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Reps. to visit of  
Ponca chfs. son  
of chf. Harry  
Bear. left with  
his father &c

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TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup>, 1887

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington D.C.

Sir:

The visit of the Ponca Chiefs was satisfactory and profitable.

The son of the Chief Hamy Bear, who was one of two my physician reported against when the party of children arrived last Spring, (the other returned to his agency and has since died) has been a subject of concern from the start. He has several times been under the doctors care in Hospital with lung trouble. Latterly he has been more

suggested, and done well in school. His father asked to take him home, saying he had lost five children of consumption at about Stamps age, and he was sure Stany would die soon from the symptoms, and he wanted him to die at home. White Eagle and Standing Buffalo both confirmed him and asked for the boys return. Delay for more favorable weather was urged, but after full explanation of the danger, they seemed unwilling to put it off, so I let the boy go.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

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