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In ref. to new
 Pupils from Crow &
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 others.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 30. 1889.

To the Hon.

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

Sir:

When I was last in Washington you thought the funds of the Crows and Piegiens could be used in transporting their children to Carlisle, and I came home expecting to write you in reference to parties from them. I found, however, I was under obligation to wait developments at Omaha and Winnebago Agency for a party, and also one from Michigan. The Michigan party, which was to consist of ten - 8 girls and 2 boys - under pressure of Catholic influence dwindled to two girls and one boy. The Omaha & Winnebago party, which I supposed would be as many as

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ten, has, under some influence, I think the same, dwindled to three girls and one boy. I am, therefore, ready to receive a party from Montana.

Some weeks ago I received four Piegans from Montana, who came at their own cost for transportation; being brought in by Mr. Henry A. Kennerly, the Interpreter at the Agency, and father of two of the boys. I have just received a letter from him, in which he says quite a number of children are anxious to come here. I have no doubt, if the transportation expenses can be covered as you intimated, and the Agent is written to by the Office or by me, we can secure as many as we are able to carry. I have no information from the Crow Agency, having had no correspondence with that point on the subject. I can take care of twenty-five to thirty

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more pupils provided half are girls. These might be divided between the Crow and Piegan Agencies. All the requirements as to health and age should be exacted; preferably none under 14. - I submit the matter for your consideration and such action as you deem best.

In this connection I have to respectfully inform you that the pressure for students to go out on farms has commenced, and I have no doubt I could easily place 500 this summer. In order to do this successfully we must send some in March, more in April and a greater number in May. This will greatly reduce our numbers at the school unless we can secure additional pupils from the Agencies. I should like very much to be able this year to meet nearly, or quite, all suitable

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Requests for pupils, in order that this feature of our work may be largely increased. I submit whether it would not be wise to arrange for one hundred to two hundred new pupils to be brought in during March, April and May.

Our own pupils, especially those who have been out heretofore, are exceedingly anxious to avail themselves of these privileges.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

R. H. Pratt

Sept. 10th 1891
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