

Public Health Service John Spaan

March 7, 1967

Mr. Emmett Seeley
610 West 12th Street
Sulphur, Oklahoma 73086

Dear Mr. Seeley:

Thank you very much for your good letter of March 2 in which you strongly recommend Mr. John Spaan for the Executive Officer position in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Public Health Service's Division of Indian Health.

As you may know, we also recommended Mr. Spaan for this position to Dr. E. S. Rabreau, Director of the Division of Indian Health, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, the Surgeon General, the White House, and the Civil Service Commission. We followed up our recommendations with personal calls and visits with Public Health officials in urging that the person chosen to fill this important post be a well-qualified person, preferably an Oklahoman, who is familiar with, understands and is sympathetic with Oklahoma Indians and their problems.

Although an assignment had been made prior to our recommendations, we received a call from Dr. Rabreau telling us that he had reconsidered his decision with regard to the Executive Officer position, and that a vacancy announcement will be issued and all eligible applicants will be considered.

I appreciate your writing to me about Mr. Spaan, and I will be glad to pass along your recommendation to appropriate Public Health officials.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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Sulphur, Oklahoma
March 2nd, 1967

TO:

Senator A. S. Mike Monroney
Senator Fred R. Harris
Representative Carl Albert
Representative Ed Edmondson
Representative Tom Steed
Representative Page Belcher
Representative Jim Smith
Representative John Jarman

Re: Executive Officer Position
Oklahoma City Area Office

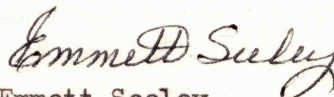
Gentlemen:

Please be advised that my support for the above named position is fully with John Spaan. I, too, do not believe that we, as Indian leaders, should, for a moment, support a man who does not have our interests in mind enough to even be able to name any of our leaders. We need someone who knows our needs and knows our people. This man, I believe, is John Spaan.

I now therefore, urgently request that you consider the appointment of John Spaan to this position.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



Emmett Seeley
Member Five Tribes Council
Member Governor's Advisory Council
Chickasaw Tribe
Member Rehabilitation Committee