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Reply to office ^{letter}
of 30 to net.

+ refs. to Mr. B.

Snake & White

Rabbit, ^{who is the} White House ^{same party,}
or Fred. Smith, Pauca
boys at Carlisle school.See telegram to Agt. Lightner July 9/81.
a letter to Agt. Lightner July 28/81.

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., June 2 1881

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To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo marked A. Letter 1069.81. I have the honor to inform you that on investigation ^{I find} that W^m B Snake and White Rabbit are the same party. He is the son of the Chief Big Snake who was killed in the office of the Agent of the Ponca Agency Indian Territory. His mother belongs to that agency and is there now. Standing Bear who headed the Dakota Emancipation is a brother of William's father. William came to this school from the

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Ind. Territory Agency. Aside from this letter of Agent Lightner's I have no intimation of any contemplated change from that agency. This boy is about 18 years of age.

White Mouse or Fred Smith has neither father or mother living. He is the ward of Black Hair Horse who belongs to the Indian Territory Branch of the Ponca's. He is 17 years of age and I know nothing of any intended change from the Lower to the Upper Agency. Black Hair Horse is the brother of Fred Smith's or White Mouse's father. He came here from the Indian Territory.

It seems to me that the shares of these two boys in the amount allowed by Congress belongs to the lower branch of the Ponca Tribe. If the sum

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could be invested in cattle or some other growing interest under the direction of the Agent. I should say it would be the best thing for them. I object to their having more money here than they are able to earn.

Very respectfully

A. S. Salt

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