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Above annual
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Capt. R. H. Pratt the office we
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Carlisle Pa quite fair.

Rel to cost of school
as given in an. report.

Respectfully yours,

W. H. Pratt

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INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL,
CARLISLE, PA.

January 22nd, 1891.

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

Dear General:-

During your absence, on November 6th, a letter was written to me from the Office in reference to discrepancies between my annual report and my quarterly returns, for use in the statistics required for your annual report. I replied on November 7th, and, as I thought, very explicitly, but your report shows that my letter was not favorably considered. I am disappointed in this and think it quite a mistake. I gave every dollar of cost except the small sum paid under contract for the transportation of our supplies from New York here. All transportation of supplies paid for by me are included, also all transportation of students, the stock cattle, the \$3,000.00 civilization fund, for Teachers' Dining Hall, and I even included the money taken up from the sale of condemned property and hides, which was really a part of our money and should not have gone in. On looking over the appropriation for Haskell, for instance, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1890, I find that Haskell was allowed \$85,500, and in addition to that there was \$15,000 of a former appropriation which they could use

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for steam heating apparatus. I happen to know that that steam heating apparatus went into the buildings. It is reasonable also to suppose that they spent a considerable sum for transportation of pupils, as well as something additional for transportation of supplies. I am led from this to believe that the reports of the other Training schools are not represented on the same basis as Carlisle, and that the figures in your report do not fairly give the facts.

I do not think you intend to be unfair to us, but your report, as it stands, certainly is. I invite your attention to this matter and express the opinion that it is entirely right and fair that every expense of whatsoever nature should enter into the computation of the cost of the several schools, Hampton and Lincoln, and other such schools, included. It is not fair that there should be concealment. I insist that the difference in the cost of transporting goods from East to the Western schools will go a good way towards balancing the excess in cost we have to pay for transporting pupils to the East, and that it would be right that the cost of transportation of students, and the cost of transportation of supplies, should go in, but buildings, and other indestructible property might properly be left out.

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I write you this personally and unofficially, hoping that you may get my letter and the letter to which it was an answer, and yourself understand the situation.

Respectfully yours,

R.H. Pratt