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Capt. R. H. Pratt

22/80 Carlisle School

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In regard to
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and Josephine Vetter
in Alsace Germany

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To Agent Pratt & Co. New York
April 21st 1887 as to estate of
children

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Apr. 13. 1887.

To the Hon.

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 12th inst, marked L. 3146 - 1887 - 8417, covering a letter to you from C. H. Grover, U. S. Indian Agent at Pottawatomie & Great Nemaha Agcy. Kansas, dated Jan. 31. '87, and inclosing a letter from Joseph Vetter in relation to monies due him and his sister in Alsace, Germany, claiming that \$1400. were yet due each of them, I have to inform you that I procured the check of the German Consul in Baltimore for the \$1400. due Joseph Vetter, on Feb. 24th last and forwarded it the same day by registered letter to Joseph and now have his (Joseph's) receipt for the same.

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There are still due these two children 400 marks, which are withheld in Germany on account of a claim made by officious, self-appointed, speculating attorneys and guardians in Nebraska.

Josephine received her \$1400. early in December and has \$2000. well secured on interest at five per cent.

On the receipt of the first installment of \$743. Joe, against my advice, recklessly loaned part of it to a young farmer whom he knew, and then ran away from our control; this caused delay in his receiving the last installment of \$1400. The small balance of 400 Marks due these children I have taken steps to secure for them through the same channel which collected the other.

The history of this transaction, of which I have papers & proofs, shows

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a most deplorable condition of judicial and legal integrity in the vicinity of the Iowa Reservation. Had I not taken the matter in hand, I doubt whether either of the better children would have received a single dollar of their inheritance. As it is the collections have been made at a cost of less than two per cent. As this history is long, and the papers in connection with it bulky, I refrain from giving it unless you desire it.

From letters I have received from the Agency I fear Joe is in the hands of an Agency Court about, and that his inheritance will prove of little benefit to him.

Josephine is in the care of an excellent educator at Downingtown, Pa., improving her education and bids fair to make a good, useful woman.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

R. H. Pratt
Capt. 10th Cav. 8. Supt.