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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., May 17 1882.

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

From the Rosebud Agency, Dakota, we have twenty-one boys and eight girls, and from the Pine Ridge Agency, nine boys and six girls, who, by the terms of their coming, are entitled to be returned to their agencies in September next. Almost all of them desire to remain at the school and it would be better for them to do so, but their parents are unwilling and insist upon having them returned at the expiration of the three years for which they came. Of course they are not educated, neither are they skilled in the trades, but all, especially the older ones can be made materially useful to their people.

A number of the larger boys who have been learning trades would be useful as assistants in the agency shops. More

than half of them are under sixteen years ^{and} should have several more years of school ^{and} training. It is my judgment that if they were returned to their people at the end of our school term, ^{and} a new delegation is to be brought from these agencies in August or September it would not be difficult to bring back those who are under sixteen years of age, together with such new ones as the office might authorize. ^{and} I would recommend ^{and} request that I be authorized to send the Sioux children from these two agencies to their homes in June ^{and} to incur the necessary expense of the journey. The agent should send their parents or friends for them to the end of the rail road, at Chamberlain, or elsewhere.

I will correspond with the agents ^{and} recommend for employment such apprentices as I think will be most useful to them.

Very respectfully

R. H. Pratt

1st Lieut. 10th Cav.

Supt.