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Indian Industrial School,

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Pratt, R. H.,

Lt. Col. 15th Cav'y, Supt.

Requests authority to
repair and purchase

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

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To The Honorable,

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

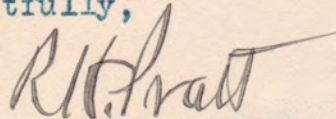
Sir :-

The growth of the school has been such that we are in need of a piano for our chapel gatherings, of greater volume than any we have had heretofore. Our people have been asking for a Steinway concert grand for this purpose. I have negotiated with the Steinways and they agree to let me have one of their best \$1400 new pianos and to thoroughly overhaul the Decker parlor grand we have heretofore had in the chapel and which has been in use for a dozen years and is now badly worn and out of shape, all for \$1,100. They also offered me a concert grand which had not been much used and which had been thoroughly made over so that they could guarantee it to be practically as good as new, for \$700, making the same repairs on the Decker and allowing me to have the second hand instrument until I had thoroughly tried it and was satisfied. They guarantee this instrument for five years, and we have tested it and are satisfied that it will serve us quite as well as a new instrument. I therefore respectfully request authority to expend the sum of \$700 in the purchase of a slightly used, made over concert grand Steinway piano, and for repairing the old Decker piano. There are five square pianos belonging to the school, some of which have been in use fifteen or sixteen years. They are broken and need renewed parts and complete overhauling. The Stein -

waypeople will send one of their best and most skilful repairers here to make these repairs , providing all the parts needed in renewing, and putting them into such shape that they will be practically as useful to us as new pianos, at a cost of \$5.00 per day. They guarantee it will not cost above \$100 to put the whole five pianos in good order here, and save us the trouble of shipping, etc. which we would otherwise have.

I therefore respectfully request authority to expend \$100 in repairing pianos, in addition to the \$700 for a new piano, making in all\$800.00.

Very respectfully,



Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

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