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804 North 29th Street
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Mr. W. S. Campbell
The University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Please give my old friend, Paul Eldridge, my compliments, and tell him that I am off of him. For forty years he has sent me either a birthday card or a Christmas card, and without cause, discontinued this in 1945 or '46. The foreign legion must have ruined him.

The only man by the name of "Gray" connected in any way with the Indian Service, is referred to on page 358-359 of the Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs of 1859. This was one A. B. Gray, who is called "Colonel" in this report.

The only reference to Rockaway Indians that I find is in the 2nd volume of Bulletin No. 30 of the Bureau of American Ethnology. This refers to them as "Renape", which is the same as "Lenape". No Rockaway Indian was ever in the west so far as I know. I think you will find this Bulletin in Dr. Dales', Phillips Collection of Indian Books in his library at the University. If not, it should be in the public library.

The suggestion that the word "Rockaway" was from the Indian word "Reg-a-wi-k-ha-ki" is far-fetched. The last part of the word, "ha-ki" is the Delaware word for "land". The same word with slight variations has the same meaning in all of the so-called Algonquin tribes.

I never knew a Delaware by the name of "Gray", and have no memory of every having heard of one. I have written to my brother at Dewey, who has a copy of the rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes, to see if this name is on the registered rolls of Delawares. When I hear from him, and if the name appears, I will let you know.