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United States Indian Service,

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Feb 22^d, 1888

Hon. H. Price

Commissioner Ind. Aff.
Washington D.C.

Sir,

Five young men & three of our home boys were started to Carlisle under the escort of Special Agent Smith today. I was unable to get any girls to go.

There were only three girls here at the agency that I really wanted to send.

Two of the three refused positively all the while to

go, ^{and} could not be persuaded to consent. In order that the one I wanted to send ^{and} who had promised to go, might have company I concluded somewhat reluctantly to allow another girl to go whom I would not have sent under other circumstances. At the last moment the one girl I wanted to send refused to go ^{and} I was compelled to give up. It was contrary to my judgment to send the boys until I had got two or three more, ^{and some girls} or found out that I could not do so, but I did

not control the matter ^{and} so they went. It will be some 20 or 30 days yet before I can make up and start the rest of the party of 20 if the Hon. Commissioner sees fit to direct me to do so, ^{and} it is a matter that cannot be hurried at all, as we shall simply have to wait patiently until two or three bands come in to the agency ^{and} they travel very slowly with heavy loads at this season of the year.

The probability is that I shall not be able to go east with the remainder of the party my-

self even if I should be instructed to do so, as I shall not be able to get them ready until about the time our spring work begins & I feel that it would not be right for me to leave the agency then.

If it should turn out so, I hope I may be permitted to send them east in charge of the agency physician, Dr. H. A. Russell.

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