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Capt. R. H. Pratt,

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In reply to:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., May 5th 1894.

Dr. W. N. Hailmann,
Supterintendent of Indian Schools,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of May 2nd in reference to Fannie Bird of Winnebago Agency, Nebraska, I have respectfully to advise you that Fannie is now here at the school, has asked to go to the country and said she did not want to go home. She is entitled to go this summer and her name is on my home-going list but her case had not been decided. Under former instructions it has been our habit to allow those who did not graduate but who of their own accord chose to stay for the succeeding year, to stay. When the question has been referred to them whether they would go home or stay at the school in many cases they have decided to stay knowing that going home meant the loss of their school opportunities. It is safe to say that in four cases out of five when students go home under promise of parents such as Mr. Bird makes they are persuaded to remain at home on one pretext or another. I shall let Fannie go to the country as under the previous instructions and as she herself determined, where she will remain for the summer and return to continue in school next

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year, unless I have contrary orders.

Very respectfully,

Dictated.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R.H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Capt. 10th Cav'y., U.S. Army,

Supt.