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DEPARTMENT OF MINES & RESOURCES

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

MOHAWK INSTITUTE

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Reverend Sir,-

Mr. Phelan of the School
to the Department regarding his reception
Institute in company with Major E. P.
Superintendent at Brantford.

As you have been informed
officers, the Department has received
regarding the food served to the children
and the meal served on the occasion of
officers tends to show that some of the meals
not as appetizing or bountiful as could be realized
at a school possessing the advantages of the Mohawk.

It is, therefore, expected that you will
immediately confer with those in charge of the meals and
personally arrange for a decided improvement both in the
quantity and quality of food served to the children. It
also, expected that all meals be supervised by some member
staff and that you will personally visit the diningroom fre
in order that you may assure yourself that your instructions
being carried out at all times.

The Department desires that whole milk, and
separated milk, be served to the pupils in future. The handling
of the milk should also receive great care. It is understood
that instructions in this regard were given to you by Mr.
Randle and Mr. Phelan and the Department will expect the
recommendations to be put into effect. It is considered
able to have the milk cans scalded in the kitchen, in future
rather than in the laundry.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded
Randle and he is being instructed to visit the dining
mealtime whenever he is at the Mohawk Institute. Major
is also being requested to confer with you regarding the
cost of a new henhouse. If this new henhouse is erected
should at once arrange for an adequate number of hens
fresh eggs should be served the pupils at regular intervals.

The Department trusts that the instructions
contained in this letter will be put into effect.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Hardie writes that she has not received her pension for the last four months. As no more money was forwarded to me for her I thought the cheques were being forwarded direct. I shall be glad to forward her a cheque as soon as I receive funds for this account.

Your obedient servant,

Horace W. Smith
Principal,

May 17-37.



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REQUISITION FOR CHEQUE

TO BE USED FOR ADVANCES OR AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO ACCOUNTS

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25M-10-6-36

DEPT. NO.

FILE NO. **32-0-3.**

TREAS. NO.

DEPT. **FINES and RESOURCES**

BRANCH **INDIAN AFFAIRS** DATE **June 2, 1937.**

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE FOR THE ISSUE OF THE FOLLOWING CHEQUE OR CHEQUES:-

CHEQUE NO.	IN FAVOUR OF	AMOUNT
	Rev. H. W. Snell, Principal, Mohawk Institute, Brantford, Ont.	\$ 300.00

WITH DETAILS IN EVERY CASE, WHETHER (a) STANDING ADVANCE, (b) ADVANCE FOR SPECIFIC JOURNEY-
OF DAYS, (c) OTHER ACCOUNTABLE ADVANCE, OR (d) AUTHORIZED PAYMENT

ment for Current Expenses - The New England Company of London, England, is assisting the Department with the maintenance costs at the St. George's and Mohawk Indian Residential Schools. The money is funded in the Department and is paid to the management of the respective schools or is being used for replacements and repairs, as required.

VOTE **PAY FROM ACCOUNT No. 457.** ENC. NO.

ALLOTMENT

SUB-ALLOTMENT

THAT THIS APPLICATION IS MADE UNDER THE REQUISITE AUTHORITY, AND THAT THE EXPENDITURE IS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

[Signature]

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Ottawa, June 4, 1937.

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Rev. Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 17th ultimo, you are being forwarded, under separate cover, a cheque for \$300 in connection with the retiring allowance of \$50 a month to Miss Susan Hardie. This cheque should be handled in the manner mentioned in official letter of September 10th, 1936. When this amount is exhausted, you should apply for a further sum.

Yours truly,

R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Rev. H. W. Snell, B.A.,
Principal,
Mohawk Institute,
Brantford, Ont.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,

Will you please forward cheque for Miss
Hardie's pension? The account has all been drawn.

Yours truly,

Horace W. Sault

Principal.

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REQUISITION FOR CHEQUE

TO BE USED FOR ADVANCES OR AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS FOR WHICH THERE ARE NO ACCOUNTS

C.T. 17A
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DEPT. NO.

FILE NO. **32-0-1**

TREAS. NO.

MINES & RESOURCES

CH. **INDIAN AFFAIRS** DATE **July 8th, 1937.**

APPLICATION IS HEREBY MADE FOR THE ISSUE OF THE FOLLOWING CHEQUE OR CHEQUES:-

CHEQUE No.	IN FAVOUR OF	AMOUNT
	<p>Rev. H. W. Snell, Principal, Mohawk Institute, Brantford, Ontario.</p>	<p>\$300 00</p>

EX'D.

