

March 13, 1967

Mrs. Sula Saltzman Goodman  
Post Office Box 636  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101

Dear Sula:

Well, now you know your friend, Hugh, came to Washington, interviewed me, wrote two very good stories based on those interviews and others on his talks with other members of the Congressional delegation. We were awfully glad you let us know he was coming to town.

Thanks for your report on the ballet and for sharing with me the copy of Dr. McBrayer's letter to all service unit directors and branch chiefs quoting my note about Hugh Morgan's article. In the same mail came a nice letter from Dr. McBrayer thanking us for our kind words and interest in the program.

You may not get this until you return from your meeting. We hope you enjoy it. It's good to get away occasionally. Sometimes a look from afar at one's situation helps tremendously. We get so caught up in our situations that it's difficult to view them objectively close up. At any rate, hang on to your perspective and your sense of humor.

I have no idea what Joe Anderson's situation is, but you might want to contact him. The Bureau of Indian Affairs sounds much more interesting if it's possible. I would doubt that it's going to land in H. E. W.

We were sorry to learn about your tough luck with your cottage on the lake. It must be tantalizing though to have a nice place like that and not be able to use it.

Thanks for your suggestion that we write Mrs. Taliaferro. We'll get a note right off.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M.C.  
Third District, Oklahoma

CA/Wnu



Tell Secretary to drop PHS from my address.  
Please use only PO Box 636, Zip 73101. Risky to  
get my mail from you into Agency's mail.

3-2-67

Carl, I'm glad you liked my "valentine" from  
Lou Allard the day Justice Welch entered  
Segoville for income tax indictment. Lou,  
I'm sure, may have been reminded that he  
missed "Talking Leaves" by the publicity on  
the Judge. I had shared with him a study I  
did for O.U. showing how extremely the Oklahoma  
City Times headlines ~~may~~ misrepresented and  
repeated the stories they carried from Grand  
Jury to Muskogee trial. This is a phase  
of newspapering which Atkinson has helped  
to clean up for Oklahoma City. <sup>Newspapering</sup> ~~It~~ had got  
equally scandalous. Lou appreciated the  
study, knowing it could happen to you, or  
him, or anyone else in proportion to power.  
Keeping perspective is the personal answer to  
the problem. Pray for perspective.

It is difficult for me to keep perspective. Public  
Health Service refused my ~~grant~~ traineeship  
request which all at Medical School had  
endorsed, because my Master degree will be  
in Journalism. I wonder what in hell God



wants me to do with this unhealthy situation I've got myself into in the fast-changing world of medicine, which cannot change fast enough for a public information specialist. There is some kind of a struggle to keep Health Educators in power on public information, and they fear the press.

I see Hugh in Poughkeepsie tomorrow night to review my <sup>chances in an</sup> appeals case. Our Civil Service advisor here tells me "bucking a sadist like McBroger is not worth it." Hugh will help me decide. It's a damned shame. My reaction to Doctor Wagner's letter - last paragraph - was that he, too, is in the "fear the press" class, who <sup>also</sup> hates "dedicated" Federal employees. They understand only the kind that look after their own interests, a department I have neglected. Consequently, I have to pay the dope penalty in this particular environment. As I have told you before, your perspective on the whole has been reassuring to me as a person. I have no hope that the coming of Robertson from Portland will ease my bind here. I desperately need a change.



I applied to BDA hoping to land in Interior but who knows where BDA will be in these realignment shuffles. Small Business wants me, but cannot get the funds here nor at Dallas. Could Anderson use me in Muskogee?

The Latimer County study in Public Health administration overloads me, but helps me keep my thoughts constructive. Eastern Oklahoma is a wonderful challenge, as I knew when I purchased the best view of Lake McAlester. <sup>Because over a great lake</sup> But that, too, was a personal financial mistake. The wind took 4 roofs, and I could not be there. I sold at a \$1000. loss to a couple who needed the break — school people. It was a perfect retirement project for a wood working instructor who serves as a principal. His wife teaches and her hobby is painting. Someday I'll buy a watercolor.

Thanks again for your time. I do hope Hugh Morgan's itinerary works out to include your staff.

Sincerely, Sula



attached  
This is pure "advertising" on Federal  
funds but it seems wise PR  
expenditure at this time. If  
Gaylord sees the memo re Hugh's  
article he'll ask me what I'm up to!  
Then get me fired for advertising Journal.  
I hope you and your wife ~~can~~ know  
Mrs Henry B. Taliaferro (Toliver) -  
the attorney's wife. She would be proud  
of a letter & it would be seen <sup>also</sup> by OC's  
leading Republican ballot brokers.  
I wish I could relay the pain I

Taliaferro: 1511 W. Collier Blvd.



observed among utility men. Kennedy's  
wife got ~~the~~ him there looking like  
Little Lord Fountroy. She & I know  
no mother thru Planned Parenthood  
activities — since my Iowa days,  
I sat in \$3.00 seats with Marie  
Bailey as my guest instead of  
champagne with the hard-earned  
crowd your Udall-Harris-Bellmon -  
Bartlett collected. Ballet was a joy  
to Marie. McBryde had loaded her  
past enjoying anything.  
But I'm fine and heading for Nat'l Health



Forum week after this -18-23.

