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clerk's letter <sup>re</sup> to  
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# United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1893

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington D. C.

Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst marked "C 8659, 9554, 9601" it is unfortunate that the Pueblo children must return home just at a period when they understand English, and are making most rapid progress. Their school period expires on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July next but they had best be returned immediately after the expiration of the present month, so there may be no excuse for want of visiting time should they return in the fall. Within a fortnight I will make request in regard to their going in connection with such others as it may be necessary to send.

In reference to the communication from Agent Clark of the Colorado River Agency I would say that the distance is so great, causing large transpor-

tation expenses and the number so small, that the attempt does not strike me as very encouraging, We shall have no trouble, in securing all the children we can take from tribes nearer at hand, In this connection I would respectfully submit that in my judgement it would be advantageous to decrease the number of tribes represented and so cover more ground in the tribes. If the hesitation of Congress in taking up this work and carrying it forward on a large scale, comes from any design to wait for proofs it would be far better to make our work here cover one, two or three tribes who could about supply the number of children we could carry. It is folly to expect anything like full success except we take all the children of a tribe.

I return herin the Original Communications,

Very respectfully

Yours Obedient Servant

R. H. Pratt

Capt. 10<sup>th</sup> Cav'y

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