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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., June 30th 1894.

Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10th U.S. Cavy.
Superintendent.

Replying to Capt. Penny's request
to have Josephine Smith
return home to teach.

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To Pine Ridge Agency July 6/94.

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In reply to:
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., June 30th 1894.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

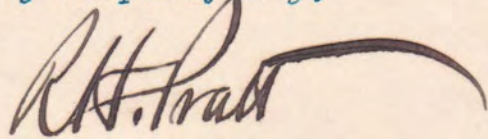
Replying to your letter of the 28th marked "Education 24075," enclosing letter from Capt. Chas. G. Penny, Acting Indian Agent at Pine Ridge, (in which was enclosed letter from Josephine Smith, pupil at this school,) I have respectfully to advise you that I brought Josephine here myself. She was presented to me at Pine Ridge by the then Acting Agent, Capt. George LeRoy Brown, as a returned pupil who had finished her course at Genoa and specially wished to come to Carlisle for training in our normal department. On examination I found she was not equal to several of our highest departments and so accepted of her and brought her here. Upon arrival at Carlisle it was found that she had been at various western schools and was especially deficient in arithmetic and was also deficient in everything else except English. She went into No. 8 school room and seemed to be unable to get out of that grade. For that reason it seemed best to send her to a school where she would be stimulated by other surroundings. We therefore placed her with an old and excellent school teacher where she now is. She

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states her case very well. She did not have sufficient education to be placed in our normal department but it has been my intention, if she could rise to that, to give her that training. Josephine is hardly qualified to be used as a teacher but is fairly intelligent and capable otherwise. While there is no objection to her being sent home for this purpose, if I were in Capt. Penny's place I should want more competent timber. I am suspicious that her letter has been phrased for her, though the writing is hers.

Very respectfully,

Dictated.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R.H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Capt. 10th Cav'y., U.S.A.,

Supt.