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Long Face,  
Rosebud Agency Dakota  
June 20. 1882.

Asks that money not ex-  
pended for education of  
his daughter be sent to him.

Ref'd. by R. H.

Pratt

Ans. July 1<sup>st</sup> 1882  
Min Cook

Indian Industrial Sch  
Carlisle, Pa.

June 28. 1882.

Respectfully referred to the Hon.  
the Commr. of Ind. Affrs. with  
reference to the action of the Cath-  
olic Priest at Standing Rock Agency.  
It seems to me he might be in  
better business than the putting  
of such stuff into the minds of  
the Indians. I have written long  
since that I forward his letter  
to you <sup>and</sup> you will probably  
give him answer.

R. H. Pratt  
1st Lieut 10<sup>th</sup> Cav.  
Supt. Y

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Rosebud, D.T. 6-20-'82.

Capt. R. N. Pratt,

Dear Friend:

I have heard that soon the children are to return from school. Yesterday a man came to borrow my wagon to go to meet his children <sup>and</sup> my friend it brought up a part the memory of my own children <sup>and</sup> made me sad. I have always tried hard to be a true friend to the whites to follow their advice <sup>and</sup> help toward their crokes <sup>and</sup> sent two of my children to your school. Rose <sup>and</sup> Mary Sioux, Rose died while there <sup>and</sup> Mary came home recently alas! only to die too. Another of those who came at the same time has just been buried, that is Black Crow's son Rufus.

Now my friend when I was recently at Standing Rock agency to bring down some of Sitting Bull's people to this agency (I was sent to bring in Crazy Horse <sup>and</sup> his people also <sup>and</sup> did it successfully, but such acts on my part only seem to make enemies for me among my own people <sup>and</sup> no friends among the whites) well while I was at Standing Rock the Roman Catholic Priest, or Bishop, there told me that so much money was appropriated by the Govt. for each child at Carlisle <sup>and</sup> that those who died before the 3 years run up, of course did not get the full benefit of that money <sup>and</sup> that the money must have gone somewhere. He told me to ask our clergyman here, Mr. Cleveland, to find out about it for us <sup>and</sup> said

we ought to get that money. But Mr. Cleveland says he thinks that nobody will get the benefit of that money but that it will go back to the President again and so I have asked him to write the letter for me to you and ask you to tell me just how it is. If we ought to have it we want you to help us get it, we want you to help us with the President and get him to fix this up right for us and so we will be in a measure compensated in our grief at the loss of our children. All those whose children have died at Carlisle cried yesterday when they heard that the others were coming home alive. I hope you will write to me when you get this and explain about the unexpended money appropriated for those who died before the 3 year war up.

I am your friend and the true friend of all the whites though I have much grief as it would seem, though my friendship for them. Write to me when you get this and send my words to our Great Father.

Long face.