

Refer in reply to the following:

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, July 19, 1902.

To United States Indian Agents,

Superintendents of Schools, or other officers in charge:

Sirs:

The office is in receipt of a communication from the Department, dated July 18, 1902, directing that the office instruct Indian Agents and Superintendents of Indian Schools, or other officers in charge of reservations, where there are allotted lands, not to furnish or permit anyone to make a copy of any record of his office pertaining to deceased allottees or their allotments, except in specific cases, upon written application, approved by your office.

Where specific application is made giving the name of the deceased allottee or the legal description of the land allotted to him, the information asked for may be given if in your possession, but you will not permit any one to have access to the records of your office relative to deceased allottees or their allotments without having first obtained the formal consent of this office. The application for such access to be made in writing, and forwarded with your recommendation endorsed thereon.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Donner

Acting Commissioner.

July 19, 1902.

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