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Indian Training School,
Carlisle, Pa.

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1st Lieut. R. H. Pratt,
Supt.

Incloses letter from a Rosebud
Sioux, complaining that he
cannot obtain work.

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Letter to Wright Aug. 16/82

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., August 11, 1882,

To the Honorable

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

Sir:

I enclose to you a letter from one of our Sioux boys returned to his home at Rosebud in June. He was one of the best among the Sioux, - was a first sergeant of one of the companies all the time he was at the school, becoming fairly proficient as a carpenter's apprentice. If encouraged and if work was given to him, this young man would do well and be a good example at his agency. The young woman he has married was one of the best of our Sioux girls.

I hope that his request for work may secure some instruction from the Department to the Agent.

I have similar letters from other of the pupils returned to that agency and it would be well if the instruction was made general.

Agent Mr Gillicuddy writes from Pine Ridge in the most favorable manner, of his success in putting all our boys returned to that agency at work.

If the new agent has arrived this difficulty at Rosebud may before this time have been removed.

Very respectfully,

R. N. P. A. D.

1st Lieut. 10th Cav.,
Supt.

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Rosebud Agency, Dakota Terr.
July 28th 1882.

My dear school father
Capt. R. H. Pratt.

I want to tell you what I am
thinking about the agent.
That you know very well what
I had to do it them at earliest
school in the worked. So
that is the reason that I said
when I going back at Rosebud
I will tried to do my worked &
was say ss. But I dear school
father I was so sorrow for
the. it was because that I had
to do nothing at all. Therefore
I would like to report to you

Because when we was returned
home that time you said if
you will have not work it will
tell me I will try to help you.
You say so. So I must tell
you now. So when you get
this letter you must tell him
our agent. That I want to
have work, & also the other
boys there are want have to work.
But dear school father the agent
he did not gave us any work
Because so we didn't have any
work yet. So I want you tell
him he must give us any work.
Because that we liked to work
very much. Because that we
like to have to do like white men
ways. Therefore we will never

stopped to white men ways.
& Then dear school father I would ^{like}
to report to you ^{about} one boy & one girl
there are put on Indian clothes.
So that I was very sorry for them.
There are name Edward & Nellie
Cook. those are going in the
darkness again. But who
are don't like put on Indian
clothes there are want tried to
keep on white men ways. There
fore I want ^{to} have to work in
the agents agencies. So dear
school father you will help ^{us}
& also I was very glad to saw
^{before} all my relations & Iron Eagle
Leather. He was very much
pleased to heard me what
I said to him. Maybe he will

put on white men clothes
^{after a while.}
It was because he likes very much
white men ways. So I will ~~never~~
~~never stopped~~ white men ways
& also I will do what I have
learn at Terraska. But dear
school father I have not work
yet. But if you help me ^{then} I will
have to work after a while.
Then I will tell you something
but may be you don't like or
not. I mean this that I have
to married ^{to} Julia.
Now tell me ~~about~~ ^{what do} you
you ^{have} thinking about it.
So now Good bye P.S. write
to me soon as you can. Love you
truly Ralph S. E. Feather.