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Capt R. Pratt U.S.A.

Carlisle, Penna.

Department of the Interior

Special Act

March 31, 80

Respectfully

Sir: ...

In compliance with request contained in your communication of the 6th inst. the Hon. Secretary of War was requested to detail Lt. Geo. L. Brown for special duty in selecting children from Tribes in New Mexico and Colorado for education at Carlisle.

Under date of the 24th inst. he replies: "As the duty indicated is in no respect a military one, the Department does not feel warranted in authorizing the detail of an army officer to perform same, con-

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Considering as it does that under existing
law a special act of Congress is necessary
"in the premises."

In accordance with his request Lieut.
Brown has this day been notified of the
decision of the War Department con-

cerning the very interesting photographs
which accompanied your communication
of the 2nd inst. Please accept my
sincere thanks.

Yours respectfully
R. E. Grumbidge

Commissioner

Refer in reply to the following

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

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Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 20th inst. I have to say that in compliance with request of Capt. Pratt the War Dept. was requested to detail you for special duty in connection with the work of selecting Indian children for education at Carlisle.

Under date of the 24th inst. the Hon. Secy. of War replied as follows: "As the duty indicated is in no respect a military one, the Department does not feel warranted in authorizing the detail of an army officer to perform same, considering as it does

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of Congress is necessary in the premises

Yours respectfully

A. E. Brownbridge

Commissioner

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