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Capt. R. H. Pratt

In reply to Dept letter of
13th rel to placing Chocoma
Indian Children (at Ft Augustine)
in Carlisle School

see 5841/86

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Letters to War Dept

Oct 15 + 16/86.

To Col. Langdon Oct 2/86

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Dept. of the Interior,

Oct 18/86

Respectfully referred to the
Com's'r of Indian Affairs, in

Connection with Dept letter
of 16th inst on this subject.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Oct 14, 1886.

Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar,
Secy. of the Interior,
Washington D. C.
Sir.

In reply to your letter of yesterday in regard to the disposition you wish to make of the school children and younger adults of the Apache prisoners at Fort Marion Fla. I have to inform you that our enrollment today is 517 of whom 111 are out in families and public schools. I find however that it will be practicable to handle from 125 to 150 more, by making temporary dormitory accommodations for part of the males, and increasing the capacity of our industrial branches. Our girls building will take sixty more than our number present (152) and still give over 600 cubic feet of air space each. Our boys dormitories will take

only about twenty more than are now present, but we have tents for immediate accommodation, and have most of the lumber and material needed for temporary quarters. Their good and our safety would require that we enlarge the working departments so as not to have any idlers. The present expense of this need not be material. The Dining Hall is ample for this increase and the school rooms will do very well.

There are other good homes offered where pupils who have been with us two or three years may be placed with profit to themselves in country schools for the winter, and relieve us of overcrowding should that happen.

Our industrial branches do not take good hold of pupils under twelve, but 21 or 22 is still a profitable age. I suggest the limit be fixed at 12 to 22.

Those under twelve could be well handled in St. Augustine for the present.

In case you send them here, it would be advisable that I go or send an employe to look out for the interests of the school; and if one of our Apache boys went along he could do much to smooth the way for a willing consent from the parents. Your sending Chato and party here a few weeks ago will have had good influence to this end.

If you wish to divide the party, Hampton would no doubt take a number.

I shall be glad to undertake, within our capacity, as above explained, whatever you may order.

Very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 R. N. Pratt
 Capt & Supt.