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Maryna William Hughes, Washington D.C.
Copy of letter from the Department of the Interior dated 2/2/25

Dear Father:

The enclosed letter explains its purpose. The Superintendent was here about the same matter, asking me to write to you whether you could give them any help. While it is well that their projects will be suppressed - it is not anywhere as strong as before - there are other and greater evils here in regard to the Indians. The lax marriage relations a thriftless, shifting existence do more harm than the mesquit. I think only some powerful influence in their natural existence can redeem the Indians. I have slowly worked up an agricultural project that has great possibilities for doing good & intend now to take greater steps. I recently bought a farm of 120 acres from E.W. Rositter a Catholic, banker and real estate man and I want to make a dairy and fruit farm. Last year I had good success with my fruit, people came from all around to buy berries here also. Indians were not slow when they saw a good thing. They were the whole summer around here picking berries.

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When I have one 100 acres of fruit there will be
a star among the Winnebagoes. The work, of course,
must be a paying proposition. Fruit can make from
\$200 to \$1000 an acre if rightly managed. I have here
good market facilities. Sioux City buys every year
near two million dollars worth of fruit and vegetables
which are most shipped in from the north & west, but
could mostly be raised here. Why not get the Indians
to work on this project. But the Indians will not
work, it is said, many, however, come to me for work
and I have always some Indians employed in my
service. Others and some of our best people go to cities
and other places and are mostly lost to the Church. My
aim is to keep them around here give them work and make
them settle down at least our Catholic young families.
Of course they are not reliable and therefore I had some
Germans from the old country come over and help here in
the work and I shall need some more in the future.
I have always helped myself with the means I had (had a
few thousand dollar life insurance) but to get the work quicker
on foot I would like to get some help. I may perhaps not
expect donations, but a loan would do. I wonder whether
any of the "Centinel's" reader would be willing to loan me some
money for this work, even with a moderate rate of interest

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it would be acceptable. Or what about the Government
through its loan banks? I don't know whether any pro-
vision is made for Indian mission work. I shall be very
thankful for any advice or help you can give me in this
regard. I expected last year to receive dollars of my
own - about 500 ones. But the cold wet summer and early
frost made it a failure - a great loss for me. But frost
was good and I made about five hundred dollars from
that and this year I should make four more.

Whatever my little assistance I get, I believe Divine Pro-
vidence will establish here yet a great work that will
be to the glory of God and the education of the Indians.

With kindest regards

Yours very faithfully in Christ

John L. Griesel.

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ST. AUGUSTINE MISSION,
WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA.

January 27, 1925

Monsignor William Hughes,
Washington, D. C.

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I have always helped myself with the means I had (Had a few thousand dollars life insurance) but to get the work quicker on foot I would like to get some help. I may perhaps not expect donations, but a loan would do. I wonder whether any of the "Sentinel's" readers would be willing to loan me some money for this work. Even with a moderate rate of interest it would be acceptable. Oh what about the government through it's loan banks? I don't know whether any provision is made for Indian Mission work. I shall be very thankful for any advice or help you can give me in this regard. I expected last year thousands dollars of my corn, about 80 acres. But the cold, wet summer and early frost made it a failure, a great loss for me. But fruit was good and I made about five hundred dollars from that, and this year I should make far more.

Whatever outside assistance I get, I believe Divine Providence will establish here yet a great work that will be to the glory of God and the salvation of the Indians.

With kindest regard,

Yours very faithfully in Da.

(SIGNED) (Rev.) John H. Griese

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February 27, 1925.

Rev. H. Grise,
Winnebago,
Nebraska.

Dear Father Grise:

In accordance with your request, I have addressed a letter to Representative Wood, Chairman of the Medical Committee, State House, Lincoln, Nebraska, recommending strongly the adoption of the Bill introduced in the Nebraska Legislature prohibiting the importation and use of peyote.

Yours fraternally,

Re. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

CSI/JR

February 25, 1925.

Rev. G. A. Watersaulden,
Winnebago,
Nebraska.

Rev. Dear Sir:

Complying with your request I have addressed a letter to Representative Wood, Chairman of the Medical Committee, State House, Lincoln, Nebraska, urging the adoption of the Bill introduced in the Nebraska Legislature prohibiting the importation and use of psycho.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

CS:JR

Very
I am grateful for your interest

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Department of the Holy Sacrament
St. Augustine School
Winnebago Neb.
Mar. 9, 1925.

