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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,  
CARLISLE, PA.

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Hon. T. J. Morgan,  
Commissioner of Ind. Aff'rs,  
Washington, D. C.,

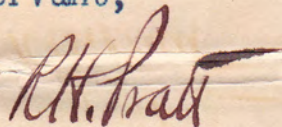
Sir:

I enclose herewith letter from Mr. Clark at Fort Sill. Mr. Clark has been among the Kiowas and Comanches many years, and has a very warm heart for them and a deep interest in them. I esteem him one of the best men of his class. I have always found him reliable and his views worthy of careful consideration.

What he proposes was one of the favorite schemes of my good Dr. Given. I should be pleased to see his recommendation acted upon favorably.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,



Capt. 10, Cavalry  
Supt.



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Capt R. H. Pratt  
Carlisle Pa

Dear Capt

For some length of time I have thought of addressing you on a subject of which your ideas are now solicited. The subject is that of building a Hospital at Ft Sill or near there for the accomodation of the sick amongst the Indians. A person who knows the necessity of such an institution can readily answer these questions. What do you think of it? would it be a good investment or not? I have been working hard for the last four years administering medicines to the Comanches and have never received any pay for my work. And the longer I work with them the greater need I see for some place of shelter for the sick. Many Come to Camp near me with their sick Children for me to administer the medicine myself and in order to do this work, I must take them in to my own house and sit up with them at night. I think that if these facts were made plain to the Department, it would be willing to furnish a good Physician for these Indians and at least help to build some sort of a house that would be a great help to the poor ignorant people. And this I claim has been and is now one of the blindest blunders of the Indian department. Not furnishing a plenty of good Physicians, and drawn Superstition



I want you to think well over this and let me hear from you. I was thinking of asking you to put the subject before some of your benevolent friends and it might occur that some Religious Society would take the matter in hand and thereby do a great deal more good than would the building and handing a large & fine Church. A good Doctor of kind disposition like the late Dr O. G. Given can do more towards civilizing Indians than any other class of men. There is a Grand Opening for a Hospital at Anadarko and there should be one there by all means. Although there is a Doctor at that point he can not more than half attend to his Office practice. Some of the Comanche and Kiowa Chiefs are talking of going to Washington soon. And I may go with them when they go. I think they want to try and get the grass lease secured by the Secretary. And some other similar business to fix up or rather to talk about.

I will be very glad to have a letter from you.

As Ever Yours

E. L. Clark

Gen Crook arrived here today to make arrangements to locate the Geronimo Apaches at Ft Sill.