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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Jan'y. 24<sup>th</sup> 1882

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Ind<sup>n</sup> Aff<sup>s</sup>  
Washington D.C.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst, marked "C, 1372" I have the honor to inform you that we shall not be overcrowded, if we have 200 boys and 125 girls at this school. I now have 185 boys, but 17 are away leaving 168 at the school; so we could take 32 more. Sons from Hampton, and the 7 that should come with the Orage party of 20, and thus even the sexes from that Agency, deducted would still leave room for 24 more boys at the school.

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I now have 87 girls but four are away leaving 83 at the school. Two are coming from the Pueblos, and 13 should come from the Grages, which would increase our numbers to 98, and still leave us room for 27 more.

We can materially and most profitably extend our capacity by farming out a larger number. Out of the time Indian children spend at this school, if after being here one year, they can spend one year in a good American family working on farms &c, and attending Dist. Schools with white children, it will help on their English speaking, and knowledge of civilized life far more rapidly than our best efforts.

In regard to the Seminoles, I had hoped that our line of work might be extended in the direction of the more needy Karojoy and Utes, who I feel sure would send their children if approached by the proper party and in the proper manner. But I am very

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willing to undertake the Seminoles, if the Dept. finds that best.

In October the three years for which the Sioux children came, will expire. Over a dozen have already asked to remain longer, and I have hopes that the Agency management may so encourage it, as to bring about the consent of their <sup>for a large number</sup> parents. American Horse and two others have already consented. But there will of necessity be many changes, and in these, soon for the sites and Harajoes be made.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

R.H. Pratt

Ag. & Supt.