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INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Thank you for your letter dated May 28, 1974, regarding the establishment of a health center for the Indian community in Seminole County, Oklahoma.

The Indian Health Service has identified the need for a health center in the Wewoka service area. A review of the program concept enclosed with your correspondence indicates that the proposed facility which would be constructed by the community for subsequent leasing and operation by the Indian Health Service is both feasible and adequate in terms of the communities' health needs.

The implementation of the plan would require 43 additional positions and \$470,000 (including \$260,000 non-recurring costs such as equipment) the first year of its operation and an annual operating cost of \$840,000 each year thereafter. The Indian Health Service is unable to implement this proposal within current resources.

Sincerely yours,

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