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Carl, I spent \$15. for you today and I meant to spend no more than a dollar or two. I got to thinking that Fred Turner could get completely confused by all that is churning in Indian affairs this week. Since Inter Tribal was meeting in Salina, I got the idea of calling him yesterday. Today when he returned the call, or rather responded to it, he, thinking I was talking on Vele Sams' money kept asking me questions for something more than an hour. The more I realize how confused he was, the more I believe it was worth it. We decided he should call Jim Nicholson and the two of them work out their stories together.

You'll enjoy something that sweet Hugh Morgan did for me, not knowing I don't do the type "public relations" writing he did for me. I sent him a story, or rather called it to one of his boys, letting them know that Indians had invited Indian Health to a series of meetings. When his rewrite came out you'd have



thought Indian Health devised this informational tour instead of Overton Jones! When I asked Hugh how come it got so rewritten, he said, "But Sila, the story they gave me made it sound like the tail was wagging the dog!" Bless his heart, he couldn't let them do that to my agency.

This week is full, and we also trying to complete that study of Salmer County Health Department.

I wish you could have been in my pocket for Otis Sullivan's retirement party. It was really a Sigma Delta Chi award affair, but as Otis said, "Ray decided to bury me six months early." He retires in December. You can imagine how Ray Parr outdid himself. The judicious objectivity which Otis has fostered as he mellowed pervaded the whole affair so it was on a higher level than any I've ever attended.

The man who came to sit by me with the Roy Bitters (legislative reporters) was Larry Pember who



when I first come to Oklahoma from Kansas — it's amazing that he gave me a call. Unless Internal Revenue is after him next, I could not have a better date for the Borum affair.

Earl Boyd Pierce sent the Doctor Hudgins letter about my work in Indian Health to Dr. B. Frank Belvin with suggestion he attempt to get Marie Wodley to read it aloud at Inter-tribal Council — — — just for history — — since I've always kept myself out of their minutes. When I got <sup>my</sup> of Pierce's letter to Belvin, I wondered what Mr. E. S. Dabeau and Doctor McBryer will think if it happens at Tahleah today! It may be the straw that breaks the Camel's back in their tolerance of me.

I'm sending Inez Polbs' column on Johnson which I think is worth your commenting to him about if you have not already done so.

Thanks so much Carl for your interest and encouragement.  
Sincerely, Lula



P. S. at the Otis Fullwatt dinner I could tell that Bellmon has decided to oppose Romney in the next election. If Bartlett grows as much as Bellmon, <sup>has</sup> on office, ~~the latter~~ Bartlett would make a real contender. But Bellmon looks what it takes. I hope nothing happens to catapult him into place despite his lack of genius.

I told Bartlett I was voting for Moore for your sake, but that if a Republican did take Oklahoma (because of <sup>President Johnson</sup> combined with ~~and~~ the Supreme Court scandal) I hoped he'd find ways to work with you for Oklahoma and the Nation. I keep wondering if you have been able to work together.