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Jan. 28/81.

Reps. to office letter
of 26th inst. re
to Boys & girls
from apt miles
& from northern
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Cook

United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., January 28 1881

The Honorable Commissioners
of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 26th instans marked "A, Miscel. P. 1299-88 No 1461 '81" I see it does not appear that there are girls coming with the detachments of youth from Agent Miles, neither from the Northern Arapahos. I have information otherwise from the detachment under Mr. Jackson.

I made it a condition of my recommendation about the delegation from Agent Miles that they should be accompanied by an equal number of girls. I wish your attention to the fact that we have now only seventy eight girls while we have 155 boys. The details of the work of the school are necessarily divided to suit the sexes and are of such a nature as to, with the present proportion, interger materially with the best interests of the girls, and an addition of boys without girls would only add to that. If not too late I would

respectfully object to these detachments from Agent
Hiles ^{and} from the Northern Arapahos unless there
are as many or more girls than boys forwarded.

This is not intended to advise an increase above the
number indicated by your letter of January 26th.

The safety of this kind of work depends more upon
the education of an equal number of girls ^{and} boys than
I fear the Department realizes. I have letters from
some of the boys that were with me so long who have
taken wives from the camps without any training or
education ^{and} it is evident that for that reason they
find a great many difficulties to contend with in
trying to maintain their acquired status that should
not be imposed upon them ^{and} may sooner or later
destroy them.

Very respectfully
R.H. Pratt

Act Lt. 10th Cav. In Charge.