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*Indian Industrial School,*

*Carlisle, Pa. Sept 3rd 1898.*

*Pratt, R. H.,*

*Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.*

*Regarding return  
some of Wash Goodcare  
and Jas. Antoine*

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Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 3rd, 1898.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I find by an inadvertance your letter of August 17th marked "Education 37,300" enclosing letter from S.M. Lindley, relative to Uriah Goodcane and Charles Antoine, pupils at Carlisle, and calling on me for report, has not been answered.

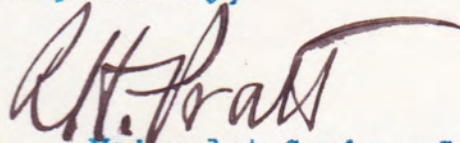
Mr. Lindley seems to have interested himself considerably in this matter. He wrote me last May about it, and my reply then was that our school term was for five years, and had been so for more than fifteen years past unless the pupils graduated sooner, and that as the boys entered in '95, they would not be entitled to return for two years. In June I had letters from Daniel Milk, the uncle of Uriah Goodcane, and he also wrote for Mrs. McKenzie, the mother of Charles Antoine, and I replied to the same effect, and informed Mr. Milk that both boys were in excellent health and getting on as well as we could expect, that the important thing to them and to their people was to stick to school until they got enough education to be of some use.

These boys should remain here at Carlisle for the full five years. There is no hardship to their parents, I am sure, that will ~~warrant~~ exceptional privilege.

A very large number of the letters I write are in the line of holding the children to school. Unfortunately many of our western schools are built and operated to accommodate the changeable dispositions of the Indians, and we, who persist in holding children to their school privileges, are at a disadvantage because of a different course of action by such schools. I would advocate that all the training schools should accept children for five years unless they graduate sooner, and that there should be no home going, even for a visit, except in very extraordinary cases, and after full consideration of all the facts.

Mr. Lindley's letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

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

Major 1st Cav'y., Supt.

(Dictated) Mc

Garreau Creek Stock Range

S. M. LINDLEY, PROPRIETOR.

Starcher, Gregory County, S. D., Aug 8 1895

Harc Case, Indian Affairs  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir,

Mr Case Milk an  
indian of Naper Neb requests me to  
write you concerning his son Uriah  
Goodcase now in the Carlisle <sup>Pa</sup> Indian  
school. Milk says he put his son  
in that school for three years which  
was up last June. I wrote to the  
Supt of the school in May last requesting  
the return of Uriah Goodcase and  
Chas. Antoine by request of Milk and  
the Supt wrote <sup>back</sup> that the boys were put  
in the school for five years, and would  
not be returned. Mr Case Milk says  
this is a mistake and his boy was put  
in the school for three years, and  
was greatly disappointed when he  
was not returned. Mr Milk says  
over

he is not able to do his work and  
needs his son at home and has me  
write to renew his request through  
you.

Yours Respy

J. M. Lindley

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J. M. Lindley

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Del. to Wash. for  
r. Chas. Cantorine papers  
at Carlisle Ark.

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