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Carlsilo  
July 28/80

Refs. letter from  
Geo. W. Bandy  
of Ft. Mead, Fla.  
rel. to Indians near  
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cating of one  
says he has sent  
Photographs of  
map 213  
file  
Cook

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Respectfully forwarded to the Indian Office for information of the Dept. I have sent photographs to Mr. Huddy and encouraged him to effort tending to break the deep seated prejudice of these people.

Mr Huddy is a brother of Capt F. A. Huddy of Fort Myers and is also a reliable man.

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Carlisle Barracks Pa  
July 28<sup>th</sup> 1880.

Fort Meade Fla

May 25<sup>th</sup> 1880

Dr Sir

I write you with reference to the Indians near here. - Chupto and his subjects - I have again paid them a visit and found them kindly disposed - glad to see us gave us sugar corn and extended much hospitality for Carages. They are, I think, drifting unconsciously into a higher state and with cautious encouragement they would soon reach civilization. There is a half breed among them whom we did not see when there we saw his mother a matronly French, his father is Old Mico of Fort Centre. He is just 21 of good size and is superior to any

Indian I know among them.  
He is dignified - intelligent and  
can speak good English - owns a  
sewing machine - a nice trunk -  
wears fine clothes (for Indians)  
and I think could easily be learned  
to read and write. He seems to  
be superior and independent to  
the Indians.

Now my purpose is simply this  
- To try to educate this half  
Indian and half Negro to  
spell read and write. He will  
serve now as a fair interpreter  
and with little efforts can be  
made indeed useful in bringing  
the others to a sensible stand  
point. My sole object in writing  
this to you is to procure through  
you a lot of pictures of the  
Indians out west of their Big  
chiefs, etc, whether or not

genuine that no matter, Pictures  
of Indians - their school houses  
towns &c together with a lot  
of cheap brass jewelry which  
they would prize highly. perhaps  
the Govt can furnish them  
Then after making an effort  
and testing its results. If the  
effort proves successful and  
the Govt sees proper to give  
any aid, all right, & if not  
it is no matter with me  
I am not actuated in the mat-  
ter with a view to make money  
of it, hence I have no hesitancy  
in speaking freely on the subject.  
I could not operate with any  
except Chepko's crowd at  
least at present - but if success  
ful there, might extend my  
efforts further.

Now as you are familiar with  
mode of procedure and know  
more of the Indian Native than  
I any suggestion or instructions  
from you to me will be  
thankfully received and  
hope you will feel no hes-  
tancy in communicating  
with to me anytime at  
your earliest convenience  
as I would like much to hear  
from you

Respectfully  
Your obt. servt,

Geo. W. Hendry

Fort Meade  
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