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**Letter from the Secretary of the Interior, recommending that \$3,000 be appropriated from the annuities to the Cheyennes for the support and education of the two white female children captured from said Indians**

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EDUCATION OF CHEYENNE CAPTIVES.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

RECOMMENDING

*That \$3,000 be appropriated from the annuities to the Cheyennes for the support and education of the two white female children captured from said Indians.*

DECEMBER 23, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, D. C., December 18, 1874.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a letter addressed to this Department by the honorable the Secretary of War, under date of the 9th instant, inclosing an extract from a report of Col. Nelson A. Miles, of the 9th ultimo, relative to the capture from Cheyenne Indians of two white female children, aged 5 and 7 years, respectively, named Adelaide and Julia German.

Colonel Miles recommends that an amount sufficient for the annual maintenance of these children be taken from the annuity appropriation for the benefit of the Cheyennes, which recommendation has the approval of Generals Sherman, Sheridan, and Pope.

I also transmit a copy of a report, dated the 17th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to whom the matter was referred, approving the recommendation of Colonel Miles, and suggesting that the sum of \$3,000 be appropriated from the annuities of the Cheyennes for the proper care and education of these children, and that a provision to that effect be inserted in the Indian appropriation bill now before the House.

Concurring in the views and suggestions contained in the communication referred to, I have the honor, respectfully, to invite the attention of Congress to the subject, to the end that it may receive the favorable consideration of that body.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. DELANO,  
*Secretary.*

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Washington City, December 9, 1874.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, for such action as you may deem advisable, copy of extract from the report of Colonel Miles, of November 9, relative to the recapture from the Indians of Adelaide and Julia German, and recommending that provision be made for these children from the appropriation for the annuity to the Cheyennes; also copies of indorsements of the General of the Army and of General Sheridan, approving the recommendation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. W. BELKNAP,  
Secretary of War.

The Hon. the SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

[Extract.]

HEADQUARTERS INDIAN TERRITORY EXPEDITION,  
CAMP ON NORTH FORK RED RIVER,  
Texas, November 9, 1874.

SIR:

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During the fight two white girls were recaptured from the Indians. It appears these sisters, Adelaide and Julia German, aged 5 and 7 years, respectively, were captured in Kansas, en route from Georgia to Colorado. They state that their father, mother, brother, and one sister were murdered, and that they and two older sisters were kept prisoners. They have no positive knowledge of their whereabouts. Their story of woe and suffering is simply too horrible to describe. They were almost naked and nearly starved. They are now under the charge of Surgeon Waters, and will receive every care and attention, and, when strong enough to endure the journey, will be forwarded to Leavenworth. I most earnestly recommend that ample annual provision be made for these children, by the Government, out of the annuity appropriation for the benefit of the Cheyenne Indians.  
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NELSON H. MILES,  
Col. and Bvt. Maj. Gen., U. S. A., Commanding.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL,  
Department of the Missouri, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

[1st indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI,  
Fort Leavenworth, November 18, 1874.

Respectfully forwarded. The recommendation of Colonel Miles, concerning a provision for the young white children recaptured, to be taken from the Cheyenne appropriation, is heartily concurred in and recommended.

JNO. POPE,  
Brevet Major-General.

[2d indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION, MISSOURI,  
Chicago, November 27, 1874.

Respectfully forwarded, recommending that the captured children be provided for by the Government in the manner requested by Colonel Miles.

P. H. SHERIDAN,  
Lieutenant-General Commanding.

[3d indorsement.]

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,  
Saint Louis, November 30, 1874.

Respectfully forwarded to the Secretary of War, approved.

W. T. SHERMAN,  
General.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,  
*Washington, December 3, 1874.*

Official copy.

E. D. TOWNSEND,  
*Adjutant-General.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C., December 17, 1874.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, by reference from the Department, of a letter from the honorable Secretary of War, dated the 9th instant, transmitting copy of extract from the report of Colonel Miles, relative to the recapture from the Cheyenne Indians of Adelaide and Julia German, whose parents were murdered, and recommending that provision be made for their care, annually, out of the appropriations for said Indians, which recommendation is concurred in by Generals Pope, Sheridan, and Sherman.

The recommendation in this case meets with the approval of this Office, and I respectfully suggest that Congress be requested to appropriate the sum of \$3,000 from the annuities of the Cheyennes for the proper care and education of these unfortunate children, and that a provision to that effect be inserted in the Indian appropriation bill now before the House of Representatives.

The papers are returned herewith.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDW. P. SMITH,  
*Commissioner.*

The Hon. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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