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Atlantic, Division of -

William D. Whipple,
Asst. Adjutant General.
in the absence
of
Major General J.M. Schofield
Commanding.

Forwards suggestion of Ste-
phen C. Mills, 1st Lieut. 12
Infantry, in charge of Ind-
ian prisoners at Fort Marion
Florida, that the Chiricahua
boy Bonito, now at Carlisle,
Pa. be sent to visit the mem-
bers of his tribe at Fort
Marion, Florida.

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J. T. Kelton
Assist. Adjutant General.
A.G.O. - June 25, 1886.

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For the Honorable
The Sec'y of the Interior.

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War Department,

June 28, 1886.

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

Wm. D. Felt

Secretary of War.

Person

Dept. of the Interior,

June 29/86

Respectfully referred to the
Coms'r of Indian Affairs,

Edw. Postwood

Chief Clerk.

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Fort Marion, Florida,
June 20th, 1886.

Adjutant General,
U. S. Army,
Thro' Commanding Officer, St. Francis Bks. Fla.

General:

I have the honor to suggest that, should it meet with the approval of the Lieutenant General Commanding the Army, it would be of great assistance to have the Chiricahua Apache boy known as Bonito sent here.

He is now at the Indian Industrial School at Carlisle, Pa.

He is known to these Indians and since their arrival here has written two (2) letters to the Chief Chihuahua.

In the absence of any information on the subject, I have assumed that eventually the children, now held as prisoners here, will be sent to one of the Indian Training schools. In such a case the advantages of sending here one of their own tribe who has been in the school and who can explain to them in detail its methods, advantages, and manner of life, would be very marked.

He could explain to the older Indians as no white man can, the care that would be taken of their children and do much towards making them satisfied with the separation.

Even should the children not be sent to the school the presence of an Indian thoroughly conversant with the English language and habits of white men would, I think, have a good effect on these people.

I am, General,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

SGD: Stephen C. Mills,

1st. Lieut. 12th Infantry,

In charge of Chiricahua Indian Prisoners

1st Endorsement.

St. Francis Barracks

San Augustine, Fla.

June 21, 1886.

Respectfully forwarded, through Headquarters of the Department of the East, to the Adjutant General, U.S. Army, Washington City D.C. for the consideration of the Lieutenant General Commanding the Army, and with the recommendation that Lieut. Mill's suggestion be adopted.

SGD: Loomis L. Langdon,
Lieut. Col. 2d Artillery.
Commanding Post.

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2nd Endorsement.

Headquarters Division of the Atlantic,
Governor's Island, N. Y.
June 24th, 1886.

Respectfully forwarded to the Adjutant General of the Army.

SGD: WM. D. Whipple,
Asst. Adjutant General.
In the absence of the Division
Commander.
