

December 16, 1963

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Mr. T. E. Allen
County Superintendent of Schools
Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Dear T. E.:

Many thanks for your letters recommending the appointment of Mr. Franklin D. Shannon as Superintendent of the Osage Indian Agency to replace the incumbent who is retiring.

Following receipt of your letter and letters from other friends in Oklahoma in behalf of other prospects for the appointment, I got in touch with the Commissioner's office at the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The selection of a career employee for appointment as Superintendent of the Osage Agency is currently being discussed. I have expressed interest in Mr. Shannon and have been assured that he, along with other qualified career employees, will receive every consideration.

Your interest in Mr. Shannon is appreciated, and I want to thank you once again for writing in his behalf.

With best personal regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

OFFICE OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

T. E. ALLEN
SUPERINTENDENT

VIOLA KOENIG
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

GERTIE REYNOLDS
DEPUTY



December 9, 1963

Honorable Mike Monroney
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

Franklin D. Shannon, a former Osage Countian who has been in the Indian Service for many years, is ideally fitted to be superintendent of the Osage Agency here. He has been in the department for more than twenty years and has held many positions of trust. He was realty officer in the Agency here for a number of years during which time I had considerable deals with the Agency. He performed his duties in a most capable manner and won the approbation of both the Indians and the white people with whom he dealt. He is a good democrat and we deserve to have one democrat as superintendent of the Agency after all the years in which the position has been held by Republicans. He is young enough to give long tenure to the service. There is no question whatever but that he is the most acceptable prospect for the job.

Mike, I am quite serious about this and I want you to please make this appointment an order of business with you and to do more than to make the usual gestures in such cases. Everybody in Pawhuska would like to see him superintendent.

Sincerely yours,

T. E. Allen, County Superintendent

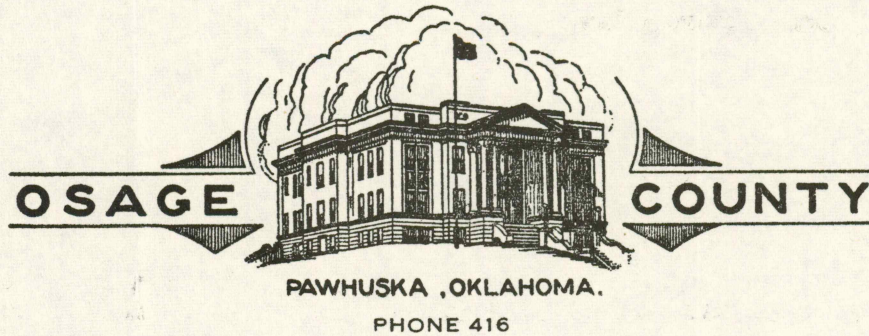
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December 10, 1963

Honorable Mike Monroney
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

This is a supplement to the letter I wrote you yesterday about filling the vacancy in the superintendency of the Osage Agency.

The Agency has become a hotbed of republicanism in this county and it is most difficult for us to overcome this influence. The tribal attorney, while obeying the letter of the law as far as the Hatch Act is concerned, never misses a cue in promoting republican doctrine. His wife is the spokesman for the family and they are wheeling and dealing all the time in the interest of the Republican Party. We need and want a democrat as superintendent and there is no reason why we shouldn't have one.

Franklin D. Shannon is a democrat in every sense of the word. We are looking to you to help us in getting him appointed as superintendent of the Osage Agency.

Sincerely yours,

T. E. Allen, County Superintendent

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