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Ottawa, January 17, 1912.


Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant in reference to the application of David Tom for admission to the Alberni Boarding School.

In reply I beg to say that the information contained in the letter from the Principal enclosed with your communication is not satisfactory. The Department wishes to know definitely whether the father of this boy is an Indian or not. With your letter comes an application for the admission of Gertie Tom of the same band, recommended by you. The Department cannot understand how you were in a position to make a recommendation in the case of this girl and not of the boy, who belongs to the same band. It is also noted that the application for the admission of Gertie is signed by Agnes Racalma. The Department desires to know why the application is so signed, when the mother, Mary, is living.

The discharge of Josephine Espanet is approved.

Your obedient servant,

  
Assistant Deputy and Secretary

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