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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. May 8... 1896.

Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

In regard to return of
Jeannette Rice.

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In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., May 8th, 1896.

To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir :

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Replying to your letter of the 2nd inst. marked "Education 16440 - 1896" transmitting enclosure from Mrs. Walking Priest, asking the return home of her daughter Jeannette Rice, a pupil of this school I respectfully state as follows, viz :

Jeannette was transferred to this school at the age of ten years by the influence of Miss Fletcher then acting as allotting agent for the Omahas and Winnebagoes. Her father gave her up to Miss Fletcher to be educated with the understanding that it would take many years to complete the work. This understanding I am told was adhered to faithfully while the father lived, but the mother, now Mrs Walking Priest, wants her returned to her care.

The objection to this has been the known condition of things among this tribe; and the great danger to which a young girl is exposed where such conditions exist, and the desire that she be permitted to complete her course of study; each year of course giving greater strength to her character and ability for self-support.

With the case as above stated, I await action as you may di-

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rect, saying however that it is not intended to return any pupils until about July 1st.

I return enclosure herewith.

Very respectfully,

R. H. Pratt

Capt. 10th Cavalry, Supt.

per

A. J. Standing

Asst. Supt. in charge.

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