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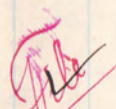
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Crow Agency M.T.

17/2/85

H. J. ArmstrongWent certain Crow
Indian boys named
returned to agency
for reasons given


 Letter to Pratt Feb. 26/85
 " " Armstrong Mch. 10/4

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H. J. Cook

United States Indian Service,

Crow Agency, Mont.
Feb 18th, 1885

Hon. H. Price
Commissioner Ind. Aff.
Washington D.C.

Sir

When I started the first
lot of Crow children to
Gardiner on the 22^d of Feb.
1883 I did not know the
regular term at the school
was for three years ^{and} so
promised the Indians that
their children should be re-
turned to them in two years

I would prefer that they
remain the full term of
three years but if they wish
to return this spring, or now,
I think my promise should
be kept ^{and} that the boys should
be sent back, if they are

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United States Indian Service,

Agency,

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sent back, they should come
early enough to permit a crop.
I have received letters from
but one - John Wesley - saying
that he be permitted to return.
It may be that Capt Pratt
can persuade all of them to
remain the full three years.

The names of those to whom
I made the promise that they
might return in two years are
John Wesley, George Washington,
Steals the Bears, ~~and~~ Carl Dieder,
and Charlie Fisher. Three others
sent at the same time have
returned to this agency

Very Respectfully
H. J. Armstrong
Agent

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Mch. 3. 1885

To the Hon.

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

Sir:-

I return herewith the communication of Agent Armstrong in regard to the return of some of the Crow pupils, and have to say that there is no anxiety on the part of any of them to return to their Agency at present, so far as I know, except John Wesley, who claims to have a wife and child at the Agency. He would be glad to return and bring his family East. Just what is best to do in regard to his case I am not prepared to recommend, but I think it may safely be left in the hands of Agent Armstrong and myself, as under your general authority to return pupils I can let him go home at any time.

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Bennett.

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Having culled out and returned the
bad and sickly material ^{from this Agency,} we have satis-
faction in all those who remain at
Carlisle. All the boys save one are
well placed with good farmers in
Pennna. and attending Public Schools
this Winter, which was the wish of
Agent Armstrong when he sent them.

I have recently written Agent
Armstrong that I would take a small
delegation next year if he desires.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

R. H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Regt
Supt.