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Dear Monsignor Hughes:

I am in doubt as to what to do with the enclosed form but I owe it to you to write anyway. You treated me very courteously and very well a year or so ago: so well that I shall not forget it. We have not here any Indian Mission properly so called. It is only that. The Indian Territory comes within the confines of the Parish (Immaculate Conception Ch. Rulo Neb.) We have three of them coming to our school here. Boarding with the Sisters but they go home every Friday evening. These three were baptized last year a couple of adults more I expect to baptize in a few days now. They have expressed a wish to be baptized. Church School & Rectory here are on the same block. We own one full block. Church cost \$20,000⁰⁰ erected in 1913. School & House are frame buildings worth perhaps \$10,000⁰⁰. We have only 3 Sisters 2 teachers and 1 music teacher. They are the Franciscans: Sisters of St. Francis of Clinton La Mother House. We had a hard sledding this year altogether took in only a trifle over 2000⁰⁰. Three fourths of this went on expenses. I have another

Pardon me for writing on the back of sheet. I did so as not to make either too black.

Mission 10 miles north up along the River we are on the Missouri River so in this way I manage to get my salary.

There are about 20 or 25 Catholic Indians in the Parish. You know at this time they act much like everybody else and you would not in many cases know they were Indians. They have however one peculiarity if I may so put it and that is it is hard in most cases to make anything out of them. The simply want only to live and have a good jolly time.

Dear Monsignor I have written this so that you can if you desire fill in (or have it done) the forms. As I said I did not know what to do.

Thanking you again for your Courtesy and kindness in the past and assuring you of my deep appreciation.

I remain with every Best Wish for the New Year
yours respectfully

J. J. Murphy

P.S. If you wish me to do any more I shall be very glad indeed to comply.

Misc. M¹⁰

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Rule, Nebr.,

Aug 31, 1927.

Washington, D.C.

Dear Rev. Father:-

I have four children enrolled in the Convent at Rule, Nebr. They are $\frac{1}{8}$ Iowa Indian and have never received their Indian rights. They are also Catholics. The three older children have attended school there two years. I have a boy age six that enters this year. We have had sickness and financial difficulties that make it rather hard to keep them in school and I do not want to send them to Gov't school. They come home week ends, so the Sisters of St Francis, who have the Convent here will keep them for \$20. per month. Is it possible to get any aid from the Catholic Bureau at W. D. C.?

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If you can assist me, it
will be highly appreciated
by the Sisters as well as
ourselves.

You may write Father
J. J. Murphy at Reulo concern-
ing this.

Very Sincerely Yours

Thomas Murphy Jr.

Reulo, N. J.

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Misc. M.

September 13, 1927.

Mr. Thomas Murphy, Jr.,
Rulo, Nebr.

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Your letter of August 31 was duly received.

It is highly commendable on your part to have your children trained in a Catholic school rather than in a Government school. In doing this I realize fully that you are forced to carry a considerable financial burden. If it were possible, this Bureau should be only too glad to give you some financial help. But the present obligations of the Bureau are such that it is simply out of the question to give you any such assistance. It is with the greatest difficulty that the Bureau is able to meet these obligations, and consequently it is out of our power to assume new ones.

I note your statement that your children are Iowa Indians and have never received their Indian rights. On inquiry at the Indian Office I learned that the Iowa tribe has no funds at the present time. The funds which it at one time had have been distributed and the rolls closed, so that whatever rights the children may have had at one time are now lost.

Regretting very much that I can not respond to your appeal for help, and trusting that you may find the means to enable you to put your children through the Catholic training they are now receiving, I am

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Mggr. William Hughes,

P.S.
Chancery will
give you
a nice little
made help.

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To Messrs M. Hughes
Washington D.C.

Dear Messrs Hughes:

I am writing
to ask you, if possible, to send us
some help this year for our School
here. You know we are entitled to it.
This fact we can ^{show} evidence. We did
not get any thing last year I did not
look for it as we made out pretty
well after your generous aid the
year before. We have four
Indian Children barters at school
this year its hard to do much for
most of these people but those who are
coming here to school are more than
hopeful. Well its needless to
write you at length and I am very
sorry to do so knowing that you have
to wade through scores of letters every
day. We will appreciate any help you
may give and will not be mad — es-
pecially with you — if you do not send
any with kindest regards to best wishes.
I remain yours respectfully L. A. Murphy

40-14.
September 20, 1927.

Rev. J. J. Murphy,
Fife, Nebraska.

Dear Father Murphy:

I have your letter of September 14.

I saw Bishop Beckman last week here in Washington. I believe that it is his opinion that although the care of the Indians is a burden to you, still because of the many calls he would not wish to apply either to the Board for the Distribution of the Lenten Collection or to this Bureau for aid. This Bureau depends entirely on THE INDIAN SENTINEL. The gifts are almost exclusively for designated purposes, that is the things asked for in THE INDIAN SENTINEL.

I would be very willing to publish your request in the Winter, January number, of THE INDIAN SENTINEL. Please give me some interesting notes. Send any attractive photos. Photographs are best when printed on glossy paper.

Yours fraternally,

WH/MCS

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