

PHS - Sula

March 23, 1967

Mrs. Sula Saltsman Goodman
P.O. Box 636
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101

Dear Sula:

Thanks for your newsy letter of March 16 and for your comments which were very helpful. We are returning your letters. You may want to keep in touch with Virgil Harrington about your desire to be considered for any suitable vacancies which might occur. Vacancies have a way of not occurring, at least in a lot of agencies, unless someone is interested in seeing that they do.

We hope you enjoyed your meeting.

Our best ~~ways~~ always.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M.C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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Encl.



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MUSKOGEE AREA OFFICE
MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA 74401

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Office of Reservation
Programs

MAR 9 - 1967

Mrs. Sula Goodman
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Box 636
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101

Dear Sula:

I have your letter of March 1, 1967, requesting certain information concerning Latimer County.

We have checked with Mr. Tom McSpadden, Industrial Development Specialist for the Muskogee Area Office, and he advises that although there may be some prospects for the future, there is nothing working through this office at the present time in the way of new industry for Latimer County.

We do not have any information at all concerning that county's becoming a retirement center for people who will be interested in chronic disease.

To get a rundown on the BIA's current program activities for the Indians of Latimer County, contact Mr. Andrew G. Bidwell, Superintendent, Talihina Agency, Talihina, Oklahoma.

We are enclosing a booklet "Human and Material Resources of Latimer County - A Profile for Growth and Development" which we hope will be of assistance to you.

Good luck in your endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Marie L. Wadley
Area Program Officer

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Personnel

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
MUSKOGEE AREA OFFICE
MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA 74401

MAR 17 1967

Mrs. Sula Saltsman Goodman
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Dear Sula:

I was pleased to receive your letter transmitting an up-to-date application and to know of your continued interest in employment with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in eastern Oklahoma.

We do not have a vacancy for which your application can be considered, however, it will be retained for future consideration when suitable vacancies occur.

I enjoy your publication of "Talking Leaves" and encourage you to continue your efforts in keeping the public informed of our obligation to the American Indian.

May you enjoy continued success in your field.

Sincerely yours,

Lorrie Hardin
Acting Area Director

3-16-67

Carl, some time ago you asked me what I knew of the doctor and executive officer who were being transferred here. I have not answered because I did not know enough to help, and the situation was, from where I was sitting, a tug of war between McBryer and John Spaan. If you have time, I'll trace my part in it, for both of them are cross with me! I act respectful.

Spaan, when Downing let it be known he would resign, called me in to tell me he was shooting for the job despite the fact that EVD's replacement was "all sewed up" in headquarters. I frankly told him that I felt if anyone on our staff was to be considered, it should be Tom Gilmore, providing they intended to have Tom retire on schedule, ^{2 yrs} and agree to train Jep Dalston for the spot when he returns from Public Health schooling a year from September 1967. Jep has been Hosp. Admin. at Lawton, and done a superb job. Ethical boy, John Spaan was so "keyed up" - on cloud 9! -

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that he could not 'hear me'. He was in a state ~~of not aware~~ of self elation because of Harris' interest.

McBryer & Spoon have been quarreling. I got tickets for Gidiron for them and their wives, but Spoon would not go, altho' he wanted to see the show & so did his wife, very much.

When "Hospital" magazine came to McBryer with "Construction" featured, he routed it to everyone except Spoon, ^{chief of construction}. These men are spoiled kids, believe me -- each hungry for power. Turns my stomach. So petty.

Then when I was able to quell the publicity that Spoon was hoping would break and embarrass McBryer, ^{Spoon} ~~he~~ called me in and threatened me, as if I had undermined him. Said if he got the job of Executive Officer, and Harris was going to see that he did, that my name would be mud. That I'd had it tough, but I had not seen anything yet. Imagine. So goes Indian Health --- some old patterns. Just different people.

McBryer has missed his opportunity to let all know the EO slot will be filled definitely by transfer of his Alaska friend in May. But this week an EO vacancy announcement was advertised but not circulated to Area Office! Somehow I feel Harris is not the one who has done this, but a sideline group that got stirred up for their own cockroach reasons. I overheard John Spoon tell Don Elmore in a patronizing managerial tone, "Keep your nose clean, Don."

