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Ret. letter of R. H. Pratt of Oct. 28 - 81. rel to his responsibility and request for more supervision and suggests that Comm. of Ind. affs. should visit the school

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Comm

Nov. 2/81
Comm. Ind. Affairs
transmits letter of
Lieut Pratt, in charge
of Carlisle School

Return to Com. of Indian
affairs - In my judg-
ment he should visit
& carefully examine the
School before the com-
mencement of the next
session of Congress
Nov. 4/81. J. O. Johnston
Comm

Refer in reply to the following

Letter 19043
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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON,

Nov. 2^d, 1881.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Interior
Sir,

I enclose herewith a letter from Lieut Pratt U.S.A. in Charge of the Training School for Indian Youth at Carlisle Pa of 28th ult., forwarded to this Office for transmission to the Department

Very respectfully

A. Price

Commissioner

A.H.D.

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R. H. Pratt

Carville
Oct 24/81

Repts. to the schools,
responsibility
and requests for
supervision of
the dept.

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., October 28 1891

To the Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior,

Through the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Sir:

I invite your attention to the fact that I have been in charge of this, the largest ^{and} by far the most important of all the Indian schools for a period of over two years ^{and} that in the care ^{and} responsibility of it I have had little or no oversight from the Department. I have been constantly hoping for a change in this regard ^{and} for the establishment of some supervision that would in a measure at least aid in the responsibility ^{and} give to my efforts a more authoritative direction.

I do not feel that it is just to me to be held so long in such an isolated ^{and} important responsibility

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without this oversight.

In my judgment the best results would follow your personal examination ^{and} judgment or that of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

There are eminent ^{and} well qualified gentlemen on the Board of Indian Commissioners ^{and} the Commissioner of Education is under your Department.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servant

R. H. Pratt

1st Lieut. 10th Cavy.

In charge.