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Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Replying to letter
marked "Education
14553" '97, regarding
the ^{return of} children of Joseph
and Sophia Mitoxen
of Shanna Agency,
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In reply to:

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

Carlisle, Pa., April 12th, 1897.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of April 8th marked "Education 12,553, '97" saying that Joseph and Sophia Johnson of Shawnee, Okl. Ty., ask that their children be returned to them from this school; that they are getting too old and feeble to remain by themselves and desire the children to be with them, and that they can attend a school near their home, and directing a report and my recommendation, I have to respectfully inform you that David and Katie Johnson referred to, now aged 13 and 14 years respectfully, came to this school September 7th, 1895 under our general arrangement for five years. They are brother and sister of Emma Johnson whom the Department transferred from this school to Lincoln Institute about two years ago, and were brought here by another sister who is now in the Indian Service some place in the West. They were accepted at the urgency of these sisters who urged the need of better educational advantages for them.

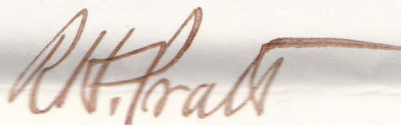
Emma Johnson wrote me recently about the parent's urgency for the return of the children. The children are getting on well, and it would be a serious disadvantage to them. The boy had only one eye, and since he came I have had him treated in Philadelphia,

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and furnished him with a glass eye which restores his appearance.

I recommend the Office inform the parents that it is the policy of the Government to require observance of these obligations and hold the children at school. The educated sisters will also explain and the parents will be satisfied.

Very respectfully,



Capt. 10th Cav 'y ., Supt.

(Dictated)
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