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Ref. to authority
of 26th net. to
bring 65 Sioux
children to the
school. Request
instructions to
agt. Pine Ridge.
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Letter to McGilleyuddy, Miles and
Hunt ^{and Pratt and Aug 2} July 19. to Secty July 22.
To ~~Carter~~ ^{and Wright} Aug 3
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C. S.

United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., July 12 1882.

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Referring to your authority of the 26th ultimo, allowing me to bring to this school 65 Sioux children, I would request that you instruct the agent at Pine Ridge to make up a delegation of 27, half of whom shall be girls. This would give us at the school 32 from that agency as one girl ^{and} five boys preferred to remain here rather than go home even for a visit. I would request that like instruction be given to the agent at Rosebud for thirty, as Standing Bear left his son here that would give us 31 from that agency. I would have these half girls ^{and} half boys too. I would request that you order the authorities in charge of the Sitting Bull prisoners in reference to eight from Sitting Bull. Girls should be between ten ^{and} fourteen ^{and} boys between twelve ^{and} sixteen years of age. The strictest compliance with your instructions in regard to health should be compelled.

as I recently returned two of the Osage children brought to us by special agent Townsend, one of them was already in a feverish consumption ^{and} the other bordered on idiocy.

Under your authority to bring from the Sioux or the Indian Territory tribes the thirty children that you had directed from the Navajoes I have concluded to bring them from the Indian Territory. This with authority previously granted for forty from Ind. Ter. will enable us to have 10 from the Pawnee ^{and} Ponca agency, 25 from the Kiowa ^{and} Comanche Agency ^{and} 25 from the Cheyenne ^{and} Arapahoe agency. I would request that the agents at these agencies receive the same instructions given to the Sioux agents in regard to sexes, age ^{and} health, ^{and} that except the Pawnee and Ponca agent they be informed that this number will include any of the children recently sent home who may be returned to the school. I desire to bring all of these children from the west at the end of August so as to begin with our school term. I have the preliminary arrangements all under way. Professor Lippincott of Dickinson College who has been our chaplain will with an assistant go to the Indian Territory. Miss Fletcher with an assistant will bring those from Dakota. I would be glad to have copies of the

instructions to the several Indian Agents
forwarded to me.

Very respectfully
R.H. Pratt

1st Lieut 10th Cav.
Supt.

These children should be surrounded by their
parents with the understanding that they are to
remain at Carlisle for five years. Experience
has shown that a three years course of train-
ing does not sufficiently fortify Indian
youth against the influences which they
must encounter on their return home. ^{It is believed that} The
^{acknowledged} success after Carlisle school will make
~~it as~~ ^{it is} ~~unable~~ an agent to obtain ~~sch~~ pupils
for a five year course as readily as they could
have been obtained two years ago for a
three year course

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and agrees with you that the person