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Indian Industrial School,

Carlisle, Pa. Aug 3 19 01

Pratt, R. H.,

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

Concerning Geneva + Nora
Jamison + returning letter of
R. Stevenson + others enclosed
in Rept. letter #1 marked "Ed-
ucation, 39264."

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Department of the Interior,
INDIAN SCHOOL SERVICE,

Carlisle, Pa. Aug. 3, 1901.

To The Honorable,

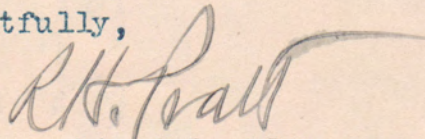
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Sir :-

Replying to your letter of Aug. 1st marked "Education, 39264", enclosing communication from R. Stevenson and other letters, relative to the release of Nora and Geneva Jamison from this school, which matter is referred to me for report and recommendation with the return of the papers, I have to respectfully advise you that the correspondence here shows that before receiving these children at Carlisle I urged that they remain where they were and take advantage of the public schools of Jamestown, which I personally knew to be among the best in the country; but the parents and friends whose interest was secured persisted until I accepted of them. It is proper therefore that release should be accomplished with difficulty. There has perhaps been enough pressure and correspondence to cover the situation, and I am willing now to return the girls after the 15th of September when Nora, who is now in the country, will have worked out her contract. We allow our students to go out with the distinct understanding that they shall remain for the whole period of summer outing and such additional time as may be arranged. Filling obligations of this sort is something that Indians are exceedingly lax about. The Indian system seems to train in the other direction.

If therefore it is your pleasure that Nora and Geneva Jamison be returned to their parents about the middle of September, I will return them.

Very respectfully,

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

Lt. Col. 15th Cavalry, Supt.

Dictated(P)