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Capt. R. H. Pratt,
Carlisle School.

Dec. 30, 1895.

Rel. to the dismissal of
Thomas Black Bear as
teacher of No. 13 Day
School at Pine Ridge A,
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In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., December 30th 1895.

Dr. W. N. Hailman, Supt. Indian Schools,
Indian Office,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Thomas Black Bear, a graduate of our class of 1894, writes me of his great disappointment at being relieved as teacher of No. 13 Day School at Pine Ridge Agency, and begs me to intercede in his behalf. Thomas's father was a very hard old Indian and his brother, one of our first pupils here, gave me a deal of trouble and left before his time was out and has been in Buffalo Bill shows and Indian medicine companies a great deal since. Thomas was throughout his term here one of the best pupils in the school, never to my recollection giving us the slightest concern, always quiet and gentlemanly and filling every requirement faithfully. He was especially commended as a pupil teacher while in the Normal room. I cannot help thinking that some mistake has been made in his relief and hope the papers he has forwarded you may lead to a thorough overhauling of his case. I enclose his letter to me.

Very respectfully,

(Dictated)
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Supt. 10th Cav'y., U.S.A., Supt.

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Handwritten signature or initials in brown ink, possibly reading "S. J. Jones" or similar.

United States Indian Service,

PINE RIDGE

Agency, S. DAKOTA.

Porcupine Dist. S. D.

December 21st, 1895.

Dear Captain Pratt.

Herewith enclosed please find copies of letters etc, sent to Washington D. C. in my behalf. I have some good friends here at the Agency, who are helping me to get reinstated as school teacher and was much disappointed when I was relieved.

Please do all you can for me in this matter.

All the Carlisle boys and girls who returned to this reservation are doing well.

Your friend and late pupil
To: Capt. R. H. Pratt. Thomas Black Bear
Carlisle, Pa.