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Dated Jan 2 1883.

From Lieut Pratt

Carlisle School,

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*Carlisle
Jan 2, 83*

SUBJECT:

Refers letter from "Cook"
Rosebud Agency, Dakota,
complaining that young
Indian girls are being
ruined at said Agency

Letter to Lieut Pratt Jan 15-1883

Trumble

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See Dept endorsement,

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Rosebud Agency D.V.
12 - 16 - 1882

Capt R. W. Pratt;

My friend I have
 rec'd your letter & heard your
 words and will write you again.
 I write at once because you
 said the Secty of Interior was
 coming to Carlisle. There are
 five things which I very much
 dislike & I want to tell you of
 them. I was rejoiced to hear
 that the Secty had written a
 letter to the Com. of Ind. Affairs
 in which he mentioned 4 things
 as very bad & wanted them stop-
 ped. They are dances, having
 more than one wife, conjuring &
 robbing the family where one has
 died. I rejoice that those evil
 practices are to be stopped, but the
 fifth he did not mention & I

hope when he comes you will
tell him my words and say
I wish he would add to the
4 things to be stopped the practice
of stealing the nice young girls
confining them & then working
them away - living only a few
days with one woman & then taking
another. If these things are done,
we shall be well off. The last
I think is the worst at this place.
If he says "no" when you
tell him I shall be very glad
& I wish you would write &
let me know what he does
say.

If he says that Grace
must stay more 3 years
longer - then I hope you will
get the President to help me

so that I may come & see
her during those years.

Your friend
Cook.

Respectfully referred
to the Hon. Secy of
the Interior, with
reference to the
recent orders from
the Indⁿ office, to
suppress crime &c,

R. H. Pratt

St. Aug.

Carlisle
Jan'y 7, 83

Dept of the Interior
Jan'y 6 / 83

Referred to the
Comm of
Indⁿ affs
W. M. Felton
Secretary