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Capt. R. N. Pratt
Carlisle School Pa
Sept. 8. 1883

Forwards copy of letter
from Agh Rindan, rel.
to his position oc. Also
rel. to need of better
dining room of
Map + 2 inc

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Personal

United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 8th 1883

Hon. H. Rice

Com^{dr} Ind^{ian} Aff^{airs}

Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

Riordan asks me in a subsequent letter to send you a copy of the enclosed that you may know how he feels about staying. From what I saw at that Agency and noting the tools Congress has given to work with, the chances are two to one that any man will fail you send to that Agency. I don't know a man in Govt service (except the Commissioner of Indian Affairs himself) more entitled to the broadest charity than the one who undertakes to manage, with the means allowed, the Navajoe Indians and Agency. He ought to have a salary of \$5000.⁰⁰ a year, and plenty of helps.

(over)

My report only goes in this evening.
It is both weak and late. Its weakness
may make it stronger, and for its lateness
I simply lay my head on the block.

All goes well. School work
began on the 3rd. Our shops will
be no longer an aggravation.

I fear you will have to give
me a larger and better protected
dining room. Our present room
is too small and inconvenient
and is well worn out.

I will leave for the I.S. about
the 20th. Hardly get back before
Oct. 31.

With great respect
R.H. Pratt

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The following is a list of the
 names of the persons who
 were present at the
 meeting held on the
 1st day of June 1883
 at the residence of
 Mr. J. H. [unclear]
 in the town of [unclear]
 County of [unclear]
 State of [unclear]

Albuquerque New Mexico.
Aug 27. 1883

My dear Capt: -

Answering your last hastily I beg to thank you for your kind appreciation. The greatest pang of leaving was caused by the feeling that the school work might be allowed to lag in consequence. But things have taken another shape. Genl. Armstrong came to us like an arch-angel's visit, and after a canvass of the situation said to me if I would stay he would undertake to straighten out matters generally, bringing to my aid his public support. (Ordinary angels lack his "go", I imagine.)

Result, I agreed; and we both wired the Commissioner to "stop proceedings". Tell those young folks to keep up heart. If I stay now it means fight; and I'll win too. I'll pull those youngsters through with me. I've thought of them both many a wakeful hour since I saw you.

Take it easy on Manuelito - He'll fix that business all in good time.

If it is decided I stay after all,

the ferment will have done good. The Nava-
jo Agency has been in the Slough of Despond
long enough. I propose to get it out if I
remain, and with the support promised and
the knowledge of the situation the Office now
has the thing must go. When I find out if
the decision is to stay, I will advise you at
once and then I want Robert and Nettie
right off. You can count on my action
from that moment.

With many regards

Your friend

(signed)

D. M. Jordan.