STATE BELOW WITH DETAILS IN EVERY CASE, WHETHER (a) STANDING ADVANCE, (b) ADVANCE FOR SPECIFIC JOURNEY—ESTIMATING NUMBER OF DAYS, (c) OTHER ACCOUNTABLE ADVANCE, OR (d) AUTHORIZED PAYMENT.

(d) Grant for Current Expenses - The New England Company of London, England, is assisting the Department with the maintenance costs at the St. George's and Mohawk Indian Residential Schools. The Money is funded in the Department and is paid to the management of the respective schools or is being used for replacements and repairs, as required.

CHARGE TO { VOTE PAY FROM ACCOUNT NO. 457. ENC. NO.
 ALLOTMENT.....
 SUB-ALLOTMENT.....

I CERTIFY, THAT THIS APPLICATION IS MADE UNDER THE REQUISITE AUTHORITY, AND THAT THE EXPENDITURE IS NECESSARY IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

HEAD OF BRANCH

TREASURY OFFICE APPROVAL

DEPUTY HEAD

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July 29th, 1937.

Rev. H.A. Snell,
Principal, Mohawk Institute,
Brantford, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I have been consulted by Mrs. Edna Chrysler of 101 Euclid Avenue, Toronto, concerning injuries sustained by her son, Ross Chrysler, who was a pupil in your school in June last. My client informs me that one of the teachers on your staff called Mr. Logar mistreated her son to such an extent that his body was covered with bruises when her sister, Mrs. Harold Carter, of Hamilton, obtained the boy from your school for the summer holidays.

I hope you understand that I appreciate that there is a certain proper form of punishment in case a pupil misbehaves, but such punishment does not allow a teacher to take a pupil into a henhouse, as I am informed happened in this case, and flay him with a belt.

I have advised Mrs. Chrysler to let me know if there is any further mistreatment and in that case I will communicate directly with the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa. I also advised Mrs. Chrysler that she is to tell her son that in case of further mistreatment the boy is to go direct to you and also go to a Physician for an examination.

I quite understand the difficulties which there may be in a school such as yours is, so far as the pupils are concerned, but feel that under the circumstances some explanation should be made to the boy's Mother.

Yours truly,

H.H. CRAIG

HHC/ZLS
P.S. As a matter of form I am sending a copy of this letter to the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa.

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H. H. CRAIG
Barrister, Solicitor, Etc.
610
1706 STAR BUILDING
TORONTO, ONT.



Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter
sent to H.A. Snell, Principal of the Mowhawk Institute,
Brantford, which is self-explanatory.

I might add that the boy in question
is of the age of eleven years.

Yours truly,

H.H. CRAIG

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Ottawa, August 11, 1937

Reverend Sir:

Mr. H. H. Craig, Barrister, 610 Star Building, Toronto, forwarded to the Department a copy of his letter to you, dated July 29th, with reference to alleged injuries sustained by Ross Chrysler.

I would appreciate your forwarding a complete report regarding the complaints made in Mr. Craig's letter.

It appears from the first paragraph of Mr. Craig's letter that this boy's mother is residing in Toronto, and that she has a married sister who is residing in Hamilton. Are you aware of the present circumstances of either the mother or the aunt? The Department feels that it would be inadvisable to re-admit this boy to the Mohawk Institute when the school re-opens after the summer holidays if any of the relatives are able to provide for his maintenance. However, a definite decision will not be made in this connection until you reply. In the meantime, if the boy should be brought back to the school he should not be accepted until you receive further word from us.

Yours truly,

R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Rev. H. W. Snell,
Principal,
Mohawk Institute,
Brantford, Ont.

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Ottawa, August 11, 1937

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo enclosing copy of letter directed to the Reverend H. W. Snell, Principal of the Mohawk Institute, with reference to alleged treatment received by Ross Chrysler.

Reverend Mr. Snell is being requested to report fully regarding the incident mentioned in your letter and, on receipt of his reply, you will be further advised.

Yours truly,

R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

H. H. Craig, Esq.,
Barrister, etc.,
610 Star Building,
Toronto, Ontario.

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August 14th, 1937.

Rev. Horace W. Snell,
Principal, Mowhawk Institute,
Brantford, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Re: Lager & Chrysler

Your letter of the 11th inst received enclosing a copy of a letter which you say you forwarded to Mrs. Carter on the 14th ult.

The Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa, advised me that they have requested a full report from you and that they will advise me further on receipt of your reply.

