not tell you how sorry I  
am. Help me it will not hurt  
you just to ask Supt to send  
me home. If you don't want  
to have anything to do with this  
give Claude some of my money  
and tell him to come after me.  
Clara want her money. I do not  
want to stay here and if you don't  
help me I will get home I will starve  
my self and they will have to send  
me home. They did not make me give  
up I gave up because I wanted to my  
self. Please help me to get home  
If you can't send for me send me  
money to run away on From  
Minnie

Jan. 29th, 1914.

Mr. Claude A. Simmsalt,  
Apache, Oklahoma.

My dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of January the 24th, with which you submitted me a letter from Minnie Ahkoun. Since its receipt I have made special inquiry about Minnie and I have learned that she has been doing very well. Under the circumstances I believe that an improvement in her conduct may yet be expected to become permanent and it is my opinion that she should not return to her home at this time.

I will also inform you that since her transfer to Carlisle was arranged thru the office of Superintendent Stecker her return home cannot be effected except with the Superintendent's approval.

Hoping that you can co-operate further in our attempts to be of help to Minnie, I remain,

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

Copy to Superintendent Stecker.

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. - 1913.

Claude:

I got your letter.

The time I wanted you all to help me to get home, Supt. said you all said (No) that is why he didnot send me home.

It is all up to you to do it Supt. is willing to let me go if you all just say so. I mean you all tell Supt to let me go home.

I have the money here 80 dollars and Supt. don't care if I go but it all is up to you all to say you want me home.

Claude you write to Supt. and tell him to send me home. I know he will do it.

This school will not go down, nor you all will get killed if I go home. You know how Clara's neck was? Well my neck is not well, the thing inside that make sores is getting big and they will never take good care of me. I think it is cause I stand all noon every day. That is too hard for me. I am not use to it. I shall fail in health I am already failing. This is no place for weak people. I am unhealthy like father. I am made to take life easy and not work like a (Poor girl) what are all those lands for and my money? They are mine and I am going to makr use of it all. I mean to leave this school when I get a chance but no time. people have measles here and we can not go any where. It is all up to you write to Supt. he is willing to do so he is obeying your orders you said (no let her stay there\* and he did what you all said. He told me that himself that you all refuse to get me home. He said I hear from your people and they said (She will be alright soon.) Did you say that? if you did not say it it is that (darn) Hilton who said it. Now if you had said (let her come) I would have come home. Write to Supt. yourself and tell him. Send me money put between letter 5 dollars.

It will not hurt you to write to supt to ask for me to come home. This life is too hard for me. I will want money in the letter if you dont send money dont send a letter. If you are going to write a letter dont send with out money. Look well (I will keep on writing till I get there) Without much talk send for me. If you dont I

From MINNIE

will do something bad and they will expell me then I will get home.

personally

Apache Okla Jan 24-14

Supt. Carlisle Ind School

Dear Sir:

I am sending a letter I  
Recd from Minnie and her  
mother asked me to write  
you for her you understand  
the disposition of the girl  
By now I wont think you can  
ever do her any good for  
we get letter from her every  
week and she is dissatisfied  
for ever better I try to  
talk to the girls & people  
But they will not listen  
to me now Mr Supt I think  
the best thing for every body  
is to let that girl come  
home.

is over 19 years of age  
and had headed enough  
to cause us trouble for  
several years yet the best  
way is to just send her  
home this is the third  
time have sent her away  
from home to school  
and the same thing ever  
time I am with keeping  
her in school but if I dont  
help to get her out of school  
I have troubles at home with  
my family I will not  
write to the girl until  
I hear from you

Yours Respt  
Claude A. Zinnalt  
Apacheville

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March 11th, 1914.

Mr. Ernest Stecker,  
Superintendent, The Kiowa Agency,  
Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Mr. Stecker:

When Dome Gat-ty's note on the attached sheet was brought to the attention of Minnie Ah-kaun, and the entire matter again explained to the girl, she stated that she will not sign the papers. Under the circumstances I return both sets of leases to your office.

Very respectfully,

Encls.

HKM.

Supervisor in Charge.

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Jan. 29th, 1914.

Mr. Ernest Stecker,  
Superintendent, The Kiowa Agency,  
Anadarko, Okla.

My dear Sir:

I attach hereto a copy of a letter that is going forward to Mr. Simmsalt at Apache, Oklahoma. It is in regard to Minnie Ahkaun, who is urging Mr. Simmsalt to request her return home.

As long as Minnie does as well as she is doing now she should be kept here, but at any time there is any special reason for her return home your recommendation will be given consideration.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Superintendent.

