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Estimated cost of bringing
in 100 pupils to Carlisle
from Crow, Blackfoot,
Fort Rock and Fort Belknap
agencies, Mont.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., July 27 1890.

To the Hon.

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

Sir:

Replying to yours of July 24, 1890,
marked "H. Sch. Exp." advising that the
Treaty Funds of Indians at the Crow,
Blackfoot, Fort Peck and Fort Belknap
Agencies can be used for transportation
of pupils to Carlisle, and instructing me
to furnish you with the number of Indians
I expect to secure from these Agencies,
and estimated cost of transportation,
I have respectfully to inform you,
that I have had no correspondence with
these Agencies, except the Blackfoot, where,
I feel confident, a considerable party can
be obtained. The Superintendent of the
School at that point has several times

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written of his desire to send some of his best pupils, and I have had a number of letters from his pupils, instigated, no doubt, by reports from the four boys, who came here recently at their own cost.

The disposition to forward to us students, who might not, under any circumstances, to have the superior advantages we offer, is very great. If School Superintendents can get rid of their troublesome material by sending it to Carlisle, they too often take advantage of us and do so. I have now quite a considerable number of hard cases who are entirely unworthy of our advantages, and the outcome of whose school life would be very doubtful in almost any quarter.

I have little doubt we could work up parties at each Agency, enough to make one hundred at the four Agencies. I would

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suggest that authority be granted for that number, and, in order that we may be protected, that instructions to the Agents be sent from your Office. Also that the quality and ages of the pupils, and the proportion of the sexes be settled in the instructions. I would suggest that the age be fixed not under twelve nor over eighteen. We should have not less than one-third girls; preferably one-half. A strict medical examination, similar to the Army examination should be made in each case, and the sending of incorrigible, or criminally disposed students should be forbidden.

It will cost about \$6000. to bring 100 to Carlisle, provided they come in about equal numbers from each Agency; paying all incidental expenses en route, and of escorts, gathering up, &c.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt.

W. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav. Regt.