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Andrew R Smith
Sp. U.S. Ind. Agent
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Referring to Crow boys & girls
being sent to Carlisle and asking
authority to take charge of them
from this Agency

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United States Indian Service,

Crow Indian Agency,

January 27th, 1883.

Hon H. Price
Comm^r of Indian Affairs

Sir

By this days mail, I learn that you have directed Agent Armstrong of this Agency to send ten boys and ten girls of the Crow tribe to Carlisle training school.

It is what I had respectfully recommended substantially in my report on the affairs of this Agency, altho I have serious doubts of his being able to send any girls until the return of the camp from the hunt. This will not be for two months in all probability, and I am of the opinion that then he will have difficulty in obtaining the stated number, so averse are they to parting with their girl children, who have for all time, it will be remembered,

been their hewers of wood and drawers of water and the polygamous slaves of their lust.

"Bear in the Water", a chief was in last night from the hunt and came to "talk." He spoke of the young men and boys going to Carlisle with satisfaction; there would be no difficulty in obtaining the few boys and he referred to the question of the girls, but evidently without much confidence. He spoke of the chances when the camp came in, but when that occurs, the Chiefs in council may not only refuse to allow the girls to go but may object to the boys going. The Leprows are a long way from the road to civilization yet as a whole.

There will however be no difficulty in obtaining the full number of boys or twice as many, and if few girls cannot be secured, permit me

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respectfully to suggest that the deficit in girls may be made up by the addition of boys to the full complement of twenty as authorized.

So far as I have seen, the Grows are a fine looking people physically, and seemingly bright and intelligent, and as none have ever received the advantages of Carlisle or Hampton, it would only be justly considerate to concede to them all the benefits possible of those institutions.

In connection with this question, I have the honor to request that I be instructed to take charge of these Grow youths from this Agency to Carlisle, as in the state of the weather in the winter in this country, it is impracticable to do satisfactory service in the field.

Very respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

Andew R. Smith

Sp. Secy. Ind. Agent