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H. F. Bond, 22/24
Montana Indl. School,
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Rel. to objection to send-
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Wellknown, Crow Indian
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to Mont. Indl. School
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To H. F. Bond Mch 9-86

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Montana Industrial School for
Indians - Ramona ranch, Blakely P.O.
Montana -

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To the Hon. Commissioner of Indian Affairs -
Washington D.C.

Sir,

I have just learned that you object to
Capt Pratt's sending to us George Hill and
Florence ~~Well-known~~ Well-known as assistants
in our school on the ground that they have
not yet completed the course of instruction at
Carlisle. I suppose your objection to be
mainly to making a precedent of their case.
They are both Crow Indians. I respectfully
submit to you that they would be exceedingly
useful to me in my work, both because they
are familiar with both Crow & English languages,
& because they would help me to introduce some
of the methods of Capt. Pratt. The former
has a high reputation both here on the Crow Res-
ervation and at Carlisle, and I must say

that I am exceedingly disappointed at your decision, and sincerely hope you may reverse it after learning all the circumstances.

Nothing is more important in the education of the Indians than following up their schooling with civilizing employment. No one surely understands better than you that they relapse into their old habits when they return to their tribe, because nothing but their old occupations present themselves to them. It has been my hope to make this Reservation school & the Hampton schools & Carlisle school parts of our system. I desire to help supply such Eastern Institutions with pupils for advanced instruction, & to have some interest in their graduates who return here, & to employ them so far as I can.

I do not learn that there are any Crow graduates who can be recommended to us. It was therefore that Capt. Pratt proposed to send Geo. Neile & Flora well known, although they have not completed the course. We think that about half our employes may advantageously be Indians. Feeling assured of your interest - I am
Very Respectfully Yours obed^t Sewell
H. F. Board Sup^t