In view of the information, which I now have I do not feel inclined to minimize the situation. Neither in your letter to me, nor in your letter to Mrs. Carter, did you make any effort to explain away the bruises and injuries received by Ross Chrysler while he was at your school. Such bruises and injuries do not happen without there being some reason. Your suggestion in your letter to Mrs. Carter that Ross "lied" concerning the situation is, in my view, entirely incorrect, and it appears to me that either the boys, which you say were questioned concerning the matter, either did not answer truthfully or did not know and understand the facts. If the boys understanding the situation clearly did not tell the truth I suggest that they did so because of fear.

I note in your letter to me that you say it is not your practice to administer severe punishment and that you resort to it only when other means fail. Apparently, this practice was not followed in the present case because, as you say in your letter to Mrs. Carter, Ross cried from repentance after Mr. Lager had talked to him but he did not talk to him until after he had administered punishment.

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Rev. Horace W. Snell

August 14th, 1937.

I call your attention to the fact that in the letter to me you state that Ross was punished only by four strokes from a light strap on the hands and in the letter to Mrs. Carter you say that Ross was given three strokes on each hand.

I also note that neither in the letter to me, nor in the letter to Mrs. Carter did you say that you have taken the matter up with Mr. Lager, nor do you give Mr. Lager's explanation.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Department.

Yours truly,

H.H. CRAIG

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Barrister, Solicitor, Etc.

1706 STAR BUILDING
TORONTO, ONT.



August 14th, 1937.

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sirs:

I have received a letter from Rev.
Horace W. Snell, Principal, Mowhawk Institute, and also
a copy of a letter sent to Mrs. Carter, who is interested
in this matter.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my
reply to this letter.

Yours truly,

H.H. CRAIG

H. H. Craig

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Replying to,
No. 32-0-10,
August 11, 1937.

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The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs.

Dear Sir,

A statement of the facts in connection with the complaint in the letter from Mr. Craig has already gone forward to you.

I have made enquiries at the Indian Office here as to the condition of the relatives of Ross Chrysler and they have no information beyond the fact that the family is not a good one and that the home conditions are likely to be bad.

I shall await your authorization before admitting the boy after holidays.

Your obedient servant,

Horace W. Snel.

Principal.

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August 11, 1937.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.



Dear Sir, Re. punishment of Ross Chrysler.

I have received a letter from a lawyer, H. H. Craig, of Toronto, a copy of which he sent to you.

In connection therewith, I may say that the matter had been reported to me three weeks before by the boy's aunt and I had made a thorough investigation. A number of other boys were present at the time and they agreed that the boy deserved what punishment he received, that it had been done only with a light strap, and that it consisted of three strokes on each hand and that the boy was hit no place else and did not even cry as a result of the punishment. The boys who were there are entirely reliable (which Ross is not) and I have no doubt as to the truth of their statements. None of them had any knowledge of how the boy had received the bruises that his aunt found on his arms.

Mr. Lager, who is mentioned in the complaint is particularly wise and kind in his treatment of the boys and the boys whom I examined testified to his kindness and to the high esteem in which the boys hold him.

As you have not written me in this matter, I presume that you have not taken the report as true but I felt that you should have a statement of the facts of the case.

Your obedient servant,

Horace W. Snell

Principal.

P.S. I had also sent a report of my findings to the Aunt.

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MOWHAWK INSTITUTE,
BRANTFORD,
ONTARIO.

August 16th, 1937.

Mr. H.H. Craig,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 14th inst., I may say that the facts are as stated and that Ross was lying egregiously.

As the pupils do not hold me in fear your "suggestion" is beside the point.

May I suggest that if you had more experience with boys such as Ross you would not be so ready to suggest, on the evidence of such a child, that responsible persons were misrepresenting the facts of the case?

Yours truly,

"Horace W. Snell"

Principal.

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August 17th, 1937.

Rev. Horace W. Snell,
Principal, Mowhawk Institute,
Brantford, Ont.

Dear Sir:

Re: Lager & Chrysler

Your letter of the 16th inst received.
You have not attempted to give any explanation as to how the
boy received the injuries.

As I pointed out in my last letter to
you injuries, such as he received, do not happen without some
cause and those injuries alone are better proof of the truth
of his story, than any words written or spoken by you. Apart
from the injuries received by the boy, his story is confirmed
by your letter in which you admit that the boy was strapped,
not by a proper regulation strap as provided for such a purpose
but by a belt which belonged to one of your staff, and further
that the boy was punished at the hen house in place of being
taken by the member of the staff into the office or some other
place for punishment.

I still think that in fairness to my
client some explanation should be given as to the cause of the
boy's injuries.

Yours truly,

H.H. CRAIG

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August 17th, 1937.

Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Lager & Chrysler

I have had a further, but still
evasive letter from Rev. H.W. Snell, in the above matter.
I am enclosing a copy of same herewith and also a copy
of my reply to him.