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NAME Minnie Tsait Kopita

Sex ~~Male~~ Female

Tribes Full Kiowa State Oklahoma Oct. 18, 1913

Age 18 years

Respiration 22

Condition of, Eyes Trachoma

Height 5 ft. 7 1/2 ins.

Mensuration { Insp. 37 1/2

Ears OK

Weight 133 1/2 lbs.

{ Exp. 35

Throat OK

Temperature 98 4/5

Vaccination Oct-18-13

Cervical glands Enlarged

Pulse 90

Vision

Skin OK

Inspection OK

Palpation OK

Percussion OK

Auscultation OK

Heart good

(Menstruation) Regular (Painful.)

FAMILY HISTORY.

	LIVING.	CONDITION OF HEALTH.	DEAD.	CAUSE OF DEATH.
Father			yes	"T.B."
Mother	yes.	Poor. (?)		
Brothers <u>One</u> <u>1/2 bro</u>	yes.	Good.	2	"T.B."
Sisters <u>One</u> <u>1/2 sister</u>	yes.	Poor.	1.	(?)

Personal history: Measles.

Present condition Fair

Edward F. Meyer, M. D.

This form is for the record of the physical condition of pupils of boarding or nonreservation Indian schools. It should be filled in by the school physician at the time of the admission of the pupil. Physicians in the field should use this form to record the examination of pupils for transfer to nonreservation schools. It should accompany the pupils' transfer blanks. The reverse side is intended as a card-index case-record for use by all Service physicians. 6-1955



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Aug. 5th, 1915.

Miss Minnie Tsait-Kopeta,

C/o P. A. Romick, Anadarko, Okla.

Dear Madam:

It has been reported to me that you did not make any attempt to profit by the opportunities you had when you were formerly enrolled at Carlisle. Therefore, in reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo, it is believed inadvisable to permit your return here.

Very truly yours,

HKM.

Acting Superintendent.

(Copy to Supt. Stinchecum.)

Anadarko Okla. July. 31, 1915.

upt. Lipps.

I want to go to school at Carlisle.  
Please, tell me am I welcome?

Yours Truly.

Minnie Tsit-Kopeta.

(address)

Miss Minnie Tsit-Kopeta  
Anadarko Oklahoma.

Care of  
P. A. Romick



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APPLICATION OF

*Minnie Ah Kaur (Trautkopeta)*

FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF

*Herself*

IN THE INDIAN SCHOOL AT

*Carlisle, Pa.*

NAME OF AGENCY FROM WHICH PUPIL CAME:

*Kiowa Agency, Okla.*

Date of enrollment, \_\_\_\_\_, 191

Term of enrollment, \_\_\_\_\_ (*3*) years.

NAME OF COLLECTING AGENT:

*Chas. Eggers,*

Position, *Supr. Rivers.*

## APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT IN A NONRESERVATION SCHOOL.

(For a child enrolled at an Agency.)

For and in consideration of the Government of the United States assuming the care, education, and maintenance in the United States Indian School at Carlisle, Pa.

of Minnie Ah-Kaum; F.; date of birth 1894;

(Name of child.)

(Sex.)

Kiova  
(Tribe.)

NAME OF FATHER. (Both Indian and English.)	LIVING OR DEAD.	TRIBE.	BAND.	DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD.
<u>Not known</u>	<u>Dead</u>	<u>Kiova</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>Full</u>
NAME OF MOTHER.				
<u>Ah-Kaum</u>	<u>Living</u>	<u>Kiova</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>Full.</u>

I, Minnie Ah-Kaum, do hereby voluntarily consent and agree to my  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)  
enrollment in said school for a period of 3 years, and also obligate myself to abide by  
(Not less than 3.)  
all the rules and regulations for Indian schools.

The said child has been enrolled in the following schools:

NAME OF SCHOOL.	DATE OF ENROLLMENT.	DATE OF DISCHARGE.	CAUSE.	GRADE.
1. <u>Methodist Mission</u>	<u>1899</u>	<u>1905</u>	<u>Close of term</u>	<u>4th.</u>
2. <u>Presb. Mission</u>	<u>1905.</u>	<u>1906</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>4th.</u>
3. <u>Washell Institute</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>" "</u>	<u>4th.</u>
4.				

Minnie Ah-Kaum  
(Parent, guardian, or next of kin.)

P. O. address: Apache, Okla.

Two witnesses:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
United States Indian Service.

Anadarko, Okla.,

Oct. 1st, 1913.

Lieut. E. Stecker,

Anadarko, Okla.

