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Hon. R. G. Valentine,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I desire to call your attention to the fact that at the present time there are confined 3 or 4 Indian boys in the Guard House and 3 Indian boys in the dungeon of said Guard House at the Carlisle Indian School. The Guard House and Dungeon constructed during the Revolutionary War is almost an airtight compartment with no light and inadequate ventilation and is in a most unsanitary condition. The conditions under which the Indian boys are confined are worse than our County Prison.

I am informed Indian boys are frequently confined in the dungeon on bread and water and that recently a half witted boy by the name of Guinness, who had struck the disciplinarian, was confined in the guard house under the above regulation, and I am reliably informed that this boy was in a very weak condition after two weeks confinement in the dungeon.

I am certain that the imprisonment of the Indian boys in this dungeon will sooner or later reach the public press of the State and become a scandal and reflect upon the Indian