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Hon. A. S. Mike Monroney United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Monroney:

The construction program at Sequoyah Indian School, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, mentioned in Mr. David J. Perry's letter of November 14, 1963 to Mr. Howard B. Nelson, is scheduled for inclusion in the 1965 fiscal year budget.

An architect for the project has not been selected as of this date. However, inquiries have been made of four Oklahoma architects as to their interest in performing this work and replies, in the affirmative, have been received from three.

A few minor details of the planning program are being resolved and it is expected that a selection of one of the three architects will be made in the near future. It has been the policy of the Bureau for many years to select architects and engineers from the same state in which the project is located when private architectural and engineering services are required. You may rest assured that a qualified Oklahoma architect will be selected for the job.

We appreciate your interest in the programs of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Division of Indian Health.

Sincerely yours,

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