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HEW- Indian Health Service

July 12, 1974

Dr. Emery Johnson Director Indian Health Service Parklawn Building 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dear Dr. Johnson:

A number of residents of Carter County, Oklahoma, have contacted me concerning the possibility of the establishment of a health clinic in Ardmore, the largest city in Carter County. For your information, I have enclosed a copy of the communication I have received from these residents.

I would appreciate any information you might have on this possibility, and any comments you might have as to the feasibility of such a project.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

The Speaker

CA/ss Enclosures July 11, 1974

Mr. Roy T. Ussrey 615 G N.E. Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

Dear Mr. Ussrey:

Thank you very much for your recent communication regarding the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Service. In an effort to be of assistance, I am contacting the appropriate officials of the BIA and the Indian Health Service on these matters. I have asked each of these agencies to furnish me a report and I will be back in touch with you when I have their replies.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Speaker

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Conressman & Speaker of the House Hon. Carl Albert Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir :

I have been elected to send these petitions on to your Office. We feel that you should see to it that Ardmore does not lose their BIA Offices to Sulphur or Ada, etc.

Futhermore, even if we can't get an Indian Hospital here, we still want you to help us get a Clinic established here in Ardmore.

This is a very pressing need for this Area.

Sincerely yours,

Roy T. Ussrey 615 G - N.E.

Ardmore, Oklahoma.

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The Speaker's Rooms H.S. House of Representatives Washington, P.C. 20515

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HEW - Indian Health Service

July 12, 1974

The Honorable Morris Thompson Commissioner Bureau of Indian Affairs 1951 Constitution Avenue Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

A number of residents of Carter County, Oklahoma, have contacted me about their concern over the possibility of the Bureau moving their Ardmore offices to Sulphur or Ada. For your information, I am enclosing a copy of the communications I have received on this matter.

I would appreciate any information you can furnish me as to the concerns of these people, and I would appreciate any thoughts you might have on the matter.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

The Speaker

CA/ss Enclosures

The Speaker's Rooms M. S. House of Representatives Washington, A. C. 20513 July 12, 1974

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The Speaker's Rooms U.S. House of Representatives Washington, P.C. 20515

July 15, 1974

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The Speaker read your letters. After signing this one from to Morris Thompson said that he wanted the letter changed on the third line ---- to another communities added after offices. He was afraid that this would be get out to the Sulphur or Ada people, all of whom are his constituents too. He had no objection to the letter just an objection to mentioning another community.

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HEW - Indian Health S rvice

July 16, 1974

The Honorable Morris Thompson Commissioner Bureau of Indian Affairs 1951 Constitution Avenue Washington, D.C. 20240

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

July 30, 1974

Honorable Carl Albert Speaker of the House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Thank you for your letter of July 12, 1974, inquiring in behalf of some residents of Carter County, Oklahoma with regard to the possibility of establishing a health clinic in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

In keeping with the goals of Indian self-determination and tribal health program development, the Tribal Advisory Board of the Tishomingo Service Unit was requested to give their preference for possible locations for health facilities in the Service Unit area. Based upon the existing funding level and the necessary development of a priority structure there are no plans at present for a health clinic at Ardmore.

Should funds become available, and future planning justifies the needs of the clinic at Ardmore, within the priority structure referred to above, the Indian Health Service will be willing to plan and implement the operation of a clinic at Ardmore.

I hope that this information will be helpful in responding to your constituents. Please let us know if we can assist you further and thank you for your interest in the health and well-being of the Indian people in the area.

Sincerely yours,

Lemery A. Johnson, M.D.

Assistant Surgeon General Director, Indian Health Service

United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WASHINGTON D. C. 20245

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Honorable Carl Albert Speaker of the House U. S. House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Thank you for your July 16 inquiry on behalf of a number of residents from Carter County, Oklahoma, who are concerned about a possible neve of Bureau offices from the Ardmore community and the need for establishing medical facilities in the Ardmore area.

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Sincerely yours,

(Sga) Morris Thompson

Commissioner of Indian Affairs



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WASHINGTON, D. C. 20245

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Sincerely yours,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs



August 7, 1974

Mr. Roy T. Ussrey 615 G Street, N.E. Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

Dear Mr. Ussrey:

Enclosed is a copy of the report we have received from the Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Morris Thompson, in response to my inquiry concerning the removal of the BIA offices from Ardmore. As you will note, Commissioner Thompson emphatically denies that such a move is planned.

I hope that this will be of information to you, and when we receive additional information, we will be back in touch with you.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely,

The Speaker

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August 19, 1974

Mr. Roy T. Ussrey 615 G Street, N.E. Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401

Dear Mr. Ussrey:

I am enclosing a copy of a report I have received from the Director of the Indian Health Service in response to you communication regarding the location of future IMS services in Ardmore. I hope that this will be of information to you.

We were glad to check into the we matters for you and if there is ever any way that we can be of service in this or any other mattet, please do not hesitate to call on us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

The Speaker

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