



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

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We appreciate your continuing interest in the Indian health program. The letter from the Talihina Indian Hospital patients is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

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Talihina Indian Hospital

Talihina, Oklahoma

May 24, 1963

Dear Sir,

We the T. B. patients of Talihina Indian Hospital, would like to wxpress our opinion of the possible closure of our T. B. department. We would like to say we the patients have voted down unanimously the fact we may be transferred to the State Hospital. All are very strongly against it. As expressed by the undersigned T. B. patients. We would appreciate ite ever so much if this matter was looked into further.

Eddie Smith	Arlander Phillips
Betsy Sam	Katie Harper
Sallie Billy	Arny Nowrubi
Nelson Clark	Susie Guake
Skinnie Jones.	Arns Hutchison
Saeldie McDonald	Eddie Lindsey
Myrtle Adams	Tomy Chupco
Carole Jackson	Harry Foster
Erma Tarchcorn	Emanuel Kee Jahn
Genea Smeal	Daniel Green
X Fannie Phillips	Bill Pritchett

Sarty Frye
Leo Nelson
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Joseph Rombo
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David Lender
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