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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Sep. 14, 1899.

Pratt, R. H.,

Major  
Captain 10th Cav'y, Supt.

Two Arapahoe boys, Joel  
Bighead and John Wolfchief  
physically defective and  
returned to Cheyenne Agency,  
Correspondence enclosed,

Inc

To Cheyenne & Arapahoe 9/20/99

E. J. J. ✓

Department of the Interior,  
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Penna., September 14, 1899.

To the Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I enclose to you the correspondence covering the transfer of two Arapahoe boys from the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency to the Carlisle Indian School, from which you will see that in the correspondence we warned the Agent to see that they were all right physically, to have the proper medical examination, etc. The last letter will show you the report of my School Physician upon these two boys.

I have returned these boys to their Agency.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. H. Pratt", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Major 10th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated.  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
United States Indian Service,

Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indian Agency,  
Darlington, Oklahoma, June 28, 1899.

U.S. Indian Agent,

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Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

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I respectfully request that authority be granted to send both of these boys to some non-reservation school, for the reasons stated above.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) A. E. Woodson,

Major U. S. A.

Acting Indian Agent.

O.S.R.



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Darlington, Okla. 77.

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Carlisle, Pa., July 10, 1899.

Major A. E. Woodson,  
Act. U.S. Indian Agent,  
Cheyenne & Arapahoe Agency,  
Darlington, Okla. Ty.

Sir:-

A letter from the Honorable Commissioner of Indian Affairs enclosing one of yours to him in regard to the transfer of two boys from the Cantonment School to some training school, comes to hand, the Commissioner's comment being "If you desire these boys please correspond with Major Woodson concerning their transfer."

In regard to the above I have to say that if the boys choose Carlisle and can fill the conditions of health, etc. they can be received, the term being five years unless they graduate sooner. If they want to come soon I will arrange their transportation. It is probable, however, that an agent from this school will visit the Territory during August, and can look after these boys then and any others who might wish to come.

Respectfully,

(Signed) R. H. Pratt,  
Major 1st Cavalry, Supt.

per A. J. Standing,  
Asst. Supt. in charge.

Dictated (P)

(Signed) A. E. Woodson,

Major U. S. A.

Acting Indian Agent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
United States Indian Service,

Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency

Darlington, Oklahoma, July 31, 1899.

Major R. H. Pratt, U.S.A.,  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the tenth instant, I enclose a communication received from the Superintendent of the Mennonite School at Cantonment, relating to the transfer of JOHN WOLFCHIEF and JOEL BIGHEAD to your school. I will further your wishes in the premises as far as practicable.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) A. W. Hurley.

Acting Indian Agent.



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United States Indian Service,

Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency,  
Cantonment, Oklahoma, T.,  
July 20, 1899.

A.E. Woodson, Major U.S.A. Acting Indian Agent,

Cheyenne and Arapahoe Agency,

Darlington, Oklahoma.

Sir:

In reply to your communication No. 1007, '99. I am able to say that the two boys, JOHN WOLWCHIEF and JOEL BIGHEAD, have decided to accept the offer of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and will go to Carlisle, and may so inform Major Pratt.

They would prefer to wait until the fall work begins.

Yours obediently,

(Signed) S. K. Mosiman.

Superintendent Mennonite School.

Respectfully,

(Signed) A. E. Pratt.

Major 1st Cavalry, Dist.

per A. E. Pratt.

Act. Capt. in charge.

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Carlisle, Pa., Aug. 3rd, 1899.

A.W. Hurley, Act. Ind. Agt.,  
Cheyenne & Arapahoe Agency,  
Darlington, Okla.

Sir :-

Yours of July 31st in regard to the transfer of John Wolf Chief and Joel Big Head has been received.

I will have transportation provided for them so as to reach Carlisle about the 1st of September. Tickets will be placed at Darlington for them unless we are advised to the contrary.

*Indirect*  
When the time comes for them to start, unless there should be an agent of this school in your district at the time please have the usual medical examination made. There will be no difficulty whatever about the boys coming through alone even if there should be no others.

Respectfully,

(Signed) R. H. Pratt.

Major 1st Cavalry, Supt.

per A. J. Standing.

Asst. Supt. in charge.

Dictated (P)







I respectfully request that authority be granted to send  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Indian School Service.

Hospital, Sept. 11, 1899.

(Signed) A. E. Woodson.

Major U. S. A.

Acting Indian Agent.

Major R. H. Pratt  
Superintendent.

O.S.R.

Sir:-

I have examined Joel Bighead and John Wolfchief, and re-  
commend them both to return.

Joel has consumption and with it he has an enlarged gland  
in right groin. This will form an abscess and prostrate him from  
the indirect effects of which he may not recover.

John Wolfchief has a valvular heart disease and incipient  
phtisis. He could not endure to finish a course of instruction  
here.

Resp.

(Signed) S. L. Diven.

School Shysician.

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