

Public Health Service John W. Davis

March 3, 1967

Mr. John W. Davis  
4525 North 30th Place  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Davis:

Dr. Rabreau confirmed today that he has decided against sending Mr. Ellis to Oklahoma as Executive Officer of the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Public Health Service's Division of Indian Health. He stated that a vacancy announcement would be issued and all eligible applicants would be considered. We had an opportunity to call Dr. Rabreau's attention to your letter and ask that you be given consideration. He indicated that he knows you and had planned to consider you even before we had mentioned your qualifications to him.

While we are not attempting to tell Dr. Rabreau and his people whom they should appoint, we have urged that the appointment be given to a well qualified person, preferably an Oklahoman, who is sympathetic and understands the Oklahoma Indian and his problems.

We were pleased to point out that we felt you possessed the qualifications desired in this position, judging from your letter, and asked that you be considered along with other eligibles.

Our kindest regards.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.  
Third District, Oklahoma

CA/whn

February 28, 1967

Mr. John W. Davis  
4525 North 30th Place  
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of February 26 advising us of your interest in seeking the executive officer position in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Division of Indian Health in case a decision is made to fill it through the merit promotion system rather than by lateral transfer.

We have not been advised as yet what the Division of Indian Health plans to do about the position. We agree with you that ~~the~~ the person selected for the spot should be one who has demonstrated an "interest and ability to work with Indian people."

We appreciate knowing of your interest and will be happy to call it to the attention of Dr. Rabeau if we get an opportunity.

Our very best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M.C.  
Third District, Oklahoma

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4525 North 30th Place  
Phoenix, Arizona 85016  
February 26, 1967

Hon. Carl Albert  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Albert:

I understand that due primarily to the efforts and interests of you and your constituents the Division of Indian Health is reconsidering it's decision to fill the position of Area Executive Officer in the Oklahoma City Area Office with a Commissioned Officer and that there is a possibility it may be filled instead through the merit promotion system. I wholeheartedly agree that this is best for both the program and the Indians of Oklahoma.

If it is decided that the position should be filled through the merit system I will be applying for consideration and want you to be aware of my interest and candidacy.

Briefly, my qualifications are a degree and work on my Master's from the University of Oklahoma and work experience from 1952 to 1955 at both the Headquarters and Area levels of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and from 1955 to the present at both the Headquarters and Area levels of the Division of Indian Health. Since 1958 I have been Chief, Personnel Management Branch in the Phoenix Area Office of the Public Health Service. Until eighteen months ago I also served as Acting Tribal Affairs Officer here in the Area.

The merit promotion panel will review and evaluate the work experience of all interested candidates, which is as it should be. However for this type position I am sure you will agree there should be another factor considered in addition to the generally qualifying work experience. This is "a demonstrated interest and ability to work with Indian People";; Ideally this would be in working with Oklahoma Tribes, but as a minimum the person should have a basic familiarity with the Tribal Leaders, Tribal operations, Tribal interests and related social and economic factors directly affecting the Indian population of Oklahoma. I hope whomever is selected possess this additional, yet essential, qualification factor.

I am confident that my work and academic experience will more than meet the basic qualifications. I am equally confident that my interests and activities will show that I meet the special factor I have suggested for consideration.



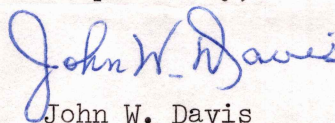
My Father, John F. Davis, was Principal Chief of the Creek Nation for many years so I grew up knowing the inherent problems and conflicts of Tribal leadership under Federal supervision. Through the political and religious interests of my family I became both familiar and interested in the Indian activities throughout the State. I have retained this interest in the activities of the Indians of Oklahoma. On the occasions when my visits to Oklahoma have coincided with an Inter-Tribal Council meeting I have attended as the meeting minutes will show. Although I have never had the opportunity to work in Oklahoma there is no doubt as to my interest in my own People. I have retained our property in Okemah and am an associate member of the Greenleaf Indian Baptist Church in Okemah and give them financial support.

During my tenure here in Arizona I have worked in an advisory capacity to the Arizona Inter-Tribal Council and have assisted the individual Councils in many ways. I am sure any of the Tribal Chairman would be happy to substantiate this. Another reference as to my working relationships with the Tribes would be Mr. Forrest Gerard who is now Legislative Officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In addition to working with the Tribal Councils I am also an Officer on the Board of Directors of the Phoenix Indian Center. I am a member of the National Congress of American Indians and have taken an active part at many conventions by serving on committees.

I am writing a similar letter to Chief Belvin of the Choctaws, Chief Keeler of the Cherokees, Chief McIntosh of the Creeks, Governor James of the Chickasaws and Chief Pitts of the Osages. I will also inform Congressmen Edmondson and Steed as to my candidacy.

If after review of the qualifications of all candidates you think I would be a good candidate for the position I would sincerely appreciate any assistance you can give me. Should I be fortunate enough to be selected I can assure you that the interest and welfare of the Indian People will continue to be paramount in the administration of my duties.

Respectively,

  
John W. Davis



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UNDERSTAND EFFORTS OF YOU AND YOUR CONSTITUENTES HAS RESULTED  
IN EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN OKLAHOMA CITY WILL BE FILLED THROUGH  
MERIT SYSTEM HAVE AIRMAILED LETTERS TO YOU AND CHIEF BELVIN  
EXPRESSING MY INTEREST AND CANDIDACY WOULD SINCERELY APPRECIATE  
YOUR CONSIDERATION

JOHN W DAVIS.

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