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- as in used  
in number of  
children for the  
school

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United States Indian Service,

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR INDIAN YOUTH,

CARLISLE BARRACKS,

Carlisle, Pa., Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1880

To the Honorable  
The Commissioner of Indian Affairs  
Washington D. C.

Sir,

I beg to submit the following in reference to the contemplated increase of the number of children to this school. Since the correspondence of the Department with the Ute Commission in regard to the Ute children, from which, as I am informed by the Department, there is no response, it seems doubtful that we will get the delegation of fifty the Department desired from that Agency, this fall.

I would respectfully suggest that as both Major Berry and Col. Page have been here with the large delegations of Ute chiefs they had with them in Washington last winter, they will be able to accomplish more toward getting the children, than any other authority the Department could place there just now, and in the event of the failure of the Commission I would respectfully suggest that Major Berry

and Col Page be instructed to work the matter up,  
and that time be given them, ~~and~~ I can correspond  
from here and send them such incentives as I may be  
able. I should be very glad to visit the Ute  
Country and bring away the children myself and believe  
it would be for the best interest of the work for me  
to do so.

We have now 196 children here. I am informed  
that twenty Navajos and ten additional Pueblos  
are already ordered, this will bring our number to  
226 and allow us to have 25 or 30 from some other  
source and still hold rooms open for the 50 Utes  
which would give us 300 and be as many as we  
can handle well with our present rooms.

I should like very much to have some Chippewa  
-ways here. As Agent Mahan and the Chiefs visited  
us last Spring and the Chiefs expressed themselves favor-  
-ably while here, I think that we might get a  
delegation from the La Pointe Agency. Agent  
Crissey in a personal correspondence always expresses  
a desire to send more children here from his Agency.  
The Menomonee of Wisconsin might send more. If

The Department thought well of it I should  
be glad to make a trip to the North West after  
more children.

The Pawnee Agent has written several letters  
desiring to increase the number of children from his  
Agency here.

I hope the views I have heretofore expressed  
as to the equalization of the sexes and a most rigid  
physical examination may be carried out, in some order.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant.

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In Charge