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Mr. Forrest Parrott
Business Engineering, Inc.
307 East 44th Street
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Dear Forrest:

Thanks for missing me at the Josh Lee party. I hated like everything to miss it, but I simply couldn't get away for it. I wired Josh how sorry I was. I was there in spirit if not in body. I am so glad it was such a success.

We are still working on the matter of the Executive Officer appointment in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Public Health Service's Indian Health Division. Our efforts may have had something to do with the decision of the authorities here to reconsider their decision to bring in the fellow from Alaska and let all eligible applicants try for the vacancy. We have strongly recommended Mr. Spean both to Dr. Rabeau, who heads the Indian Health Division here; Secretary Gardner of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; the White House and the Civil Service Commission. Choctaw Chief Jimmy Belvin came by to see us today to discuss the situation some more. We certainly hope a good man can be put in this important spot.

I appreciate your good wishes about my health. I am getting along fine. I have managed to get my weight down to what it was when I got out of the service. I am eating, exercising and resting regularly which helps tremendously.

Our best always.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M.C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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P.S. Thanks for the clipping from the Talihina American.

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Hon. Carl Albert, Democratic Leader,
Suite H-150 - The Capitol,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Carl,

We missed you at the Josh Lee Party. Many asked about you.

It was a huge success - crowded - many from out of state - papers said over 600 there and I didn't see anyone I didn't know.

I am enclosing a news article from Talihina paper. It states that the Indians are supporting John Spaan for Executive Officer of the Medical Area Office - Okla City - to replace Mr. Downing - retired.

I am just informed that the man from Alaska - who was previously selected, has withdrawn.

Many said they wrote to Mike but no response of any kind. Mike seems to be in trouble in the State. Hope it doesn't go like the Governor's Office did.

I wanted to call this to your attention - as you may want to help Mr. Spaan since you have so many Indians in your area.

I hear Raymond Gary may challenge you. Many Democrats still resent his actions a few years ago.

Hope your health is better - you know that is most important.

Sincerely,



Forrest Parrott



WAR whoops

By JIM NICHOLSON

Choctaw Chief Jimmie Belvin says a "new day" is dawning for the American Indian . . . and the Indians can speed this up by pushing."

Belvin made an off-the-cuff speech Tuesday to the Choctaw Council and Choctaw Housing Authority which had assembled in Talihina.

Belvin said that perhaps the finest institution in the Choctaw Nation was located at Talihina (PHS Indian Hospital), yet the chain of command is in many instances guilty of poor administration staffed by people that can't tell an Indian from a Chinese Coolee.

Belvin said Dr. McBraer, director of Indian Health, Oklahoma City, was retiring soon and that he would be replaced by a friend of the Indian . . . Jack Robinson who at one time was assigned to Talihina.

A second position of importance has also opened up in the Oklahoma City office with the retirement of Mr. Downing, executive officer of the medical area office.

"Washington has picked Downing's replacement but Indians are supporting John Spaan, present chief of the construction branch and a familiar visitor to the Indian hospital."

Spann, who was at the Talihina meeting, rose in response and said "I represent a growing number of Public Health Service employees that are prepared to take a stand . . . to try to change some of the things we're not proud of."

"Indians must be a part of solving these problems," Spann continued.

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