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OFFICE OF
Indian Affairs
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Maj. R. H. Pratt,
Carlisle School,

Sept. 14, 1899

Re. to transferring
pupils from Rosebud
A. to non-reservation
schools, and the Agents
opinion regarding
same.

To Carlisle Sept 20 '99
To Rosebud Sept. 20 '99

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Penna., September 14, 1899.

Hon. W. A. Jones,
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

When at Los Angeles, Superintendent Cox, of the Rosebud Boarding School, advised me that there were thirty-five of his boys and girls who had expressed a desire to attend some nonreservation school this year, and some wanted to come to Carlisle, but in an interview with the Agent about it, the Agent told him that he had no sympathy with sending children away.

It seems to me that such an Agent ought to be informed that it is not his province to stand in the way of children's advancement. Congress appropriates for the nonreservation as well as for the reservation schools, and no one ought to stand in the way of either one or the other.

Superintendent Cox says that years of work on some of these students will be lost because many of these children will not return to his school nor go to any other, and such will stop in the camps. This has been the history of our school effort for many years. We are constantly wasting our work.

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Commissioner.

I believe that a letter from your office to this Agent, asking him how many children have been forwarded to nonreservation schools in 1898, how many in 1899: and what he is doing to encourage his people to send children to such schools, will have some effect.

I enclose you a note Mr. Cox wrote me about this matter.

Very respectfully yours,



Dictated.
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