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Indian Industrial School
Carlisle Barracks, Pa.
Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10th Co
Supt.

Apr. 10. '90

In reference to securing
letters from returned pupils -
Suggests submitting series
of questions to be answered
by such pupils & returned
with letters to Capt. Pratt
& forwarded to Dept.

To Supt Standing April 16/90

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Your Obedient Servant,
Asst. Supt.
In Charge

INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

April 10, 1890.

To the Honorable,

The Com'r of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.,

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 25, ult., to Capt. Pratt, asking that each returned student from Carlisle be requested to address to you a letter giving information concerning themselves; I respectfully represent that in my judgment more complete and reliable information would be obtained by sending to those who can be reached, a series of questions to be answered by them, giving the information desired, and at the same time asking them to address a letter to Capt. Pratt embodying the same in substance; enclose both in the same envelope and return to Carlisle; the letters then to be forwarded to you, replies to questions filed at Carlisle.

I offer this suggestion for the reason that there would be greater freedom on the part of the Indians, in addressing a person with whom they had an actual acquaintance than a high official of whom they stand considerably in awe and as I think would hesitate to address freely.

The necessary printing could be done at Carlisle without expense. The greatest difficulty would be in procuring the

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the delivery of the letters to the widely scattered homes of the Indians, many of them living remote from any Post Office or Agency.

I am ready to carry out, at once your instructions in any way that on a review of the subject you may deem advisable.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

A. J. Standing

Ass't Supt.,
In charge