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Capt Pratt.

Enclosed letter of Ins. S.  
Phillips, relative to estab-  
lishment of Indian school  
at Fort Dodge. In opposi-  
tion to school at this point

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Miss Cook

*Handwritten initials*

Dept of the Interior,

Feb 4/85

Respectfully referred to the  
Coms'r of Indian Affairs,

*Handwritten signature*  
Chief Clerk

U. S.

Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa.,

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Hon. H. M. Teller

Secy. of the Interior,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I forward herewith letter received from John D. Miles in reference to the use of Ft. Dodge, Kansas, for an Indian School with special reference to Cattle raising. My judgment is that the proximity to the Reservations, together with the worse than Camp influences of such a place as Dodge City would be almost insurmountable objections to the plan for such a School at that point.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servant

R. H. Poak

Capt. 10<sup>th</sup> Cav  
Supt.

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Lawrence, Kansas, *July 25 1885*

*Capt R. A. Pratt  
Lytle Pa  
Dear Capt:*

I have noticed that the Fort Dodge military Reservation was to be placed at the disposal of the Secy of Interior, for sale or other use.

I have been thinking over a scheme to start a school at that point, and the manner in which such a school might be made a success. By securing the use of the entire reservation for grazing purposes, there would be no question as to financial success. By securing an appropriation for 1000 cows and calves or say 2000 yearling heifers and 50 <sup>or 100</sup> grand Bulls it would be necessary also to cultivate sufficient ground to furnish vegetables and grass for the school, and such animals as might require grain. With the free amt. of land for grazing purposes, I know the school will soon become self supporting - and the success would depend upon the

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"Con-true" of the Dept. or manager. Of course he would need all the qualifications generally required at such an institution of learning, but he would especially require good "con-true". You will know more of the character of the buildings and their adaptation for school purposes than myself, but I was strucking they were generally stone and well built, and would better accommodate 500 children than the Lawrence school.

I think every effort should be put forth by the Govt. to place all Indian children beyond the reach of tribal influence, and give them such training as will best prepare them for the inevitable - citizenship. And such institutions as Carlisle, Hampton, Haskell Institute, Fort Lane &c., and the proposed "Fort Dodge Indian Home" should be considered and operated more as a "home" - signifying permanency, and absolute

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abandonment of tribes and tribal laws,  
 and as stepping stones to a road and  
 abiding civilization - rather than a  
 term of years for educational instruction, to  
 be enjoyed for a season, and then to be  
 sacrificed and forever lost by contact  
 with Indian and Indian customs.  
 In operating such a "Home" as proposed at  
 Fort Dodge I would suggest the propriety of taking  
 the whole family of such persons, as Chief  
 Kiyem, Buffalo Hunt, Star + and a lot  
 of other young married people of the younger  
 families, and require the strict obedience  
 to every rule or regulation, pertaining to labor,  
 dress, speech, deportment, &c. Of course  
 it would require the usual appropriation to  
 operate such a school or "Home" until such  
 time as the Home would obviate the necessity  
 - which would not be many years - such a  
 scheme cannot be worked out successfully  
 at or near an Agency or reservation. For

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The reason that you could not enforce the necessary discipline, nor prevent the lawless from depredating on the herd - and as touching the matter of discipline I think it would be best to have the detail of an energetic Christian, Army officer to be in charge or as an assistant in such an institution (or "house").

The time, in my opinion is not far distant when every man in these United States, whether he be white or black must stand on his own bottom - and be subject to equal benefits and governed by the same laws. But it is the duty of the Govt. to act promptly in preparing the measures for this change.

Please pardon this lengthy Epistle  
Very respectfully  
Jno. D. Miles