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Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON,

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Jas. E. Rhoades.  
Hamantown. Philadelphia. Pa.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 29th inst. requesting that the Absentee Shawnee boys be sent to school at Hampton, Va.

I will arrange to have the boys educated at Hampton, or, if you prefer, at Carlisle, Penna, where Capt. Pratt is about to open a school for the education of Indian youth on about the same plan as the one at Hampton. Carlisle might be more convenient for you should you desire to look after these boys.

Capt. Pratt intends to go to the Indian

(and return Oct 15)

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Territory within a fortnight, and to bring  
back with him, about forty Indian  
youth for the Carlisle school. If your  
Agent, Mr. Beard, will deliver the  
Shawnee boys to him, he will see that  
they reach safely, either Hampton or  
Carlisle, as you prefer.

Yours respectfully

E A C Bay  
Commissioner.

*[Faint bleed-through text from the reverse side of the page, including phrases like "educated at Hampton", "at Carlisle", "to send a school for the education", "of Indian youth", "at Hampton", "your consent", "to look after these boys", "Capt. Pratt"]*