

December 16, 1963

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Mr. Gene Blake, Chairman
Osage County Democratic Central Cmte.
Barnsdall, Oklahoma 74002

Dear Mr. Blake:

Many thanks for your letter 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 regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Barnsdall, Oklahoma
December 10, 1963

Hon. Mike Monroney,
United States Senator,
Senate Office Building,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator:

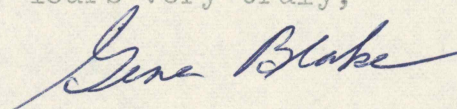
I have been informed that Mr. Thomas Dodge who is presently employed as Superintendent of the Osage Indian Agency in Pawhuska, Okla. will retire December 20, 1963. It is my understanding that it is the policy of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to fill such vacant positions by promotion within the Bureau.

I would like to endorse Mr. Franklin D. Shannon for the position of Superintendent at the Osage Agency. Mr. Shannon has been employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for more than 20 years of which 15 years or more was spent at the Osage Agency. I feel that Mr. Shannon is well qualified for this position and that he would be an asset to the community should he be appointed. I have been personally acquainted with Mr. Shannon for many years and know that his honesty and integrity is beyond reproach. During his tenure of employment at Pawhuska he was active in church and Civic affairs. He served as president of one of the local Civic Clubs. He is also a sustaining member of the Democratic Party and is well known and well liked by a number of leading Democrats in Osage County.

I strongly recommend Mr. Shannon for this position and assure you that any assistance you may render in connection with this appointment will be greatly appreciated by his Democrat friends and I will consider your efforts as a personal favor.

With best personal regards, I remain

Yours very truly,



Gene Blake,
Chairman, Osage County Democratic
Party