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Mt Lieut. R. H. Pratt,  
In charge Ind. S. School,  
Carlisle, Pa.  
Sept. 1. 1881.

Ask to send a Sioux  
boy home. ✓

To Dept Sept 4/81  
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United States Indian Service,

Indian Training School Agency,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 1, 1881.

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In connection with my letter of this date asking authority to send two students home on account of sickness I would respectfully inform you that there is one of the Rosebud boys who is an incorrigible thief - is in fact a kleptomaniac, I have punished him seven or eight times under the sentence of his fellows, <sup>and</sup> quite as severely as the humanity of our work would admit of. It seems to do no good he stole when he came here <sup>and</sup> he steals now, is now undergoing punishment for stealing. In addition to this mania he is very, very stupid. Hoping to cure him I have held on to him for a long time but it seems to me bad economy to continue the effort further. His name is James <sup>and</sup> he is the son of "Geese". I mentioned his case to the party of chiefs <sup>and</sup> asked what they thought I had better do

with him. Red Cloud said "send him home"  
and White Thunder said "Keep him here always un-  
til he quits stealing." It was evident they knew  
his character.

I would respectfully request your author-  
ity to incur the expense of sending him home with  
the other two reported in my letter of this day's date.

Very respectfully  
Your obt. servant  
R.H. Pratt

Det. Lieut. 10<sup>th</sup> Cav.  
In charge.