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Office of Indian Affairs,
August 29, 1895.

Relative certain Apache
Indian pupils now at Carlisle
whose parents desire their re-
turn home.

To Insp M McCormick

with letter Sept 14/95.

Recd. back with

report Sept. 22/95

Dept. of the Interior
September 24/95.

Respectfully referred
to the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs
inviting attention
to the enclosed
report of Inspector
M. McCormick.

W. H. Smith
First Asst. Secy.
E.W.

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Int Dept
Sept 24/95

Returns office
letter of August
29th 95 with other
papers re to
Apache Indian
pupils at the
Carlisle School
and call attention
to report of Inspector
P. McCormick

To Carlisle Oct 19/95
" Capt H. J. Scott " " 95
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Inclosures.

Refer in reply to the following:

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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, August 29, 1895.

The Honorable

Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to return you a letter of recent date from Geo. M. Wratten, Interpreter for the Apaches, relative to certain Apache Indian children now at the Indian School Carlisle, Pennsylvania, expressing the desire of certain old Apache men and women to have their children returned to them in order to assist them in getting a living on their farms. This matter has been submitted to Captain Pratt of Carlisle, whose letter upon the subject is herewith handed you.

I understand that Inspector McCormick is on leave of absence which expires on the 6th of September and is now at his home in Virginia. This place is only about a couple of hours ride from Carlisle, and I would therefore respectfully request that he be directed to proceed at the expiration of said leave to Carlisle for the purpose of obtaining the wishes of said Apache Indian pupils at Carlisle relative to their return home. That he be directed to personally interview each of these pupils, and explain to them that this office is willing to return home such of them as may wish to go, but that those who desire to remain can do so;

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and that he be directed to submit in full a report of his action in the premises, and to arrange his interviews with these pupils so as to receive from them an unbiased expression of their wishes in the matter.

Very respectfully,

D. H. Downing
Commissioner.

J.H.D. (M)

Office of Indian Affairs,
August 23, 1883.

These Indians desire their re-
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Report of P. M. Carmichael
Inspector in
Apache Prisoner
Children at
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United States Indian Service,

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Berryville, Va.

Sept. 22nd, 1895

The Hon
The Secretary of the Interior
Sir

In compliance with instructions of Office letter dated Sep 14th 1895. I have the honor to submit the following report.

The number of ~~Chiricahua~~ Apache prisoners children under the care of Carlisle School is forty four; of this number I interviewed forty. I herewith submit their answers in book marked "List of Apache children, Carlisle School". In this book will be found age, date of entry at school, grade in classes, and amount of funds to their credit, earned by their individual efforts, on farms. I visited some of these pupils located on farms, and found them capable of making their own way. They are industrious, honest, and economical, for

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and stand high with employers.
With few exceptions, it will be seen
that they are anxious to return to their
people. These pupils were taken from
their people when children, as prisoners of
war, and have been held as such ever
since. They can have but a slight, if any
recollection, of reservation Indian life.
It is but natural that they should desire
to see again their people, but if they could
realize what life is on an Indian reservation
it is doubtful if they would have
the desire to return. Knowing and realizing
as I do what Reservation life is,
and especially such a condition as must
exist at Fort Sill, where the relatives
of these people are held as prisoners of
war, guarded by soldiers, I cannot conscientiously
recommend that they shall be consigned
for all time to a life of degra

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dation and faith. I realize that they cannot continue for all time as they are now, and that something must be done for them. I would therefore respectfully recommend that such of those who desire to return to their people be granted that privilege, with the privilege of returning at the expiration of their days, to Carlisle, not as students, but to be under the control and subject to the rules of said school, and placed in the country to work on farms. If this suggestion is not considered feasible I would respectfully suggest that they be allotted land as soon as they are returned to Fort Sill and given an opportunity to demonstrate their capacity for self support. These people, as will be seen by referring to their accounts in the book herewith

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inclosed, are not only self sustaining,
but are laying up money. In the event
that the first suggestion is considered
feasible I would recommend that should
they decide to return to Carlisle that they
be required to defray their own expen-
-ses back, as they have in most cases
sufficient funds for this.

