

Public Health Service JOHN SPAAN

March 9, 1967

Mr. Jerry Gilbert
425 N. W. 18th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Gilbert:

I deeply appreciated your good letter of March 6 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.

We share your high regard for Mr. Spaan in his work on behalf of the Democratic Party and our Indians, and we also strongly recommended him for this position to Dr. E. S. Rabeau, Director of the Division of Indian Health, the Surgeon General, Secretary Gardner, the White House and the Civil Service Commission. We followed up our recommendations with personal calls and visits to Public Health officials in Washington and in Oklahoma.

Although an assignment had been made prior to our recommendations, I have been advised that a reconsideration has been made and that a vacancy announcement will be issued for the Executive Officer position and all eligible applicants will be considered.

Thank you for advising me of your interest in Mr. Spaan for this position, and I am grateful to have your personal observations.

May I also take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election as the Chairman of the Oklahoma County Central Committee. We think you are a tremendous asset to our Party, and I hope you will let me know when we can help you in any way.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.

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March 6, 1967

Repr. Carl Albert
Congress of the United States
Office of the Majority Leader
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Repr. Albert:

Mr. John Spaan is a candidate for the executive officer position of the Indian Health Area Office in Oklahoma City. By now I am certain you are aware of the tremendous support Mr. Spaan has from the Indian people and their tribal organizations.

As County Chairman of the Democratic Party please permit me to add my enthusiastic endorsement to Mr. Spaan.

It may be important to you to know that Mr. Spaan is a civil service employee who feels that his government position in no way retracts from his responsibilities as a citizen in the political affairs of the country. Accordingly, he and his wife, within the limits of the laws thereof, partake vigorously in the political affairs of the nation. Both are loyal Democrats and Mrs. Spaan has held numerous elected offices in the county organizations.

Democratic candidates for office will be proud of the governmental program administered by men of Mr. Spaan's caliber.

Very truly yours


Jerry Gilbert
Oklahoma County Chairman
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