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Indian Training School, Carlisle, Pa.

Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10th Cav'y Supt.

February 15, 1892.

Regarding party of San
Carlos Apaches brought
to Carlisle in 1884. &c.

Yours

To Supt Pratt Feb 20/92

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Feb. 15, 1892.

The Honorable,

The Commr. of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of 8th inst., marked "Education, 4005," enclosing letter from Capt. Lewis Johnson, Acting Indian Agent, San Carlos, Ariz., relative to certain ~~San~~ ~~San~~ Carlos children brought here several years ago, I have to respectfully advise you that we have now at the school, remaining from a party of 52, brought here February 2, 1884, 17 young men as follows:

Gilbert Pusher,	Tonto,
Lucius Bird,	"
Jonas Place,	"
Isaac Cutter,	"
Justin Shedee,	"
Austin Navajo,	Yuma,
Morgan Toprock,	Tonto
Norman Cassadore,	San Carlos,
Parker Whitney West,	Warm Spr.
Justin Head,	Tonto Mojave,
Festus Pelone,	San Carlos,
Eustace Pelone,	" "
Wood Neshozey,	Warm Spr.
Lot Eyelash,	Chiricahua,
Laban Locojim,	White Mts.
Dexter Loco,	Warm Spr.
Cotton Wood,	San Carlos.

I have got these young men to consent to remain

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one year longer each year since their five years term expired, because of my great desire that they should advance far enough to be of some real and permanent use whenever returned to their tribes, if they ever did return; because every year makes them more mature and able to withstand the pull down influences of life anywhere; because during the course of their stay here two of their former Indian Agents advised that they never be sent back; because the Hon. Secretary of War, Mr. Proctor, who visited San Carlos, advised that if I had any San Carlos Apaches who were going out from the school I had better enlist them in the army, or send them to some worse place rather than let them go back to San Carlos; and, lastly, because of your own expressed wishes that I should hold on to them and push them forward. Reports and home letters have been sent every month to the parents, as we supposed, of these boys, until some of them got tired of always writing, and not hearing from home urged to be excused from it and I consented that they should write their monthly letters to me.

Quite a number of those who came in this party, which is the only one we ever received from San Carlos, have returned to San Carlos, and I understand most of them have enlisted in the army. One is or was in jail for forging a

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check on the agent. It may be that some have gone back into the camps.

So far as the good to be obtained by returning students to San Carlos is concerned, it does not appear from the results.

These young men are all capable of passing out into civilized surroundings and earning their own living, and it is only necessary to say the word to have them do so. If they return to San Carlos, the Government will have to take care of them. There seems no other way. My then school physician, Dr. Given, who brought in the party, is now dead, and Capt. Crawford, of the Army, who made it up, is also dead, but I am satisfied that some parents, at least, were promised that their children should return in five years, always provided if there were not some new arrangement made. Those who have been returned heretofore were so returned because they would not consent to remain. Those who have remained here beyond their five years consented to do so.

Cassadore, who claims to be the father of one of the boys, is not his father. The boys father is dead. Cassadore is simply assuming that position so that he may have the services of the boy. The others mentioned in the letter

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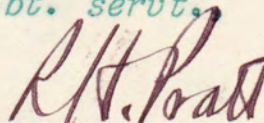
I cannot identify to the boys by any pronunciation I can make. The boys claim that there is no other nephew of Cassadore here but Norman. Norman Cassadore, under continued pressure from his uncle, has finally decided to go home immediately after our commencement exercises on 24th inst. and remain until fall when, if there is a party coming in, he wishes to return to the school and complete his course.

There are others to whom only a small encouragement is required to get them to go home, and some who would not care to go until they have finished their course.

All can be sent home if you give the order. All will stay here willingly, if you desire, or a part can be sent home and a part kept here with entire satisfaction, I think, to them. Three have enlisted from this point in the Regular Army and are company tailors for their respective companies. Stephen Smith for Company L, 4th Cavalry, Fort Sherman, Idaho, Peter Ocotea, for Company I, 8th Infantry, Fort Washakie, Wyo., and Victor Tozoski for company L, 7th Cavalry, Fort Niobrara, Neb.

Capt. Johnson's letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.,



Capt. 10th Cav'y., Supt.