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May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1883G. E. Woodin, U. S. Ind. Agt.

Replies to office letter C. 5782/83, dated  
Apr. 18<sup>th</sup> /83, relative to return from Carlisle of  
certain Ponca and Nez Perce children whose  
terms will soon expire -

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Copy to Capt. Pratt, May 14<sup>th</sup> /83.C  $\frac{12}{130}$ 

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United States Indian Service,

Ponca, Pawnee & Otoe Agency,

May 2<sup>d</sup>, 1883.

Hon. H. Price

Comm<sup>r</sup> of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter C. 5582<sup>1</sup>/<sub>33</sub>, dated 18<sup>th</sup> ultimo, stating that the period for which three Ponca, and four Nez Percé children were sent to Carlisle, will expire during the coming summer, and that the office is ready to return them to their parents then, but that it would be greatly for the benefit of these children if they could remain two or three years longer at Carlisle, and desiring me to present this fact to the parents, and urge them to allow their children to longer remain there.

In reply I have respectfully to state that I presented the matter above noted, fully, to the parents of the children in question, and urged upon them the importance of having their children remain at Carlisle to complete an education already so well advanced. Their decisions were made after due consideration, and are as follows:

The father of La Motte Primeaux (Ponca) desires that his son may remain three years longer at Carlisle -

The father of Frank Eagle (Ponca) wishes his son to remain two years longer, but wants the privilege of having him sent home earlier should the boy's health become feeble.

The grand father and guardian of John Bull, (Ponca) wants the boy sent home at expiration of the present term: he is getting old and feeble and wants the boy to take care of his farm and stock for him.

The parents of the four Nez Percé children Luke Phillips, Samuel Johns, Jesse Paul and Harriet Mary want their children returned to them at expiration of the present term.

Relative to the return of the last named I respectfully refer you to my letter of 16<sup>th</sup> ultimo on the subject.

Very Respectfully  
Lewellyn E. Woolwin  
U. S. Indian Agent