Mr. Richard Wenzel, Head, Community Health Services, School of Public Health, The Univ of Michigan, is the man I'm looking forward to seeing. I found him a rare old Hawai'i charging for his office and he is so pleased.

He is Consultant to DHA, and so fine a person he could not fathom Checonery, so I talk to him about the Hawai'i! Wish I were so wise consistently. <sup>with I were</sup> <sup>my letters to you</sup> ~~your letters~~ would be more joyous.

Thanks for your letter to Mr. Brayer. He is preening and gives Sula no credit whatsoever for the PR and Public information, to his own loss. For four years I have tried to keep this man, who is capable, Ever — but illy motivated. Sula



DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
Indian Health Area Office  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

IDENTICAL MEMORANDUM

March 7, 1967

TO : All Service Unit Directors in Oklahoma  
All Branch Chiefs

FROM : IHAD, Oklahoma City Area Office

SUBJECT: Letter from Congressman Carl Albert

On February 23, 1967, an article resulting from a long interview between Mr. Hugh Morgan and myself appeared in The Oklahoma Journal, headed "Agency Helping to Improve Oklahoma Indians' Health." On March 3, 1967, we received a letter which is reproduced in full here:

"Dr. Benjamin E. McBrayer  
Indian Health Area Director  
Post Office Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Dr. McBrayer:

I have just read Hugh Morgan's article in The Oklahoma Journal for February 23 in which the excellent report on the Indian Health Division's work in Oklahoma is given. It's a very impressive report. I hope you will convey to your staff my congratulations and commendations.

Sincerely,

/s/ Carl Albert  
CARL ALBERT, M.C.  
Third District, Oklahoma"

On behalf of all of our personnel I have thanked Congressman Albert for his letter and interest in our program. Please post this so that all of your staff will know of the Congressman's interest.

*Benjamin E. McBrayer*  
Benjamin E. McBrayer, M. D.



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February 21, 1967

To all Employees:

As many of you know, under the patronage of The Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Stewart Udall, Senator Fred E. Harris and Mrs. Harris (LaDonna), sponsored by The Governor of Oklahoma and Mrs. Dewey Bartlett, The Honorable Henry Bellmon and Mrs. Bellmon, and The Oklahoma Arts and Humanities Council, three ballet organizations have arranged a benefit performance.

The Lawton Civic Ballet Society, The Oklahoma City Ballet Society and The Tulsa Civic Ballet Society will bring a special performance by the Harkness Ballet of New York City for the benefit of scholarships in the arts for Oklahoma Indians and the Center for Arts of Indian America in Washington, D. C.

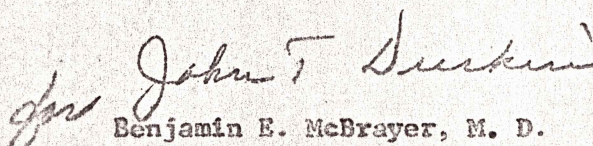
Until February 19th members of Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity, Inc., and members of the Oklahoma City Ballet Society had been given prior privilege to purchase benefit tickets in the orchestra section of Civic Center Music Hall. These people had been urged to form "line parties" made up of friends who do not yet belong to these organizations. Benefit tickets constitute extra support for Indian art and study and sell for \$12.50 or more, as the giver can express his interest in such tangible way. A ticket-gift of \$100. is considered Sponsorship. A ticket-gift of \$12.50 is called a Patron Ticket, entitling the purchaser to special privilege.

On February 19th Fullerton Ticket Agency took over tickets to this Indian benefit performance. They can be purchased at \$7.50, \$5.00 and \$3.00 for the orchestra seats. Mezzanine seats are priced at \$5.00 and \$3.00. Balcony tickets will be \$3.00. Because of the generosity of certain sponsors, students will be allowed to purchase balcony tickets at \$2.00.

Mrs. Henry B. Taliaferro, Jr., Coordinator for Oklahoma City Ballet Society, has asked me to tell all Indian Health employees about this Premier Performance by THE HARKNESS BALLET, Sunday, February 26, at 8:15 P.M., Civic Center Music Hall, Oklahoma City.

As Indian Health Area Director, I am proud that Oklahoma and Oklahoma City organizations are taking such interest in Indian art and giving all of us opportunity to participate.

Fullerton Ticket Agency can be addressed Civic Center Music Hall, Oklahoma City, Zip Code 73102. Their telephone number is CE 5-0640.

  
Benjamin E. McBrayer, M. D.