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Dated April 8 th 1880.		

From Lieut Pratt.
 Carlisle Pa.

SUBJECT:

Relative to sending
 Navajo children to
 the Carlisle school. &c

Letter to S. Jackson May 5/80.

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Department of the Interior,

April 10 1880.

Respectfully referred to the
 Commissioner of Indian Affairs.
 with the direction that the request
 concerning the Navajos be complied
 with as far as possible.

By order of the Secretary,
 J. M. McKim
 Chief Clerk.

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United States Indian Service,
TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,
CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., April 8th, 1880

Hon. Carl Schurz
Secy of the Interior
Sir.

I am most anxious to make a telling break on the Navajos, and on the Presbyterians. The Navajos furnish the most promising field for educational and industrial training of any Indians we have, and are only second to the Sioux in population. The Presbyterians who have had ten years to move upon this tribe are only now making up to their responsibility. This is a Presbyterian Valley, and fifty Navajo youth at this school will incite the whole church to work. I only place the matter before you, with my opinion that the 15 youth you have allowed from the Navajos, is too few, really weakness both ways, i.e. for the Dou^l and the Presbyterians.

If Agent Thomas of the Pueblo has not returned to his station I would like him to visit en route on his way home.

If we have failed in getting St. Brown, we have developed the enemy. One experience in this matter

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I receive to inform you of when I can see you. The mechanical and industrial work is coming forward in a manner I am sure will gratify you. I shall have harness and tinware for shipment to Agencies. The blacksmith and his boys have made all our agricultural implements. What I shall do for something to keep that branch going puzzles me just now. It is too important to fall behind in.

I have informed the Commissioner that I can go after the Utes and Navajos. The importance of securing proper subjects must not be overlooked. We who have the work to do feel that most.

With great respect

Your obedient servant

Rt. Pralt

Lt. In charge

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