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Dear Ms. Enberg and Mr. Metatawabin:

Thank you for your correspondence requesting documents related to Indian Residential Schools. I regret the delay in responding.

The Indian Residential School system was a dark chapter in Canada's history. The Government of Canada is committed to the successful implementation of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement as part of the path towards reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

As you may know, all federal departments are required under law to release documents in accordance with the provisions of the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*.

If you believe Library and Archives Canada has documents that will assist you in your research, you may wish to submit an access to information request to that institution. Further information is available at www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/the-public/005-6010-e.html.

It may be helpful for you to know that part of the mandate of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) was to create as complete a historical record as possible of the Indian Residential School system and its legacy. To that end, the TRC collected more than four million documents related to Indian Residential Schools from various sources, including federal departments. The document collection is now housed

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with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR), which is associated with the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. You may wish to contact the NCTR to determine if they could be of assistance with your research.

Thank you again for writing.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JWR', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould