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Captain A. D. H. Pratt,

Superintendent,

Submits remarks with suggestions of Lieut. Richards on the subject of getting the children of the Chiricahua prisoners at Ft. Marion, Florida, to the Indian School at Carlisle, Pa.

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L. C. Brown
Adjutant General.

A. G. Office,
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For the Honorable
The Secretary of the
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War Department,

June 7, 1886

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furnished for the information of
the Honorable Secretary of
the Interior.

Yours truly
J. A. McKim
Secretary of War

Dept. of the Interior,

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Respectfully referred to the
Com'r of Indian Affairs,

G. M. Postwood
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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., May 29th, 1886.

General R. C. Drum,

Adj't. Genl., U. S. A.,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

A few days ago I received a letter from Lieut. Richards, in charge of the Apache prisoners at Fort Marion, suggesting that I send young Bonito, one of our Chiricahua students to Fort Marion for a few weeks, that he might explain to the Indians about school, and induce them to give up their suitable children for education. Bonito had written to Chihuahua, one of the Chiefs whom he knows. A number of persons in St. Augustine have written me about the children, suggesting that they ought to be sent here. If the Department thinks well of it I would receive and take care of all that are of suitable age, and I have ample funds for the purpose. Lieut. Richard's suggestion that Bonito go down and inform the parents is good. He is only fourteen years old and an older boy might serve better.

Capt. Burke, now in Washington, who has been here, and is so well acquainted with the Apaches, would, I think, be a most effective agent in overcoming the prejudices of the Indians. I would go down if thought best. Two would not be necessary. Miss Mather, now in St. Augustine, who you will remember as one of my most faithful assistants when I was there in charge of Indian prisoners, writes me she would be glad to receive an order to bring them up.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Sgd:-

R. H. Pratt,
Capt. 10th Cavalry,
Superintendent.