Do I want Don? Oh, Gawd. Day before yesterday he asked not in humour: "Sula, while you are making all these changes, why don't you change the name of 'Talking Leaves'?"

Don, I say, "We'll get you a \$100 award for that suggestion. It's just the type of cost saving we give awards for in Indian Health. He never knew I was pulling his leg. He smiled as if he could use another \$100."

Doctor McBryer's interim Secretary, Jane Jeger,

wanted to see her name in print as "Secretary
to IHA S." She was to be Secretary to Downing
and served as Awards Board Sec'y. So she
makes a suggestion about a new type of
directory and gets her name ^{just} as she would
like it, plus \$25! No one can understand why
the new directory, when so soon we will have
so many new people who will not be on it!
"It is absolutely the most personal management
I have ever experienced" says ^{my} Dexheimer to
Mary Luvisi, both of the "Alaska fraternity." Chief
Luvisi tells Dr. Boyer, "we'd better take care of
her," so they surprise Dex with a Surgeon
General's Award in Tongue which should
have gone to Bertha Fieber before she left
as Chief of Nursing. (Fieber had been the first
Commissioned Officer Nurse to serve BDA ever.
IHS "put her to pasture" out here to do a
school health study. She was capable,
brilliant, and gave them a good job, for
which she got rather "bucket of spit," as
Royburn told Johnson he'd get as Vice President!
(Bertha may be my guest in Chicago at
National Health Forum. She lives there now.)

If Gilmore is selected, there will be a sort of poetic justice in it all. He transferred more than 10 years ago simply to get out from under Downing — unaware that EVD was also applying to PHS for OTH. Tom missed his chance at promotion, and has had hell to pay under Downing for ten solid years.

About six years ago our ^{old} ~~old~~ ^{paid} ~~paid~~ ^{type} ~~type~~ gossip of a Personnel Officer ^{Walter Carter} told me proudly ^{that} Downing had him trailing Tom with FBI to catch ~~him~~ at a motel. Then they used "the goods" to lock Tom down on a matter where he'd got the upper hand. Tom came to me, and I recommended he confide in his wife and stand them off. He did --- and they have not bullied him ^{any} ~~any~~ on the job since.

Reminds me of Clutch Shultz in Ljeda! I edited his column once a week. His filing system was peculiar. He laid letters on the floor along the wall in stacks for each month. Every month he went to stack ⁶ six and answered all correspondence yet relevant and threw away.

all letters except those which could be used for blackmail - barter. These he placed in the safe! Few people blackmailed him successfully. No one that I knew of.

I have written Doctor Robertson, who may come to National Health Forum as he did last year, that I'd like to renew acquaintance. He served in Jalisco, and I believe it is why he was chosen for here. They believe he "knows" your Jimmie Belwin. It was probably back in the days before I croaked the sound barrier between SUVs and local tribal leaders. Little did I realize there was coming a President Kennedy & after him, Johnson, ^{also} croaking Federal sound barriers! (CEO hops agencies like dogs frog.)

I can report on Robertson after Chicago. As I recall, he feels a little like Babeau. But I'm hoping that I'm wrong. Ugh.

Carl, I am so weary of this slot. Does the enclosed BDA letter written by Personnel for Harrington & signed by Hardin, seem a bit encouraging to you? Peggy Vaught,

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 Social Service, tells me Dave Bradley
 has definitely decided to resign. I
 suggested to Harrington that if ever a
 vacancy occurred in work he could
 combine with Public Information, I'd be
 happy to transfer. This is the answer.

I realize every agency is probably a
 bunch of cannibal cockroaches - but
 Tuskegee would seem like home to me,
 and at least I could start fresh and
 not make all the same mistakes!

Forgive my inability to share all this
 scuttlebut briefly. I won't write often
 like this. So many good things going on.
 And none of us is free of guilt, so I do
 not mean to damn these poor people
 wholly. Better pray for forgiveness on my own sins.

Did you ever write Frank Lyons? If he leaves
 State, I may leave Federal and trail him. He's
 my kind of man. Ever, Lula