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Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Replies to Office letter
"M. 49916," in regard
to the disposition of
the Indian Office
exhibit at Atlanta,
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In reply to:
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT,

Carlisle, Pa., December 16th 1895.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 14th marked "M, 49916," in reference to the disposition of the Indian Office exhibit at Atlanta I submit the following views by Mr. Standing, in which I concur:-

"In regard to the exhibit at Atlanta, I think that it is not worth while for any one to go until advised by Prof. Clark that the packing cases can be had.

It was Prof. Clark's idea to have the show cases stored at Carlisle for future use. The railroad rule is that all packages can be returned free over the route by which they were sent. This would bring all the cases to Carlisle and their contents.

The School-room work and cases containing it would go to Washington, excepting the Haskell exhibit which was forwarded direct and will not work in with the balance of the school-room work.

There is a cabinet to return to Phoenix, Arizona, and a piece of furniture to Albuquerque. The balance of the exhibit came by mail, and I suppose could be returned by the same way, from Atlanta, Washington or Carlisle, as may be thought best. I rather preferred the latter course, as freight here would be free and the work could be done at leisure.

In regard to a case for permanent exhibit in Washington: so many articles are marked 'to be returned' that it would be necessary for the Department to designate what should be kept, and so fill by a new arrangement the case or cases selected.

The principal item is the taking down and careful packing of the cases and the glass so as not to be damaged. This could best be done by the maker, Mr. Gardner, and in case I am assigned to the duty I would like to have him along and think a week's work will do it, if there are no unforeseen delays."

Commr. of Indian Affairs, page 2.

Mr. Standing and Mr. Gardner can be spared to go to Atlanta in the fore part of January, should you order that.

Very respectfully,

(Dictated)
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A handwritten signature in brown ink, reading "R. H. Pratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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