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Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Quite a number of people of part Indian blood have consulted with me about the right to have their children, who are from one-eighth to one-sixteenth Indian, enrolled. They have made application to the Indian Agency at the Fort Berthold Reservation to have their children enrolled as Indians, but the Agency has rejected their applications and stated as the reason for such rejection, that they were not enrolling any more Indians after July 1, 1956.

It is my opinion that these Indian Agencies are not dictators and cannot make regulations to suit themselves. It is my impression that these Indian children are entitled to be enrolled by virtue of the Indian treaties with the government and an Act of Congress.

Would you kindly write me as to whether or not these Indians are entitled to be enrolled and the reasons therefor.

Please let me hear from you.

Yours truly,

*J. K. Murray*  
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