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Capt. H. Pratt
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INDIAN DIV
Carlisle, Pa.

Aug. 10th 1886

Asks that he be allowed
to go to various Agencies
for the purpose of selecting
pupils for the school
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See Letter to Capt. Pratt Aug 16/86

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To Secretary, Aug. 19/86

To Pratt, Aug. 23/86

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Very respectfully,

Your obedt. servant

[Signature]
Chas. J. Galt

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Approved except
that no pupils can be
taken from Zwapaw Agency.
(Seneca mo.) school accommodations
being Agency provided.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., August 10, 1886

Hon. J. D. C. Atkins,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I hoped before this there would be some system giving to the schools everywhere, especially to those remote from Agencies, the Indian youth best adapted for school training as suggested in my letter of April 27, '85. For the best results the select material from the Agency schools should be sent to the better equipped, remote schools.

To complete our quota under the appropriation and continue, at the same time, our planting out system, we need 125 new pupils for the school year beginning in September. It is too late this year for any arrangement that will give us a few selected pupils from each of the different Agency schools, to make up the number required, and I am compelled to submit for your approval a resort to the original plan of going out to the Agencies and establishing a recruiting station and thus enlist pupils, selecting the best from those who come forward. I therefore request that I may be author-

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ized to bring to this school, from the different Agencies, 125 pupils. If you approve, I shall attempt, in person, to procure them from the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency, the Kiowa and Comanche and the Quapaw Agency, I T.; from the Pueblo Agency of N. M.; from the Navajo Agency, Arizona, and from the Pine Ridge Agency, Dak. It will not be practicable to go out and enlist students and delay with them until their names and ages can be reported to Washington, and the necessary authority and transportation be supplied, as the regulations you have established, require; but duplicate copies of the Descriptive Lists can be forwarded immediately on arrival of students at Carlisle. Indians once ready to go, are impatient of delays, and the person undertaking this difficult task should be entirely free and so authorized to control the transportation upon which he is to move his party, as to be able to move at once when ready.

If the plan for bringing in youth were changed, so as to give to remote schools a few of the best pupils from each of the Agency Schools, as I have suggested, then the Superintendency of remote schools would have no concern about the bringing of them in and the plans at present in force would not be so objectionable.

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If it is not thought best to reconsider the orders, I have to request that in connection with the authority for bringing in 125 youth, transportation may be arranged from the following points. Whole tickets only. (If possible I will avoid bringing to Carlisle any more pupils under 12 years.)

None from Seneca

From Seneca, Mo., 12 pupils are offered; 1 Conductor in charge who will need transportation both ways. The Missionary at that point, Rev. Watson, informs me that the Agent would like to bring them in, but if the Agent cannot be allowed to bring them, he, Mr. Watson, would do so.

From Caldwell, Kans., I hope to get 60 pupils. Two Conductors will be necessary. If not more than 40, (one car load,) 1 Conductor would answer. I will see to that. Transportation and expenses back to the Agency will also be necessary for the Conductors.

Twenty pupils from the various Pueblo villages; transportation being arranged from both Albuquerque and Laguna--such part from each as may be required.

Pupils from the Navajo Agency; transportation to be arranged from Manuelito. I have little hope of getting children from the Navajoes, but as it has been constantly suggested from the Depart-

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ment, I am willing to make another trial. The escort for these two parties will need to be arranged for when it is known that the youth can be secured.

From Pine Ridge, transportation from Rushville, Neb., The quantity of transportation in each case should be flexible, so that from either place I might send more, in case of good success, as well as less in case of poor success. The transportation should be so arranged as that my giving three or four days notice to the Rail-road would bring it to the point needed.

I shall need authority covering my own transportation and expenses and those of an assistant. I propose to go to Quapaw first, thence to Cheyenne and Kiowa, thence to Pueblo and Navajoe and thence to Pine Ridge, from which point I will bring in the last party. My oldest daughter will go as my assistant to help in securing girls.

Very respectfully,

Your obdt. servant

R.H. Pratt
Capt. & Supt.