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Dr. E.S. Rabeau
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Dear Dr. Rabeau:

Thank you very much for Mr. Drew's telephone call and for your letter of April 4 advising us of the meetings you have scheduled with various Indian groups in Oklahoma during the period from April 12-15, 1967.

I wish it were possible for me to be with you for these meetings but I won't be able to get away from Washington at that time. I have asked Mr. William K. Anderson of McAlester, who is in charge of my district office there, to represent me at the Talihina meeting.

We want to commend you for scheduling these meetings and for seeking the Indian people's suggestions and recommendations on ways to improve health services in their particular areas. Your determination to make the Indian health program in Oklahoma the very best possible is most commendable. Be assured of our interest and our eagerness to work with you.

Since we won't be able to be in Oklahoma to welcome Dr. Robertson back to the Sooner state, we would be pleased if he could come by to see us here if he has any extra time when he is in Washington.

Our very best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M.C.
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Shall we have Bill attend Talihina meeting?

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Dear Mr. Albert:

During the period, April 12-15, 1967, certain members of the Division Headquarters Office, the Indian Health Area Office at Oklahoma City, and I will meet with the various Indian beneficiaries in Oklahoma to review the Indian health program in that Area.

At these meetings we hope to obtain the Indian people's suggestions and recommendations on ways in which to improve health services in their particular service units and to announce certain Division program and policy changes with regard to eligibility for services. It is also planned to introduce the newly-appointed Indian Health Area Director, Dr. Jack Robertson, to the Oklahoma Indian beneficiaries.

We would be very pleased if you or a representative of your office could attend these meetings and participate in the discussions relative to the Indian health program in the Oklahoma Area.

Following is a list of meetings scheduled during April 1967:

1. April 12, 1967, 9:00 A. M., Talihina, Oklahoma. Quarterly meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes--Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek and Seminole.
2. April 13, 1967, 7:30 P. M., Public Health Service Indian Hospital, Pawnee, Oklahoma. Pawnee, Ponca, Otoe-Missouri, Osage, Kaw, and Tonkawa Tribes.
3. April 14, 1967, 2:00 P. M., Concho Indian School, Concho, Oklahoma. Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.
4. April 15, 1967, 2:00 P. M., Public Health Service Indian Health Center, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Absentee-Shawnee, Sac and Fox, Potawatomi, Iowa, and Kickapoo Tribes. Indian people living in and around Oklahoma City will be invited to this meeting.

5. We have established a meeting on April 16 at Miami, Oklahoma, with the Indian Tribes in Ottawa County. These tribes include Delaware, Eastern Shawnee, Miami, Modoc, Quapaw, Seneca, Cayuga, and Wyandotte.
6. Another meeting planned after the Lawton Hospital dedication on April 22 will include the Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Caddo, Wichita, and Delaware Tribes.

May we hear from you as soon as conveniently possible, as we would appreciate having the benefit of your ideas relative to the health program for Indians in the Oklahoma Area.

Sincerely yours,



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