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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa., June 28th 1894.

Capt. R.H. Pratt, 10th U.S. Cav'y.,
Superintendent.

In answer to Capt. Sprole's
request for Martha Washington
to return home.

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To Fort Peck Ag. July 3/94.

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In reply to:
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., June 28th 1894.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of June 27th marked "Education 23785," enclosing letter from Capt. Sprole, 8th Cavalry, Acting Indian Agent at Fort Peck, Montana, (which enclosed a letter from Martha Washington, pupil at this school, now at Weldon, Pa.), in which Capt. Sprole asks the return of Martha for employment at the Agency school, I have respectfully to advise you that on June 14th I sent to Supt. Hailman the names of 159, former pupils at Carlisle, who might be utilized in Indian school service. Martha is not due to go home until the end of the next school year. She is contented and has expressed no desire to go home. At her own request she went to the country this year, having had outing experience before. My judgement is she will receive much greater benefit from this experience and her return here in the fall and continuance as a pupil than she would to go home now. This will close her student life and it seems to me the place had better be provided for in some other way and Martha receive all the benefit she can here until the period for which she came expires.

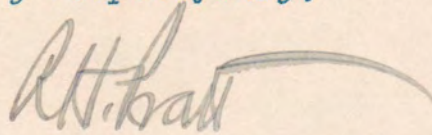
With these expressions I abide the judgment of the Honorable
Commissioner. e

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Capt. Sprole's letter and the enclosure are herewith
returned.

Dictated.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. H. Ball". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal flourish that extends to the right.

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