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I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, reporting that you were unofficially informed that the Girls' school building at the Wikwemikong Industrial school was burnt to the ground on last Sunday morning, but that you had not received any word from the school authorities at the time of writing. I am sorry to say that the Department is not desirous to cut off communications so soon after the destruction of this building. It would like to know what provision has been made for the housing of the girls and if they will be able to carry on the school work and trusts that the loss was not great. It may be possible that there is no coverage by insurance. The Department would be glad to have any further particulars that you can obtain regarding this fire and will await the Principal's report of the catastrophe.

I am returning file under Your obedient servant,

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