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In reply to:

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

Indian Industrial School,
Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 20th 1894.

Pratt, Capt. P.A., 10th U.S. Cav.,
Superintendent.

Transmits complaints of
Chiefs Lone Wolf & Big Tree
and Judge Chaddle Coyke of
the Kiowa & Comanche Agency.

To Keowa & Agt. Sep 8, 1894.
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In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., August 30th 1894.

To the Honorable,
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have a long and personal letter from Lonewolf, Big Tree and Chaddlekoyke, the two former chiefs and the latter judge of the Indian court at Kiowa and Comanche Agency, in which they speak of the difficulties our returned students have to contend with, and among other things they claim that the eating of Muscal and the Messiah dance which is encouraged by certain white men and carried on all the time, are two of the most destructive influences both for their old people and for our returned students, and they ask me to speak to you about these two influences and ask you to prohibit them. They claim that there was a regulation issued from the Department some years ago against the eating of Muscal but that this is not now enforced. I believe they give me the facts and respectfully refer the matter to you requesting such attention as it deserves.

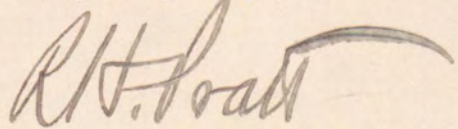
These men claim that it is a very hard matter to get their people to do what is right under any circumstances, but when their people are encouraged in these bad influences by those who have, or seem to have, authority from Washington, their labors and difficulties are very greatly increased.

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I believe their complaint is a just one and that they are actuated by sincere desires and purposes to benefit their people.

Dictated.

Very respectfully,



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

Supt.