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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., March 24 1881

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 21st instant, marked "A 4872," I have the honor to inform you that under the authority of your letter allowing me to send two boys home in charge of Bear's Heart, I found it dangerous to longer delay sending Gurtis, the Shyenne boy. The Kiowa boy whom I had designed sending had in the meantime asked to learn a trade ^{and} having put him in the tailor shop ^{and} finding him improving rapidly it was the opinion of the Dr. that his difficulties might be overcome, ^{and} as he desired to remain I concluded to keep him. In the meantime Agent Miles had written to me requesting the return of Romannoe, one of the Florida boys whom I have had in charge for six years. As he was competent to take care of the sick boy en route ^{and} as I had

your authority to send two boys without the names
having been specified and this course seemed to be
in the best interests of the service. I started Roman
rose home with the sick boy on the 15th instant, hav-
ing previously arranged with Agent Miles to have
them met at the end of the railroad by transporta-
tion from the agency. There is, therefore, no special
reason for Bear's Heart's coming here.

Very respectfully,
R. H. Pratt

1st Lieut 10th Cav.
In charge.