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Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

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Washington, April 4, 1888.

Thomas Priestley,
U. S. Indian Agent,
Yakima Agency, Wash. Ter.

Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the Director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, in which it is stated that a number of Yakima Indians are anxious to send their children to a Catholic school, and asking that a contract be made for educating twenty (20) children at a school at North Yakima, and referring thereto, I would like to have your views as to whether such contract would interfere with the attendance at the Government school under your charge. There are two hundred and fifty (250) children of school age reported on the reservation, with school accommodations for only one hundred and fifty (150).

This Office desires to have the co-operation of all religious organizations in the work of Indian education, and the wishes of the Indians as to the religious training of their children must always be taken into consideration. You will please report your

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views on this matter, as early as possible.

Very respectfully,

J D C Atkins

Commissioner.

Dept. of the Interior
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Washington. April 4, 1888

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Atkins views as to a
Contract with Col. John
Indian Mission to
Educate 20 children of
this Reserve,

Rec'd April 11. ans. April 13.