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H. J. Armstrong ad
Reply to "b" 1984
relating to the finding
of Crow youths to
Carlisle

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United States Indian Service,

Brow Agency,

Feb 8th, 1883.

Hon. H. Price
Commissioner Ind. Aff.
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowl-
edge the receipt of your "L" ²⁵⁰⁸1984
dated Jan. 31st 83 upon the
subject of sending the twenty
Brow youths to Carlisle Pa.

I own I feel somewhat
disappointed because it has
pleased the Hon. Commissioner
to direct that these youths
should be sent east in the
care & under the escort of my

other person than myself.

I feel very anxious indeed to visit Carlisle because I feel myself deficient in ~~the~~ respect to a knowledge of the management of industrial schools & I wished to make a thorough inspection of the training school at Carlisle & also, if possible, at Hampton Va. in the hope that I might get some ideas that would be of great service to me here at this agency. In all my talks with these people during the weeks & months that I have been persuading them

to consent to go, it has been understood between myself & the Indians that I would go with them & take care of them, & it is not certain they will be willing to go with my strong or. At this season of the year there is scarcely anything to be done out of doors so that I could leave the agency for say 20 or 25 days without any detriment to the service. I really do not want to interfere with Special Agent Smiths arrangements in any way, & would prefer not to go if it would prevent his

being ordered east, but if not,
I would like to take my people
down^{east} myself. I shall make
every effort to get the ten girls
as you desire but it will
delay the time of our starting
some four or five weeks as
I cannot make up the number
from the Indians now at the
agency & shall have to wait
until I can bring some
bands in from the Big Horn,
which, on account of the deep
snow & severe weather will require
some time.

Very Respectfully
H. J. Armstrong
U. S. Ind. Agt.