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R. H. Pratt
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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Carlisle Pa Feb 15th, 1888.
Washington,

Hon. J. D. C. Atkins

Com^r of Indⁿ Affrs

Sir.

I have the honor to respectfully request that the attention of Congress be invited to the necessity for more and better school room accommodations for Carlisle.

We have now a fairly complete establishment, in every way equal to the needs of six hundred children except in the one feature of school-room accommodation, and in that we are overcrowded with four hundred and forty, and the quality of the room we have is very imperfect in the light, ventilation and shape of the rooms.

The present building was first erected in 1835. It was burned in 1863 and rebuilt using the same walls. It is much cracked and out of repair, and this added to the fact that we must enlarge in some way advises that it would be best to take it down and use the material in building a new one. We need a plain compact house with sixteen school-rooms of about 30 x 34 and an assembly-room large enough for 600, with the necessary closets heating and ventilating apparatus.

I submit that this improvement is necessary and important to complete the facilities of the School, and respectfully urge such action as will bring it before the Indian Committee in time for the present Appropriation Bill.

Very respectfully
 Your obedient servant
 R. H. Pratt
 Capt. & Supt.

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Recommends increased accommodations at Carlisle school, incl. letter from Capt. Pratt.

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Refer in reply to the following:

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Department of the Interior, *J.A.G. W.B.*

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Washington, February 16, 1888.

The Honorable
The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from Captain Pratt, Superintendent of Carlisle Indian school, in which he states the necessity for increased accommodations at that school.

There are dormitory and dining-room accommodations for a larger number than can be provided with school room facilities. With the improvements suggested by Captain Pratt a greater number of Indians can be accommodated, and, believing it for the best interests of the Indian school service, I respectfully recommend that such action be taken as will bring the matter to the attention of Congress as soon as possible.

Very respect fully,

J. D. Watkins

Commissioner.