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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Memorandum of an inquiry into the cause and circumstances of the death of
Alvin Cahiv Pupil No. **232**
 of the **Cecilia Jeffrey** Indian Residential School at **Kenora**,
 who died at **the above school** (place) on **April, 20th.** 19**38**

INSTRUCTIONS

When a pupil of an Indian Residential School dies, the Principal is required to inform the Indian Agent at once.

On receipt of the Principal's notice the Indian Agent shall convene a Board of Inquiry, consisting of himself as Chairman, the Principal of the Residential School, and the Medical Officer who attended the deceased pupil. These members of the Board shall, in each other's presence, complete this memorandum, which shall then be forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, in one copy.

The Board of Inquiry shall, if at all practicable assemble within 48 hours of the pupil's death.

The parents or guardians of the deceased pupil shall be given notice of this inquiry and be permitted to attend it or to send a representative. They or their representative shall be asked if they wish to make a statement. In the event of their so wishing, their statement shall be attached to the report. The inquiry, however, shall not be delayed more than 72 hours after the time at which it would otherwise be held, to enable them to attend it.

If the Indian Agent is located at such a distance from the school as to make it impracticable for him to attend the Board, he shall request a responsible local resident to act for him. A suitable person for this duty would be a Justice of the Peace or a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted or Provincial Police. A more or less permanent arrangement of this kind might be necessary in some cases. The Department is prepared to pay a reasonable fee for this duty, on the Agent's recommendation. The report of the Board, in any case, must reach the Department through the Indian Agent's office.

This inquiry is not designed to take the place of, or prevent, any other inquiry, including an inquest, which may be required by law.

If the pupil died as the result of an accident, the Indian Agent is required to take the statements of the witnesses of the accident, and attach them to this memorandum.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

1. On what date did this pupil fall sick or suffer injury? *April 7th 1958.*
 2. At what time of day? *11 AM.*
 3. When and to whom did he or she report this illness or accident? *Mrs. Coarutens*
R. N. immediately
 4. What means were taken to afford relief? *Put to bed. Given medicine & Nursing*
medicines for stomach & bowels.
 5. What medicines were used for this purpose and in what dose or quantity? *Magnesium*
Sulphate, Aspirin for temperature Cal-Resina 1/2 tsp. in water 3 times
settles stomach
 6. When was the doctor called? *April 9th.*
 7. If the pupil was removed to hospital, at what time was this done and by what means of transport? _____
 8. If the pupil was not removed to hospital, what measures were taken for his or her care at the school? *Placed in isolation in school hospital*
Day and night nurse in attendance
 9. Add any other useful information here.
This boy developed vomiting spells. Then convulsions
Ran high temperature became semi-delinquous.
Complained pain in neck. Neck rigid when sitting up. Pupils
dilated. No paralysis developed. He became comatose
& gradually weakened & passed away.
- E. W. Byrd*
Principal.

NOTE: If the deceased pupil dies in hospital at a distance from the school, under the care of the physician or surgeon who attends him at the hospital, a clinical report of the patient's illness and death in the hospital is to be secured and attached to this memorandum.

**B. STATEMENT OF THE PHYSICIAN WHO ATTENDED
THE DECEASED PUPIL**

I attended Elin Oshie from April 9th 1938

to April 20th 1938 The immediate cause of death was

Bacterial Meningitis

The contributory cause of death was Acute Toxicities vomiting

Gastro-Intestinal disturbances

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Do you consider that the Principal of the School, and the members of the School staff exercised reasonable care and judgment in regard to the illness and death of this pupil? Yes

Did they follow out your professional instructions? Yes

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your carefully considered views as follows:

This boy developed Gastro-Intestinal disturbances with vomiting. He could not retain any food. He ran a temperature from 100° up to 103° F. He developed rigidity in neck & could not flex neck. There was no sign of paralysis. He became comatose, gradually grew weaker although Stimulated with Bromide & Physostigmine & died Apr. 20th.

A. D. Ferguson M.D.

C. STATEMENT OF INDIAN AGENT

1. Having heard and read over the statements of the Principal and the Physician, do you consider that all essential circumstances relating to the death of Alvin
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have been recorded? Yes If not, you are required to add here any further particulars which strike you as essential.

2. In this space record any recommendations which the Board consider should be made to the Department in relation to the health or safety of the pupils of this School.

None

Frank Edwards
Chairman—Indian Agent.

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