I will appreciate your attention to
this matter.

Yours truly,

H. H. Craig
H.H. CRAIG

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Ottawa, August 28, 1937

Reverend Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant with reference to the punishment received by Ross Chrysler.

I would appreciate receiving a signed statement from Mr. Lager regarding the punishment administered to this boy. This statement should show the reasons for inflicting the punishment, and indicate its severity.

Please let me know if Mr. Lager punished Ross Chrysler in your presence. It is noted from your letter that a number of pupils were present when this boy was punished. Is this the usual custom at the Mohawk Institute?

I regret that your letter is not more definite regarding the cause of the bruises which Ross' aunt found on his arms.

Recently I received a copy of your letter of August 16th addressed to Mr. Craig. I trust that you will feel I wish to be helpful when I say that letters on such matters addressed to those outside the Department should be written in a more conciliatory tone than that conveyed in your letter to Mr. Craig.

Yours truly,

R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

Rev. H. W. Snell,
Principal, Mohawk Institute,
Brantford, Ont.

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32-0-1

Ottawa, September 1, 1937

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 17th August enclosing copies of correspondence with the Reverend H. W. Snell, Principal of the Mohawk Institute.

The Department has received a partial report from Mr. Snell regarding the incident mentioned in your letter, but we are awaiting further information. On receipt of this, I will write you again.

Yours truly,



R. A. Hoey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

H. H. Craig, Esq.,
Barrister, etc.,
610 Star Bldg.,
Toronto, Ontario.



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Corporation City of Hamilton

Office of
The Welfare Commissioner
296 Victoria Avenue, North

Hamilton,
Ontario

August 31st,
1937.

Mr. J. Snell,
Principal,
Mohawk Institute,
BRANTFORD, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Ross Chrysler

The above named boy has been residing with a family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carter, 191 East 24th Street, since his discharge from your Institution. This family are receiving assistance from this Department and we do not feel that they are in a position to look after this boy.

Would you kindly inform us as to when this boy was admitted and from what Municipality; also, we would appreciate knowing where his mother is at the present time.

We have been informed by Mrs. Carter that it was necessary for her to take this boy out of the Institution.

We would appreciate receiving your report on the entire case before we take further action, as this home is not of the best type for a boy his age.

Yours very truly,

A. P. Kappelé.
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A. P. Kappelé
Commissioner of Public Welfare

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I have gone to great length to find out just how the boy could have received the bruises he is alleged to have carried but thus far I have been unable to gain any knowledge.

I might say now Sir, that I am at a complete loss to understand why the boy should connect this assertion because Ross has given little trouble prior to this cowardly act, and consequently has been treated with the greatest kindness and consideration as do all well behaved children here, and I very much regret to think that a feeling of illwill exists on the part of pupil or parent of any pupil towards myself.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

Cyril H. Lager

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Aug. 31.37.

Secretary of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

Mr Snell informs me that you desire a signed statement regarding the reprimand and punishment administered to a pupil, Ross Chrysler some two weeks before the holidays by myself. This I am pleased to submit for your satisfaction.

On the particular day I was supervising some work at the poultry building when I heard a terrifying scream and one of the boys outside directed my attention to Ross throwing stones at a little fellow around five years of age by the name of Hubie Hill, I immediately went out of the building and called to the Chrysler boy to stop but he ignored me and continued to stone the Hill child. I distinctly heard two of the stones thud against the child's body and I was roughly one hundred and fifty feet away. I ran up to the boys and asked what Ross was thinking about throwing stones with such violence at so small a boy and also explained the serious consequences that may result, to this method, I found he was not penitent so I gave him four straps on the palm of each hand to which he smiled so I again spoke to the boy and asked him how he would feel had he placed Hubie in a world of complete darkness for the rest of his life by blinding him, and to this end I was successful in making the boy feel sorry, also gaining his assurance that he would not throw stones again.

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Mr. Lager had always treated him kindly and that he was not held in fear by him or the other boys.

Mr. Lager did not punish the boy in my presence. I cannot find that the principals of any of our Public Schools require that the staff shall administer punishment only in the presence of the principal. I would not say that it is usual to punish pupils in the presence of other pupils but it does happen occasionally. In this case it was fortunate as I was able to get corroboration for Mr. Lager's report of the incident.

I could not be definite regarding the cause of the boy's bruises as they had not been reported to any of the staff and none of the boys had any knowledge of them. Ross told me last night that he had only two bruises, one on his groin and one, a very small one, on his wrist. I am inclined to think that both the mother and aunt exaggerated the boy's story to them and the condition in which he was found.

