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Capt. R. N. Pratt,  
Carlisle School,  
Nov. 2, 1891.

In reference to the  
report regarding  
his school.

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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,  
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Personal.

November 2nd, 1891.

Hon. T. J. Morgan,  
Commr. of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

My former letter to the Department, dated November 7th, '90, covers the dissatisfaction that I expressed at the time and which was not heeded in making up the reports. You understand, of course, that I am simply struggling for a fair and honest presentation of our case, such as is right to be made in all comparisons. If by the wording of my appropriation I receive an additional sum for transportation, and the transportation for other schools is supplied from another fund and not noted in their cost, then the cost of transportation to Carlisle, both of pupils and supplies, ought to be left out of the count. This is only fair. Notwithstanding my statement of \$80,000, in the letter referred to which I have no doubt is on file in your office, you will find by turning to the cost of schools in your annual report last year that you hold us to the \$100,074.34. As I received no further notice from the office, and the figures were placed in the report contrary to

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my expressions, I had the right to and did feel that I was not fairly treated, and <sup>that</sup> in so far the report was <sup>improperly</sup> made to militate against us. I think it would be far better that every item of expense whatsoever should appear every time against every school.

I notice in your annual report this year the average attendance at Carlisle is stated as 743, whereas, in my report I give the true average, 754. We get our average by taking the daily report. You understand that I keep a daily record of all students, the same as a company in the army, in which I show the number present and the number absent each day, and all changes. Where your information as to the 743 comes from I cannot imagine. Last year the office stated that they obtained the average from my quarterly reports. If they will take the same source of information this year, it would give us a total average of 765, which shows that the quarterly report is not the proper guide, as I explained in my letter above referred to.

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Yours sincerely,

R. H. Pratt