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**Rev Frederick Smith, S.J. to Casement**

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My dear Mr. Casement -

I thank you for your kind letter of 6 April which arrived last mail together with the £20 for the boys. I enclose an a/c showing how the previous £10 has been spent – together with the receipts from Sealey.

The older boy Ricudo seems to wish to return to Putumayo. There is a fellow countryman of his here & I suppose this has put it into Ricudo's head.

Indians as a rule do not like to stay in any one place for long – After a time they like to "take a walk" as they call it ie they want to go somewhere else. I am not certain that this boy wishes to return - but he has said so many times & I would not be surprised if one fine day he, somehow or other, got away – But of course I will do all I can to prevent it. He also informed Sealey's son that he was a married man in his own country. He takes a little liquor now & again – supplied no doubt by his countryman. But I warned that same Indian not to give him drink – for drink is almost the only vice an Indian has.

They are both very slow in picking up English. The little one Ummurummy seems to get on a little better.

They are in robust health. Only Ricudo had a little looseness of the bowels for a day or two perhaps from the Rum. But now he is quite well again.

I will report progress by next mail.

The nuns thank you for your kind wishes & join me in kind regards.

Yours sincerely in ??

Frederick Smith S.J.