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Capt R. A. Pratt, 10<sup>th</sup> Cav. Supt.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1891.

Regarding request of Good  
thunder to have his grand son  
sent home.

To A. Goodthunder June 2/91

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Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

Capt. R. A. Pratt, 10th Cav., U.S.A.

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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,  
CARLISLE, PA.

May 23rd, 1891.

To The Honorable,

Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to yours of May 2nd, marked "Education, 17862," in reference to the grandson of Andrew Good Thunder, whom the grandfather wants to return home to take care of him, I have to respectfully advise you that I find a great deal of application of this kind, and some of it false. A few days ago one of the best boys in the school had a telegram from his father that his mother was very sick and that he must come home at once. He was greatly exercised by it and anxious to go. On talking with him I was satisfied that it was an unnecessary case, and, as the boy himself did not want to go home, I had him telegraph to a man near his father's whom he knew would tell the truth and ask in relation to his mother's sickness, and the reply was that she was not sick, that the boy had better stay here. There is very much of that sort of application just now. Willie Good Thunder would not be specially valuable to his grandfather, and he,

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like most every Indian boy and girl, needs education and discipline.

I generally overcome these applicants by insisting upon the welfare of the boy or girl. Their future demands their education and training to industries, and is a much more important matter to the State and themselves than the condition of their relatives. Willie is not specially promising, and with these views I am quite content to forward him home, if it is the judgment of the office that he should be sent.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

R. H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cav'y.,

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