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R. H. Pratt  
Carlisle Pa.  
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Refs. to getting  
papers for school  
& requests authority  
to act. Dyer to  
permit "Ponder  
Face. Sgt. Haniel  
& wives to visit  
his school

Letter to Capt. Pratt Nov. 7/84  
" " Agt. Dyer Nov. 7/84

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa.,

Nov. 14.

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To the Hon.

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

When I visited the Indian Territory last year after a delegation of pupils, the Arapahoes were far more energetic and earnest in sending their children than the Cheyennes. Both Powder Face and Left Hand, the principal chiefs, sent their sons and daughters. It then occurred to Agent Miles and myself that if they were especially favored in some way for their spirit in the matter, it would be helpful to the cause, and it was our opinion there would be much less difficulty in securing girls if Indian women were allowed to see the school. I proposed to Powder Face and Left Hand that they visit Carlisle this Fall and bring their wives, and that I would see to their transportation. I am now informed



Commr.

by Agent Dyer that they are ready to come to Carlisle about the middle of this month.

Knowing the situation at the Agency I have thought it might be better to have two of the Cheyenne Chiefs and their wives come in as well.

I have, therefore, to request that authority be granted to Agent Dyer to permit, if he thinks best, Powder Face + Left Hand and their wives, and two Cheyenne Chiefs, whom he will select, and their wives, to visit Carlisle; their expenses not to be borne by the United States. I hope this permission may be forwarded promptly to Agent Dyer, so that he may not be in doubt about sending them in time to be at the Railroad by the 17<sup>th</sup> inst.

Very Respectfully,  
Your obt. Servant

R.H. Pratt  
Capt. 10<sup>th</sup> Cav  
Supt.