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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., *July 12 1884*

To the Hon.

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,
Washington.

Sir:

In reply to your telegram of this date I have to inform you that on the 18th Decr. I started Dr. O. G. Given, my school physician, to New Mexico and Arizona to bring in the pupils authorized from the Pueblos and Apaches, and to have a care for the interests of the school in the selections and examinations.

I have arranged with Mr. White of the Atchison, Topeka and St. Fe R.R. for a rate of \$50.⁰⁰ from Wilcox to Carlisle ~~and return~~. He has agreed to give me a separate car, and at my solicitation he also gave me a free pass from Carlisle

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to Wilcox and return for Dr. Given, and agreed to give a pass for an Assistant for Dr. G. from Wilcox to Carlisle and return to Wilcox. I arranged it thus to cover an escort for the Chiefs to return. Capt. Crawford, who started the plan, in answer to my inquiry informed me, that Lt. West of the Army would be glad to come in. Subsequently, when I had your letter, informing me that Agent Wilcox had been instructed in the matter, I placed the selecting of an Assistant to Dr. Given in his hands, advising him that Capt. Crawford had informed me Lt. West was willing to come in. I supposed that part of the affair relating to the Chief would be attended to by Agt. Wilcox. I so wrote to him and to Mr. White soliciting the same rate for him.

Your telegram to me of Dec. 8. says "You will have entire control of transportation of Indians from San Carlos;" but I did not think you could mean to include the Chiefs.

Dr. Given, in accordance with his instructions stopped at Santa Fe and

arranged for Pueblos. In accordance with my suggestion he took one of our returned Pueblo boys, who speaks Spanish well, with him to San Carlos, where they arrived on the 11th inst. He telegraphed me on the 7th he could "get 40 boys, but no girls" and asked instructions. I telegraphed him to "bring best 20 boys and increase towards 30 with girls."

On the 10th I received a despatch from Capt. Dawford, saying; "Gen. Crook has asked to have all the boys I have sent to school. I shall hold the 20 till I hear from him, so all can go together." In reply to that I telegraphed him, "Could take the 40 boys, tenting part temporarily - room for 35 girls. Would not Indians send girls if Apache woman, or man and wife came on and remained in charge having salary?"

I had it in mind to conform to the disposition at San Carlos, even though I should be called upon to ask you to increase your authority to 75 from that agency. I made the suggestion about

Apache woman, or man and wife, in charge, having knowledge of the strict care exercised by the women over the girls by the Apache Customs, and the education of the boys only means much less than half salvation in what may be done for them in this way.

In my instructions to Dr. Given I said to him "Should Agent Wilcox be unable to furnish 30 from the San Carlos Agency and Capt. Crawford, who has charge of the Apache prisoners, be able to satisfactorily complete the quota, you may accept from him enough to make up the complement of 30 from the Apaches."

Your message was not received until 11 o'clock Saturday, owing to the neglect of the Telegraph Co.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

R. H. Pratt
Capt. 10th Cav.
Supr.