

March 14, 1967

Mr. Thomas J. Kenan
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Dear Tom:

I appreciated your good letter and the "quick fact sheet" recommending Mr. John Spaan for the Executive Officer position in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Public Health Service's Division of Indian Health.

I 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 there had been a reconsideration and that a vacancy announcement will be issued for this position. All eligible applicants will be considered.

It was good to hear from you. Congratulations again on your election as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Oklahoma County Democratic Central Committee! We're all mighty proud of you.

Give Marilyn our love.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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

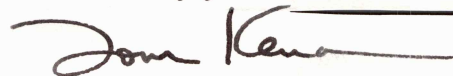
Dear Congressman Albert:

I enclose a "quick fact sheet" concerning a friend of mine, Mr. John Spaan, who is an applicant for the position of Executive Officer of the Oklahoma City Area Office, Division of Indian Health, U. S. Public Health Service, Department of HEW.

I understand that Mr. Spaan and his friends have written many letters to you in behalf of his application. I believe he has had many of the Indian leaders in Oklahoma write to you as well as the other congressmen. I am writing to advise you that I know Mr. Spaan, that he is one of the most dedicated Democrats and governmental officials that I have ever known, and that I highly recommend him for any position that he is qualified to fill. He is a most unusual person, supercharged with energy and idealism. If there is anything you can do to advance Mr. Spaan's candidacy for the position he wishes, I feel certain you would never regret it.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas J. Kenan
Secretary-Treasurer
Oklahoma County Democratic
Central Committee

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Enclosure

QUICK FACT SHEET

NAME: John Spaan

APPLICANT FOR: Executive Officer

LOCATION OF POSITION: Oklahoma City Area Office
Division of Indian Health
U. S. Public Health Service
Department of Health, Education & Welfare

DESCRIPTION OF JOB:

Responsible for the management aspects of the PHS Area providing public health, medical care, environmental sanitation and related services to Indians of Oklahoma, Kansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Florida. 700 employees provide these services working from an Area Office located in Oklahoma City and numerous field clinics, health centers, and hospitals located throughout the area.

A FEW QUALIFICATIONS OF MR. SPAAN:

1. Progressively responsible experience in business, industry, and for the past ten years, the Federal Government in an Oklahoma Area management role.
2. Native to this area, with loyalties and interests centered here.
3. Familiar with leaders of Indian, Industrial, and political groups.
4. Young enough to be enthusiastic, creative, and persistent.
5. Old enough to be responsible, cautious, and experienced.
6. Extremely dedicated employee with a basic understanding that leadership is the ability to motivate people to desired action because they want to.
7. Possesses enormous admiration of Indian People.
8. Experienced in motivating others - likes people.
9. Possesses great faith in the United States Government.
10. Education - All Oklahoma - 4 years at Oklahoma State University, School of Commerce.