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

Giving outline of pros-  
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In reply to:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa.

Sep. 25, '93.

Honorable D. M. Browning,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.,

Sir:-

I have to respectfully report that in accordance with your permission I have arranged that four hundred and twenty of our students who are able to pay their own way shall leave here at midnight Sunday night next, the 1st. inst. arriving at Chicago at 8:30 P. M. Monday. Thirty-five of my employes will also go in the party. After reaching Chicago I found it would be a very precarious undertaking to encamp our boys on the lake front at that season of the year. If there should come a cold spell -not at all unlikely- I would endanger their health very greatly. All of my army friends there advised against it. I therefore arranged for accommodations for the entire party at the South Pier Hotel in Windsor Park, and that we be transferred to and from the grounds by the electric road only one square away and six minutes from the South entrance. Your letter to Director General Davis at once procured his favor to my plans, and while we are to spend most of the time

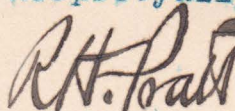


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in sight seeing, our choir of eighty voices and our band of thirty-three pieces will be allowed opportunities in Festival Hall and Music Hall, and the band will play at several prominent places throughout the grounds each day while there. I have mapped out the grounds and buildings so that we take a portion of each of the four days we shall have to spend there and, as I think, gather in fairly well what is to be seen. We leave on our return Friday night, 6th. inst. at 11:30, arriving home a little after midnight Sunday morning. Our plans are well laid and arrangements made both for the comfort and pleasure of the trip. We have a special train to Chicago and return. We disembark from the train at a point outside of Chicago where we shall not be interrupted and where we can immediately take the electric cars to convey us to our hotel. We reembark at the same point.

Thanking you for the great pleasure and profit your interest has so much added in securing for us, I am

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R.H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Capt. 10th. Cav., Supt.