Sir: I beg to say that Minnie Aubaun and Clara Ahpehto, the two girls examined by me for admission to Carlisle, are both in excellent health. The glandular conditions noted are thoroughly healed and may be ignored.

Respectfully,

WALTER RENDTORFF, M. D.

Some services involved in past

GOVERNMENT PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that I have this day carefully examined the above-named child herein proposed transfer and find her to be in proper physical condition to attend school, and not afflicted with tuberculosis or any disease which would be a menace to the health of other pupils.

This 1st day of October, 1913

Walter Prunatorff

Physician at Kiowa Agency.

RESERVATION BONDED SUPERINTENDENT'S CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that the statements made in the foregoing application and certificate, to the best knowledge and belief, are true; that the consent of Minnie Ah-hann (Parent, guardian, or next of kin.) is voluntary, and I recommend the transfer of the said child. The economic conditions of this home are (here state facts which will enable the Superintendent of the nonreservation school to give the pupil such instruction and training as may best prepare him to meet these conditions, if he returns to them):

Home conditions bad. Pupil under no mental restraint.

1st day of October, 1913

Ernest Stecker

Superintendent.

NONRESERVATION SCHOOL PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

I certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, I made a careful examination of the physical condition of \_\_\_\_\_, the child named in the foregoing application, and found \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_

I recommend that the said child be \_\_\_\_\_ enrolled in this school.

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 191

Nonreservation School Physician.

SPECIAL NOTE.

This certificate should be executed in duplicate when a child is transferred from a reservation to a nonreservation school. The original of this form for the nonreservation school shall be furnished with the original of this form for the reservation. The Reservation Superintendent will transmit this certificate to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs as provided by law. All the blanks must be properly filled in.

If the name of the parent or guardian is not known, that fact should be stated. If the parent or guardian is deceased, their names must be given.

The signature of the Superintendent on this blank as consenting to the transfer should indicate his relation to the child as "parent," "guardian," or "next of kin," having marked only the first appropriate designation.

## INDORSEMENTS.

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The laws relating to the transfer of Indian children from reservations and schools are as follows:

That hereafter no Indian child shall be sent from any Indian reservation to a school beyond the State or Territory in which said reservation is situated without the voluntary consent of the father or mother of such child if either of them are living, and if neither of them are living without the voluntary consent of the next of kin of such child. Such consent shall be made before the agent of the reservation, and he shall send to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs his certificate that such consent has been voluntarily given before such child shall be removed from such reservation. And it shall be unlawful for any Indian agent or other employee of the Government to induce, or seek to induce, by withholding rations or by other improper means, the parents or next of kin of any Indian to consent to the removal of any Indian child beyond the limits of any reservation. (28 Stats., p. 906.)

*Provided*, That hereafter no Indian child shall be taken from any school in any State or Territory to a school in any other State against its will or without the written consent of its parents. (29 Stats., p. 348.)

That no Indian pupil under the age of fourteen years shall be transported at Government expense to any Indian school beyond the limits of the State or Territory in which the parents of such child reside or of the adjoining State or Territory. (35 Stat. L., 781.)

The rules provide that—

A pupil who has been regularly enrolled in a nonreservation school must not be taken to any other nonreservation school without the consent of both Superintendents and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and superintendents will be held to strict accountability for such pupils taken to their schools.

An Indian boy or girl 18 years old and over may, without the consent of parents or others, personally sign the application form on its being changed to suit the case; but in all cases where the parents are living they should first be consulted.

This form is to be used only in transfers from reservations or Indian schools to nonreservation schools.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

UNITED STATES INDIAN SERVICE

Kiowa Agency,  
Anadarko, Okla., June 18, 1914.

O. H. Lipps, Superintendent,  
Carlisle Indian School,  
Carlisle, Okla.

Dear Sir:-

I have just been informed that Minnie Au-kaum, a Kiowa girl belonging to this agency, but who has been enrolled at your school during the past year, is now at her home near here.

As I have no information as to why she was sent home I wish to make inquiry regarding the same. Has she been dismissed from your school, or is she at home for the summer vacation? If she has been dismissed, may I inquire as to the cause.

I especially desired that, if possible, she be kept at school during the full term for which she was enrolled.

Very respt.,

Tell him about the positive refusal of this girl to obey anyone, her threat to commit suicide if she were not permitted to go home, that other girls feared her and that some of her people or friends sent her peyote, money, etc, direct, or attempted to do so and that the girl became desperate and all efforts to do anything with her or for her seemed useless; that she stated she was sent away from Haskell for the same reason.

Ernest Stecker  
Superintendent.