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Pratt, R. H.,

Captain 10<sup>th</sup> Cav'y. Supt.

Replying to letter  
of the 3rd marked  
"Education 50683"  
in regard to return  
home of Sycy Root,

To Carlisle Dec 3/97  
Letter to. Paul Court "7"

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., December 4th, 1897.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd, marked "Education, 50683" advising that you send communication from Daniel Covert of Pinconning Mich., in which he desires the return of his grand-daughter from this school, and directing my report and recommendation, I have to respectfully advise you that ever since Lucy Root and her brother came to the Carlisle School in Sept. '94, Mr. Covert, who is a preacher and has some little intelligence, has been writing to get them back, as has also the mother. Last spring I let the boy go home on their solicitation, but my information is that it was a mistake and will prove a great disadvantage to him. Lucy is in excellent health, making good progress, and is anxious to continue in the school. She

says that her grandfather is foolish, and that he influences her mother. I find twelve letters in my letter books since '95, in which I have staved off the grandfather, and the mother. At one time a member of Congress from that district wrote me about it, and when I explained to him, he said he was entirely in sympathy with the retention of the children here. Twice, the grandfather has gotten a lawyer to write in a somewhat threatening manner.

Lucy should remain here, particularly as she wants to, and a letter to Mr. Covert from the Office, closing the door of his appeals,



and informing that the girl must stay until the five years for which she came has expired, will probably end the matter, and this I would recommend. Mr. Covert's letter was not enclosed in yours.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Poell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

Capt. 10th Cav'y., Supt.

(Dictated) Mc