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. Foxworth
Inspector

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Chief of Bureau of Indian Affairs

(Original) J. H. D. (M)

for the Bureau

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WASHINGTON.

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Very respectfully,

(Signed) D. M. Browning.

Commissioner.

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Chief of Education Division.

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Chicago, Illinois,

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The Commanding General, Department of the Missouri, forwards letter of Mr. Geo. M. Wratten, Interpreter, Fort Sill Oklahoma Territory, submitting desires of certain old Apache men and women to have their children returned to them from the Indian Training School at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to assist them in gaining a living on their farms.

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For the Honorable,

The Secretary of

the Interior.

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War Department,
August 6, 1895.

Respectfully transmitted
to the Honorable the Secretary
of the Interior for his in-
formation.

Joseph B. Dox
Acting Secretary of War.

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Department of the Interior.

Aug. 8, 1895

Respectfully referred to the
Commissioner of Indian
Affairs.

E. Womack
Chief Clerk.

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report Aug. 29/95
To Capt Scott Oct 19/95
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Apache Camp, Fort Sill, Oklahoma,

July 25, 1895.

Captain H. L. Scott, 7th Cavalry,

In charge of Apache Indian Prisoners of War,

Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Sir:-

I have the honor to address you on behalf of the parents and relatives of the following named Apache Indian children now at the Indian Training School, Carlisle, Pa.

Very earnestly and respectfully they beg that these children be returned to them.

Dexter Loco

Rachel Tsi Ka-da

Mabel Nah-rado Kiet

Duncan Ba-la-tchu

Oliver Bit-chait

Clement Seanil-zhay

Naomi Koh-ten

Dora Cha-en-dee

Lambert Is-tone

Paul Tee-na-be-Kizen

Clay Domiet

Vincent Nat-tail-et.

They are all old men and women and say that now they are going to have homes of their own, farms, horses and cattle, also good houses to live in, that they want their children with them; that they are too old to work for themselves and when they get the farms and cattle will have no one to work the former or look after the latter.

It is now more than eight years since these children were sent to school, having been sent in the spring of 1887.

What these old people (parents and relatives of the heretofore named children) say is true. They are all unable to work, and if their sons and daughters are not returned to them to help them, they will stand a poor chance indeed in the battle for life

with the younger, and consequently stronger men and women of the tribe.

Some of them are very old and have none but these children to depend upon for work. In the case of some of the mothers it is especially so, as they are entirely alone here, all of their children being at school.

With earnest entreaties, and every prayer that an Indian can utter, they beg of you to do all in your power to have their children returned to them.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Geo. M. Wratten,

Interpreter for Apaches.

1st Endorsement.
Fort Sill, O.T., July 27, 1895.

Respectfully forwarded to the Adjutant General, U.S. Army, through the military channels, recommended. These people are old and need the services of their children in herding cattle and in general work about their farms.

H. L. Scott,
Captain 7th Cavalry,
In charge of Apache Prisoners of War.

2d Endorsement.
Fort Sill, O.T., July 27, 1895.

Respectfully forwarded to the Adjutant General Department of the Missouri, approved.

E. R. Kellogg,
Lieut. Col. 10th Infantry,
Commanding.

3d Endorsement.
Headquarters Dept. of the Missouri,
Chicago, July 30, 1895.

Respectfully forwarded to the Adjutant General of the Army.

W. Merritt,
Major General Commanding.

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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Aug. 17, 1895.

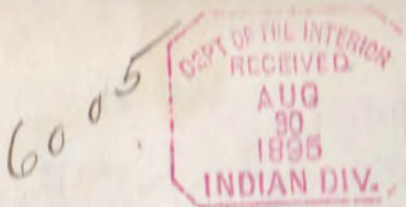
Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Answering Office letter
of 10th inst. E. 33234
in reference to
Apache Prisoner
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To Corliss Aug 27/95
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I have the honor to recommend that the young people, whose return is herein requested, be given an opportunity by Capt. Pratt, or some other suitable official, to express in writing their own wishes with reference to their return, and that their answers be reported to this office before further action shall be taken.

