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Dear Colonel Rossow:

I was delighted to have your letter of April 7th. Last Saturday I got in touch with Solon G. Ayers, Superintendent of Haskell Institute, and made an appointment for Monday with him. Today I went to Haskell at his request and interviewed these five boys.

Louis Beavers seems to be the best of the lot that would be available. Henry Shemayne is more mature, but he is in A-1. He is 19 years of age and has a fine personality, but is not as huskily built as the other boys. However, he is far ahead of the group as far as maturity is concerned in handling situations.

You will notice the only boys that they are recommending are boys 17 years of age, with the exception of Shemayne. Jacob Severs is a pretty fine chap but he is very reticent, and when I interviewed the boys I asked if there was any possibility of their getting homesick, and he was one of the boys who mentioned that it might be possible.

The other boy is Dewey Wolf Voice. Wolf Voice is a Montana Indian and seems to have a lot of what it takes for a boy of his age, but I do not believe that he is nearly as efficient or as personable as Louis Beavers. Melvin Asbill is a fine, clever, little fellow.

I would recommend Louis Beavers Number One. Then, if the draft doesn't catch Henry Shemayne I would say that he would do a good job, but his physique is somewhat against him - tall, angular, and does not look any too strong although I believe he could stand it. He is in the commercial class out there, has graduated from high school, and would have taken law at the University of Alabama but when he became eligible for the draft he came back to Haskell and went into the business school here.

Every one of these boys are highly recommended by the superintendent and principal of the school as dependable, efficient, and A Number One leaders for their age.

The reason I am enclosing only two photographs of these boys is because these are the only two who were here last year. Haskell photographs all of these boys, to be used in their activity ticket. I am sending you all of this material so that you can make your own decision, and after you have made it if you will communicate with