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Osage Agency

30/12/82
Jan 4th 1882

A. G. Miles Agent

Letter transmitting
Petition of Chiefs
once asking permission
to send children to
School.

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Enclosure referred to
in certificate Dec 14/81
through the Dept.

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United States Indian Service,

Osage

Agency,

Jan 4th

, 1882.

Hon Hiram Price
Indian Commissioner

Dear Sir

Referring to Office
letter of Nov 14th 1881. C 15005- I
have presented the matter of
sending Chief Joseph's children to
Osage Mission. And herewith transmit
consent of the Council for the
expunction of Osage funds to
pay necessary expenses. The Council
Appreciating the benefits of sending
their children away to school have
signed the enclosed. giving authority
for their funds to be expended for
this purpose. whenever it seems best

for them to do so and there is a
suitable opportunity.

In this connection allow me
to say that there is four or five
other boys that desire to accompany
Joseph's sons and I recommend that
they be allowed to go as they are large
boys and they may be benefited by
coming in contact with the world.

There is also quite a number
of children that can be had for
Carlisle if there is room for them.

I think I can get from 16-20
with half the company girls. All of
them bright & of good age for advancement.

The usages are backward about
educational matters and think
that every opportunity should be taken

to place their children where they
will have the advantages of an education
& where they cannot be taken back
to camp life. The expense if necessary
can be paid from their Tribal funds
of which they have ample to educate
all their children

Should this company be permitted
to go to Carlisle or some other suitable
place please refer me as early as
possible with instructions as to
transportation. Company &c. &c.

Awaiting Your Reply

Yours Respectfully

L. J. Mills

Indian Agent