Consignor Hughes
Dear Father,

I reported to
Rev. Mother Katharine
questionable remarks
made by the man
who is appointed to
look after the school
interests of our Indians
in this section.

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Sincerely yours,

Sr. M. Pauline

Sr. Mother asked me to send you his address and to be willing to take an oath that he advised our children to wish to marry and have no more than two children, as it was the insane, wicked and criminal people who averaged eight children to a family.

His name is Mr. Sherry, South Sioux, Nebr.

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May 22, 1925.

Sister M. Leona,
St. Augustine's Indian Mission,
Winnebago, Nebr.

Dear Sister:

The enclosed check for \$25.00 covers a donation I have received from the Propagation of the Faith Society, Boston, with the request that it be sent to you.

Please return to me, signed, the accompanying receipt, which I will forward to Monsignor McGlinchey.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

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Title Convent of the Blessed Sacrament
Address St. Augustine's, Winchelsea, Nebraska
Date May 24, 1925
Receipt sent through
McClintock 4/1/25

Rev. Mr. Magr. Wm. Hughes
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hughes,

Many thanks for your kindness
in sending the check from the
Propagation of the Faith Society, Boston

Please may I ask for a living
memento in your prayers for our
work. We have great cooperation
here. The Dutch Reform have a
large school, the Indian Agent
is a member of their church, so

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try work together. The Dutch
Sister Matrone visit the
Indian hospital daily. We are
two miles from both Agency and
hospital, and find it difficult
to get there in bad weather.
The Rev. Watermolder, the Dutch
Bishop's minister, was nice when
he located his mission across
the road from the Agency buildings.
Again thanking you for your
kindness, I am,

Sincerely yours in the B. I.,
Sister M. Leona.

misc. - Peyote

May 23, 1925.

Rev. John H. Grieco,
St. Augustine Mission,
Winnebago, Nebraska.

Dear Father Grieco:

Your letter of January 27 was not answered sooner on account of the illness of Mr. Lusk. I do not believe he answered you. But I can not very well ask him. He is not seriously ill but I am not letting him attend to any business.

Bill
I am sorry if we did not send you any information about the Peyote Evil. The last Indian Bulletin contained a clause classifying peyote as a deleterious drug. This puts it under the Harrison Act which prohibits traffic in opium and such drugs. I will be pleased to know what efforts are being made to suppress the traffic in your part of the country. Was the law passed in the Nebraska legislature?

I am very much interested in your plan to make the Indians more thrifty. Unfortunately there is no way that I know of by which a person could be found who would be willing to make a loan to carry on this work. The Bureau itself has not the money. It must remain a private venture.

I am returning to you a letter of Rev. G. A. Watermuller of January 23 and copy of your letter to me.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes,
Director.

WH:ER

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June 2, 1925.

Sister M. Pauline,
Convent of the Blessed Sacrament,
Winnebago, Nebraska.

Dear Sister Pauline:

Your letter of March 9 has not been answered sooner because I have been crowded with work and Mr. Lusk who attends to these details has been ill. Sister Francisca has also been in the hospital. She is back today.

Has Mr. Sherry been further active? Give the facts of his activity, the time, place and exact wording of his statements. You must be prepared to furnish affidavits. Otherwise we cannot proceed with any hope of success.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH/MCS

JUN 13 1925
JUN 18 1925
Convent Blessed Sacrament,
St. Augustine's,
Winnebago, Neb.

Dear Father Hughes,

Mr. Sherry has called twice since last March just to enquire about the attendance of the Indians.

Sincerely yours,
Sr. M. Pauline.

June 18, 1925.

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Sister M. Pauline,
Convent of the Blessed Sacrament,
St. Augustine's,
Winnebago, Nebr.

Dear Sister Pauline:

I have received your letter of June 13. As neither this letter nor your previous letter contained sufficient information on which to act, I assume that you want nothing done. You would have to furnish affidavits quoting as near as possible the objectionable statements of Mr. Sherry. The form of quotation would be: Mr. Sherry said in effect (then repeat as near as possible what he said).

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:J

July 27, 1925.

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Mr. E. W. Rossiter,
Winnebago, Nebr.

Dear Mr. Rossiter:

We are in receipt of a letter from Mother Katharine Broxel in which she states that her Community has no intention of closing the Catholic mission school at Winnebago. She says further that she is glad to see the spirit of faith which animates you in wishing so earnestly to place your children in a parochial school, and she trusts that blessing may come to them.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Lusk,
Secretary.

CSD:J