W. W. Carlisle

Supt. Ind. Schls.

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In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Penna., Aug. 17, 1895.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:--

Replying to your letter of August 10th, marked "education, #33234," enclosing a letter from George M. Wratten, Interpreter in the Apache Camp at Fort Fill, submitting the desire of certain old Apache men and women to have their children returned to them from this school, to use them in gaining a living on their farms--which letter was forwarded by Capt. Scott, in charge Apache prisoners at Fort Sill, recommended--and is approved by Lt. Col. E. R. Kellogg, commanding at Fort Sill--and forwarded, but without action, by General Merritt--transmitted by the Secretary of War--and referred to you by the Department of the Interior--in which you direct me to make recommendations and return, I have the honor to say that we have 41 of these Chiracahua Apache prisoner children remaining under the care of the school. Of this number, 34 are in the country on farms, earning their own support, and laying away something for the future. They have an average of about \$50.00 per capita savings. The seven at the school, are held here temporarily on account of health ~~or~~ conduct. The whole 41 are perfectly competent to

make their own living if turned loose in civilization. They are good workmen and workwomen. A number of them are sufficiently bright and promising to warrant continued schooling with a view to a wider sphere of usefulness. I have treated these Apaches differently from the children of the other tribes, in that I have kept them largely in the country, on farms, and attending country schools, in order that I might demonstrate fully the capacity of the so-called lowest Indians for such contact and usefulness.

You direct my recommendation. As it seems to be the settled purpose of the Government to raise still further crops of Indians, and to continue the indurated massing tribal processes, catering to the wishes of the old dominating savage influences among them---which purpose is entirely at variance with my ideas of what is either best or necessary,---I feel that I have no recommendations to make in regard to these young people. I will carry out the directions of the Department, whatever they may be.

I would, however, recommend that Mr. George M. Wratten be discharged as Interpreter and Counsellor, for the reason that these Indians have been intimately in contact with the whites for the past eight years and they should have no need for an interpreter. Besides they have now among them quite a considerable number of young people who have been in this school, and in the army, and have learned ample English to qualify them for interpreters, where in-

interpreters are necessary. It may seem to those in charge, and possibly to the Indians themselves, at first, somewhat of a calamity to miss the counsel and protection, as well as the interpreting, of Mr. Wratten, but I can assure the Department, through experience and actual knowledge of the subject, that it will be a great blessing to the Indians themselves.

When in Florida with Indian prisoners, 20 years ago, I had at the beginning, one interpreter for the Cheyennes and Arapahoes, and another for the Kiowas and Comanches. At the end of the first year, my Cheyenne and Arapahoe interpreter was discharged. I protested, but no appropriation had been made for him, and it was necessary to submit. At the end of the second year, for the same reason, my Kiowa and Comanche interpreter was discharged. It seemed to me at first impossible to get on without the services of these men, but I found (my Indian prisoners having been in contact with the whites in just the same way these Apache prisoners have been in contact with them--but for the period of two years only) that, when the interpreters were out of the way and the necessity was on the Indians to speak English, they knew many times more than I ever dreamed they knew, and thereafter the necessity to speak English, rapidly developed its free use among them, and I was freed from what I found by that experience, had been a real hindrance, instead of a help.

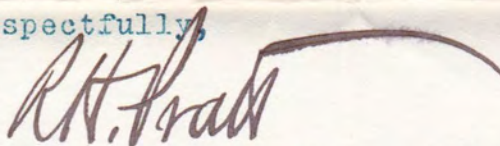
These Apache Indians have had more than eight years of

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the same kind of experience, instead of two. The probabilities are that they will make use of an interpreter to the end of time, if the Government will only provide and pay one and allow him to manipulate the situation, and fabricate helplessness.

Mr. Wratten's letter, with its endorsements, is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,



Capt. 10th Cavy., U.S.A., Supt

Dictated. (G)

1 Enclosure