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Carlisle, Pa.,

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Hon. E. M. Marble

Actg. Com^r Indⁿ Affairs
Washington D.C.

Sir-

The three boys mentioned in Agent Miles telegram belong to the twenty-two of the former Florida prisoners, who, when released in April 1878 preferred to remain east longer for better education, and have been mostly supported by charity. The sick boy has been entirely supported and his educational expenses paid by Bishop Huntington, Central New York diocese. Six weeks ago he was playing ball and received a blow, which brought on hemorrhages, and will not recover. He came here at my instance to return with Agt. Miles party, but is grown so weak there is danger in longer delay, and the chiefs are anxious he should die at home. One of the other two boys is the son of Lean

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Bear, the Cheyenne Chief who committed
suicide, when I was conducting the
prisoners to Florida in 1875. He is a
good Capable boy, not afraid to work,
understands English well and speaks
it fairly. His mother is poor and has
always wanted him home. Agent
Miles can give him employment, and
he will do good work for his people by
example I am sure. The other of
the three boys is a Kiowa whose
health has not been good for two months,
but there is nothing serious in his case.
It seems best to gratify his desire to
go home for a short time, and if he
recovers good health he can return
when opportunity offers. He too is a
thoroughly good boy, and I consider
that his influence will be valuable
amongst his people, equal to the

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cost. He is very anxious to complete his trade of tinner in which he has made most creditable progress, and says he will come back if he has to save the money and pay his own way.

All of these boys have been away from their people for five and a half years, and as prisoners are entitled to return at Govt expense. ~~They~~ Two have been rendering invaluable help in the organization of this school, and can now be spared, and it is my opinion and that of Agent Miles as well, that the best interests of the service will be served by their return home.

The case of the sick one is so pressing, that they had better be sent at once, as Sgt. Miles asked.

Very respectfully

R. H. Pratt

Act in Charge