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Ottawa, January 21st, 1910.

Rev. Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant in reference to the transfer of Joseph Weasel Bear to the St. Joseph's Industrial School.

In reply I beg to say that, as you were informed in letter of the 14th instant, this transfer should not have been made without the authority of the Department. The need for the extreme haste is not made apparent. The records show that this boy is sturdy and well-developed and it is considered that a term of residence in the St. Joseph's school will prove inimical to his interests rather than beneficial. Unfortunately the sanitary conditions at the industrial school at present are such as to cause the Department to hesitate to place healthy children in residence. Nearly all their pupils are afflicted with tuberculosis and no means are taken to completely isolate even the worst cases. You will thus see how the health of unaffected pupils is jeopardized by confinement in the institution.

In the case of this boy the Department considers that the instruction available at your school would meet all his requirements, and, under the circumstances, the transfer is not to a "better school". In addition to this the Department doubts the wisdom of transferring boys when they have reached the advanced age of this pupil, who is only two years from the limit set by the regulations.

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