The lawyer was depending entirely on the story as told by the mother. Ross told me last night that he had not seen the lawyer.

I suppose I was a bit curt in my last letter to Mr. Craig but I had sent him a courteous and truthful statement of the matter and I rather resented it when he "suggested" (to use his expression) that I was lying about it.

Yours sincerely,

Horace W. Snell

Principal.

P.S. I am also enclosing a letter from Hamilton which will give you some of the information for which you were inquiring.

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Replying to
No. 32-0-1,
August 28, 1937.
The Secretary,
Departemnt of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

September 1, 1937.



RE: ROSS CHRYSLER.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing the signed statement from Mr. Lager which, I trust, you will find satisfactory. I am also enclosing the belt with which the punishment was administered which you will see is too light to inflict bruises such as were alleged to be on the boy's body. I may say that Ross was here last night and I took occasion to question him. He corroborated all of Mr. Lager's report except that he contended that he was told to bend over and touch his toes while he was strapped across the sternum. He identified the strap which I am sending to you as being the one used. *He also said that Mr. Lager held the buckle in his hand.* He told me that there was a red mark on his groin that night and that it was black the next day. When I suggested that he might have knocked against some obstruction in his play and so caused the bruise he did not seem to sure about it. It was interesting to note that he cried a little and, when I asked him why, he said that it was because he could not return to the school. He also told me that

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kept in mind before a decision is reached.

I do not know that any good purpose would be served by holding a special investigation at this date. Instructions are being issued to the Principal that all corporal punishment in the future must be administered by a member of the staff with the Principal present. This, I understand, is the practice followed in the larger public schools throughout the Dominion, and I feel confident that it is a wise practice to adopt in the administration of our residential schools.

There are few laws or regulations governing the administration of Indian residential schools, for the simple reason that these schools, without exception, are conducted in cooperation with the churches, with clergymen in charge. The clergymen who undertake this work are missionaries in a very real sense and, consequently, very much devoted to the care and guardianship of their pupils. I have been assured that the complaint registered with you on behalf of this boy is the only complaint that has reached the Department in the memory of the officials.

Should you require the Department to take any action, other than that already taken, I want you to feel perfectly free to communicate with us again.

Yours truly,

R. A. Heey,
Supt. of Welfare & Training.

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Ottawa, September 3, 1937.

Re - Ross Chrysler -

Dear Sir:

The Department has secured two reports from the Reverend H. W. Snell, Principal of the Mohawk Institute, Brantford, Ont., relating to the punishment of the above named pupil. The Principal has also sent forward the belt with which the punishment was administered and a statement, signed by Cyril H. Lager, a copy of which is enclosed herewith for your information.

The statement signed by Mr. Lager appears to the officials here to be a rather straight forward summary of the events which prompted him to punish Ross Chrysler. The belt sent forward is a light summer belt, much lighter than the regulation strap ordinarily used, and is a belt that might form part of a boy's wearing apparel during the summer months. I am, personally, convinced that no serious injury could be inflicted upon a pupil by the use of this belt.

The reports before us are not wholly satisfactory in that they do not explain how Ross Chrysler received the injuries. Is it possible that the reports of this boy's injury received by you were somewhat exaggerated?

I have failed to discover, in the records here, a single complaint that has reached the Department, with respect to harsh treatment, from any pupil in attendance at the Mohawk Institute or from any individual who might have written on behalf of such pupils. The impression received by the officials who have visited the Institute was that both the Principal and Mr. Lager were exceedingly popular with the boys and girls in attendance at the school. These facts, I feel, should be given due consideration in reviewing the complaint of Ross Chrysler and should be

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of the Department in the past, nor is it our practice now, to provide educational facilities for Indian pupils other than those whose parents are actually residing on reserves. In respect to Indian welfare, a decision was reached a few months ago, whereby the Department definitely disclaims any responsibility for the welfare of Indians who are not actually residents on reserves. If the mother of Ross Chrysler is living at 101 Euclid Avenue, Toronto, she is probably a municipal taxpayer and, consequently, entitled to send her child or children to public schools of that city. You can readily appreciate how difficult it would be to keep the costs of Indian education and welfare within reasonable bounds if Indians throughout the country were permitted to move at will into the cities, towns and villages of the Dominion. We must insist, therefore, that the mother of Ross Chrysler return to the reserve before his claim for re-admission to the school can be considered by the Department.

Yours very truly,

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Supt. of Welfare & Training.

P.S.- I am unable, at the moment, to discover the circular to which I refer, but I shall be glad to send it forward just as soon as it is recovered.

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