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Enc. letter from
White Eagle, chf.
of Poncas rel.
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United States Indian Service,**TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,****CARLISLE BARRACKS,**Carlisle, Pa., Dec 27 1883

To the Honorable

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs
Washington. D. C.

Sir:

I forward herewith a letter from White Eagle, Chief of the Poncas, written by his son who recently returned home after three years at Carlisle, in regard to a wagon. When White Eagle was here and saw our wagons he spoke about one and I told him to ask for it when he reached Washington. When he spoke to Mr Standing about it in Oct last, Mr Standing told him to apply through the Agent to Washington. There is no promise that I know of to let him have a wagon. I would be glad to send him a wagon and harness if the Department thinks best. His son is

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a promising boy of fifteen and I will
arrange for his return to the school.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

R.H. Pratt

Capt and Supt.

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Dear friend Capt Pratt.

When Mr Standing

was here after some of our children we gave him some boys and we could not get any girls I was very sorry for that. The Poncas they don't know enough about the ^{white} people and they want send their children to school I am only one like the white people's ways. You had one of my boy and when he came back the Poncas see him like the white people they all glad when he talks English. We all Indians we don't know anything and the other tribes they gave you children and they learn something I heard about them. They all glad when their children come back like white people and there are just like your father.

My dear father I want something at your school. At your school I heard they made wagons & harness I want one of the spring wagon And one of the double harness for the wagon and show me to

the Indians there. I told Mr Standing
about that and said he is going to tell
you and I haven't heard that so I am
write to you again. And there's another
man came here he is major of all U.S.
School and I told him he should tell
you about them things. When first
I was at your school you told me
if I want of them things I should ~~the~~
tell the President but when I was at
Washington I forgot to tell him so I
want you to tell him, I want them wagon
& harness. And when I have them wagon ~~and~~
harness and I want show to the Indian
and tell them the white people they
want us to learn how to make this kind.
And you want my boy back and I don't
know how I am going to send him back
I have no money.

From your truly friend.
White Eagle.
Ponca Chief.