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Carlisle Barracks, Pa  
Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10<sup>th</sup> Cav,  
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May 4. '88.

Reply to Office letter  
of May 2. 88 - Ed: 11204  
stating that parents  
of pupils from Duapan  
Agency claim a promise  
by Agent Ridpath  
that they were to be  
returned in 3 years -  
thinks it better to return  
Delia Hicks & others in  
pursuance of this  
promise.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., May 4. 1888.

To the Hon.

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

Sir

Replying to yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst, marked Education 11204, in reference to the daughters of Henry Hicks, a member of the Wyandotte tribe, Quapaw Agency, I have to respectfully inform you that a number of the friends and relatives of pupils brought from that Agency to the school by Agent Ridpath three years ago, claim the children were to be returned in three years, and that this was Agent Ridpath's promise.

My school physician, who was present at the arrangements in regard to Delia, daughter of Henry Hicks, states he knew nothing of any different arrangement from that which has been the rule with



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us for the last six years, viz: 5 year period.

I have endeavored in this case, as in others, to quiet the claim, and have gone so far as to say to Mr. Ricks that if he took his daughter away before the time, he would have to stand the cost of her transportation home, but even in that case he must have the Commissioner's consent. This he claimed he could get.

The girl is bright and capable, and it would be for her best interests to remain here for the other two years, but in view of her father's expressed intention to send her to Earlham College, in Indiana, and the claim that Agent Ridpath, agreed that she should return in three years, it would be as well I submit hers with other names of the same party for transportation home at the end of the

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School year. Most of the students themselves prefer to remain even if the right and privilege of going home is conceded. I think it will be as well for us to settle all the cases on the declared preferences of the pupils.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servt.

R.H. Pratt  
Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1857  
Supt.