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June 11, 1963

Mr. Kermit Gordon, Director
Bureau of the Budget
Executive Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Mr. Palmer

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Since my office discussed the matter of the Indian hospital at Lawton, Oklahoma, with you last week, we have had further communication with the local interests in which they say: "You can give every assurance that this community is not interested in having a Public Health addition to the local hospital. The Indians are very much disturbed about this and are constantly asking about it."

I hope this matter can be terminated without further undue delay, believing as I do that the only possible solution to a very untenable situation is to release funds for the planning of this hospital so that it can get underway.

We are sincerely concerned about the existing conditions. On the basis of our own personal survey and knowledge of the situation, the only possible solution seems to be the construction of a new Indian hospital. Your cooperation in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*cc - Milton Keating - Lawton
- Dr Thomas Shinnick - HEW*

The Lawton
CHAMBER of COMMERCE
Lawton, Oklahoma

OFFICE OF
THE SECRETARY:

—MILTON KEATING JUNE 8, 1963

MR. MIKE MONRONEY, UNITED STATES SENATOR
SENATOR OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

DEAR MIKE:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 4 CONCERN-
ING THE PUBLIC HEALTH HOSPITAL.

YOU CAN GIVE MR. PALMER EVERY ASSURANCE THAT THIS COM-
MUNITY IS NOT INTERESTED IN HAVING A PUBLIC HEALTH
ADDITION TO THE LOCAL HOSPITAL.

THE INDIANS ARE VERY MUCH DISTURBED ABOUT THIS AND
ARE CONSTANTLY ASKING ABOUT IT.

I CERTAINLY HOPE MR. PALMER WILL RELEASE THE FUNDS,
AND THAT THE PLANNING CAN GET UNDERWAY FOR THE HOSPITAL
FOR THE AREA INDIANS HERE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR INFLUENCE IN THIS MATTER.

YOUR FRIEND,

Milton Keating
MILTON KEATING
SECRETARY-MANAGER

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