

February 28, 1967

Dr. E. S. Rabeau
Assistant Surgeon General
Director, Division of Indian Health
7915 Eastern Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Dr. Rabeau:

This is in further reference to our previous correspondence on behalf of Mr. John Spaan and the recommendation that he be given every consideration for the Executive Officer position in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Public Health Service's Division of Indian Health.

I am enclosing copies of three more recommendations of Mr. Spaan for your appropriate consideration.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

CA/hn
Enclosures

February 28, 1967

Mr. Raymond D. Griffith
Box 416
Talihina, Oklahoma 74571

Dear Mr. Griffith:

Thank you very much for your good letter of February 27 recommending Mr. John Spaan for the position of Executive Officer in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Public Health Service's Division of Indian Health.

As you may know, we also have strongly recommended Mr. Spaan for this position to Dr. E. S. Rabeau, Director of the Division of Indian Health, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, the Civil Service Commission, the Surgeon General, and the White House. I am taking the liberty of sharing a copy of your strong recommendation with Dr. Rabeau. I know he will appreciate your thoughts on this important matter.

While we have been advised an assignment had been made prior to our recommendations, we have continued recommend Mr. Spaan in case there should be a change in the situation.

It was good to hear from you. I like your analogy about small "m" men and capital "M" men; we agree that Mr. Spaan is a capital "M" man. We will be glad to continue to do what we can on this.

My very best wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.,
Third District, Oklahoma

CA/hn

Frank McGawley, Vice President
Oddis Farris, Member
Paul Massey, Member

Earl Hoskins, President
W. L. Holley, Clerk

Talihina Public Schools

EARL HULL, Superintendent
Talihina, Oklahoma 74571

February 27, 1967

Re: Executive Officer Position - Oklahoma City Area Office

Honorable Carl Albert
Office of the Majority Leader
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Albert:


Someone once remarked that there are two types of men inhabiting this planet. There are men with a small "m" and men with a capital "M". The Public Health Service profession is a tremendous undertaking constantly calling for man's best efforts, therefore, he must fit the category of a man with a capital "M".

The individual with the capital "M" is none other than John Spaan. He is a friend of the Indians and knows of their needs. Another, of the most important things to your office is he is from this wonderful state. Born and raised in Oklahoma City. Are there any better than a Oklahoman. I don't think so and I let that be known while attending college at Idaho State University.

Remember, Bud Wilkerson forgot this when he selected the present basketball coach at the University of Oklahoma. He was not a winner before he came from the Carolinians and after five years is still in the same category.

Your serious consideration and assistance in this matter will certainly be appreciated and I trust you will let me hear from you.

Respectfully,



Raymond D. Griffith
Basketball Coach

RDG:bc

cc: Mr. John Spaan
4905 N. W. 35th
Okla. City, Oklahoma

Public Health Service
John Spaan

February 28, 1967

Mr. Joe Paul Hemphill
Superintendent
Wister Public Schools
Wister, Oklahoma 74966

Dear Joe:

Thank you very much for your good letter of February 24 recommending Mr. John Spaan for the position of Executive Officer in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Public Health Service's Division of Indian Health.

We are forwarding a copy of your letter to Dr. E. S. Rabeau, Director, Division of Indian Health, with a note asking that it be given every consideration. As you may know, we also have strongly recommended Mr. Spaan for this position to Dr. Rabeau, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, the Surgeon General, the White House and the Civil Service Commission. We have followed up with calls and personal visits with Public Health officials on the matter.

While we are advised that an assignment had been made prior to our recommendations, we have continued to recommend Mr. Spaan in case there should be a change in the situation.

By the way, that "Chairman of the LeFlore County Democratic Central Committee" title after your name looks mighty good! Congratulations! We are all delighted about this.

Joe, again, thank you for your letter. I'll be glad to continue to do what I can.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

CA/hn

LEFLORE COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Chairman
Joe Paul Hemphill,
~~XXXXXXXX~~ OKLAHOMA
Wister,

February 24, 1967

Honorable Carl Albert, M.C.
Office of the Majority Leader
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Albert:

Writing in behalf of Oklahoma and the Democratic
Party, especially southeastern Oklahoma and our own 3rd.
Congressional District, the Federal Indian Hospital and
it's employees, their friends and race.

I share the interest they are showing in trying to
secure the appointment of an Oklahoman as the Executive
Officer of the Indian Area Office in Oklahoma City. To
be specific, the indians who have done so much for our
state and country and have asked and received so little
in return, would like to see John Spaan appointed to this
position. Let's make their wish become a reality and gain
their everlasting friendship and support.

With this in mind for the best interest of the state,
district, Indian Hospital, and our own party, I recommend
John Spaan for this position.

Very sincerely yours,

Joe Paul Hemphill
Joe Paul Hemphill, Chairman
LeFlore County Democratic
Central Committee
Wister, Oklahoma

Public Health Service John Spaan

February 28, 1967

Mr. Homer Stottsberry
President
The Central National Bank
Poteau, Oklahoma 74953

Dear Homer:

Thank you very much for your good letter of February 24 regarding the Executive Officer position in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Public Health Service's Division of Indian Health and your interest in Mr. John Spaan for the position.

As you may know, we strongly recommended Mr. Spaan for this position to Dr. E. S. Rabeau, Director of the Division of Indian Health, Secretary Gardner, the White House, and the Civil Service Commission. While we have been advised that an assignment had been made prior to our recommendations, we have continued to recommend Mr. Spaan in case there should be a change in the situation.

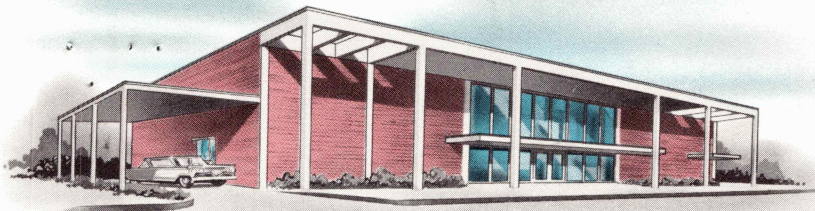
I am taking the liberty of sharing your letter with Public Health Service officials here. I know they will appreciate your comments on the Talihina Hospital as well as your interest in Mr. Spaan.

Homer, it was good to hear from you. Give my best to your fine family.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

CA/hn



THE CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK

POTEAU, OKLAHOMA

February 24, 1967.

Hon. Carl Albert, M. C.
United States Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Albert:

Some of our mutual friends from Talihina was in the bank today and had been talking to me about the appointment of an Oklahoman as the Executive Officer of the Indian Area Office in Oklahoma City. Naturally these good friends from Talihina are interested in their Indian Hospital there as it means so much to the economy of that area. They would like to see their friend, John Spaan appointed to this position.

Anything that you can do towards bringing this to reality will be appreciated by your many friends in this area.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Homer Stottsberry
Homer Stottsberry,
President.