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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
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To The Hon.,

Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

We have quite a little party of San Carlos Apache young men, most of whom have made very fair progress and are in our higher departments. About ten of them should continue here and finish at our grades. They have been here seven years and are generally desiring to go home. It occurs to me, in view of the fact that Arizona has passed a law offering a reward for dead Indians, and in view of the conditions that exist at present on their reservations, and the little opportunity there is for them to engage in any individual work, that we had better strain a point and keep them. I would suggest that a letter from the office addressed to them, encouraging their stay until they graduate at our grammar grade ^{two or three years hence} ~~this year~~ would probably accomplish the purpose, and would request that such a letter of encouragement be written them, through me. There are two or three who are well behind and who lack the mental calibre to get on, who

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might as well go home, and yet if they are willing to go to farms here and even return in the fall and do the best they can it would be better than going home now.

I deplore the necessity that seems to be laid upon our returned students, young men, to join the army, in the absence of any other employment.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,



Capt. 10th Cav'y.,

Sup't.