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B. M. Thomas,  
Pueblo Agcy.

Aug. 17-1881.

Wants authority to  
visit Carlisle School &  
Wash. with a delegation  
of 8 Pueblo Inds & Inter-  
prets, also to take 2  
boys to fill vacancies  
at above school & as  
many more boys as  
possible if funds

*Ans. Aug 26/81*

*Trans to "C" 26/81.*  
*Sub. by Thomas Oct 24/81.*

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*V. J. Gallant*  
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United States Indian Service,

Pueblo Indian Agency,

Santa Fe, N.M. Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1881.

Hon. H. Price,

Commissioner,

Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Pueblo Indians have sent twenty of their children to the Carlisle school within the last year. They are becoming very anxious to go and see where and how they are. At the time the children were dedicated to education by the parents, petition was made for permission to visit them some time during their absence. Some of the parents have a longing desire to see and know about their children, particularly since the death of one and the serious illness of others. We have

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a boarding school <sup>and</sup> day schools for the Pueblos in their own country which need strengthening; <sup>and</sup> this would be accomplished by taking a delegation of the Indians to visit the school at Carlisle, <sup>and</sup> also the City of Washington.

I therefore respectfully request authority to take a delegation of eight Indians, with an Interpreter, to the places just indicated, at such time as I can best be absent from my Agency - probably about November 10<sup>th</sup> next, the delegation to consist of men <sup>and</sup> women, <sup>and</sup> to be made up from the six Pueblos represented at the school.

I also request authority to take, at the same time, two Pueblo children to take the places of the one who died <sup>and</sup> the one returned to his home on account of bad health, <sup>and</sup>

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as many more children in addition to the  
original twenty as possible.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servt.

Ben. M. Thomas.

U.S. Indian Agent.