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Lewis Elm,
Oneida, Wis,
April 2, 1886,

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be done.

Tell Pratt to
let him go
J. N. O.

Merida, Brown Co. Wis.

April 2d, 1886.

J. S. C. Atkins

Commissioner of Ind. Affairs

Washington, D. C.

Hon. Sir;

My son, Levi Elm, is
at the Indian Training School,
at Carlisle, Pa. He is 19 years
old, but he cannot make up
his mind to stay there; he
is getting to be very down-
hearted, and I am very sure
something bad will happen
to him if he is kept there
much longer against
his will. I have asked
Capt. Pratt before this to
send him home, but he

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will not listen to my request. I have also asked you to send my son home before this, but you left it to Capt. Pratt to say whether he should come or not; but now I ask you to take this matter into your own hands and send my son home; he is my youngest son and I cannot bear ^{to} hear him asking to come home and be refused any longer; I cannot be happy when I know my youngest son is so unhappy away from his home; for he has a good home here, and a large farm on which he can work; and he will be glad to work on it with me; You can, I think, give an order to have my son sent home. it

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will be a small work for you
to do but it would give
great happiness to me,
to my son, and to his mother,
and I am sure God will bless
you for it. I appreciate
your kind wish, and Capt.
Pratt's kind ^{wish} to do good to my
son, but I know his disposi-
tion better than either of
you do, and I am sure that
every day my son is kept there
against his will, real and per-
manent harm is being done
to him. If you will please
give the order to send him home
I am willing, if necessary, to pay
his R. R. fare - Please do as I request
now and lift a heavy load of
sorrow from my heart.

Very respectfully
Lewis Elm