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Department of the Interior,

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Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 1, 1900.

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To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

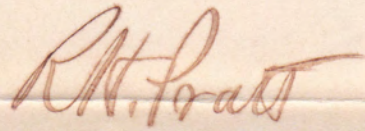
Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

In conversation with you I have several times spoken against the location of the Perris School, California. I understand an effort is being made to change its location and to secure the necessary funds and authority from Congress. With all the emphasis I can, I wish to urge that a change be made at once. I visited the Perris School, and a more senseless location for a non-reservation school it would be hard to find. It is in the midst of a great plain, without sufficient water, and remote from all civilizing and industrial influences which are the real motive and reason for having non-reservation schools at all. I trust that Congress will give full weight to the influences which led to the establishment of the school at that point and will not heed the solicitations of the interested parties who planted it there. We have wasted an unreasonable amount of time and opportunity, and all to gratify the interests of these people. The Perris School as well as all non-reservation schools ought to be located where the surrounding civilizing and industrial influences will be daily and real helps to the school. Perris <sup>is</sup> not so located, and the conditions are such as to forbid the hope that there will be within

a reasonable time a growing up of such influences in that immediate vicinity. Proper locations can be found in the vicinity of Redlands, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Pasadena, or San Diego.

Yours truly,



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