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March 16, 1967

RE: Vacancy exec. off. Okla City Ar
Area Pub Health Service
Indian Health Division

Ms. Alice Zanella
Star Route, Box 108
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501

Dear Ms. Zanella:

Thank you very much for your recent letter in which you were joined by other Indian leaders in reiterating your strong support of Mr. John Spaan for the position of executive officer in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Public Health Service's Indian Health Division.

As we previously advised you, we recommended Mr. Spaan for this appointment and relayed other recommendations which came to us. We have urged 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, I have been advised by Dr. E. S. Rabeau, Director of the Division of Indian Health, that a vacancy announcement for the executive officer position has been reissued. Dr. Rabeau has assured me that all qualified applicants who apply will be carefully considered and that it is the desire of the Division of Indian Health to fill this vacancy with an individual who is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the Oklahoma Indian and who has a deep interest in the Indian Health program.

We are pleased that you have listed what you consider the principal criteria to be sought in this selection. We are taking the liberty of relaying these to Dr. Rabeau along with your strong recommendation of Mr. Spaan.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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Public Health Service John Spaan

March 17, 1967

Dr. E. S. Rabeau
Assistant Surgeon General
Director, Division of Indian Health
7915 Eastern Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Dr. Rabeau:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I received from Indian leaders in Oklahoma strongly recommending Mr. John Spaan for the executive officer position in the Oklahoma City Area Office.

I would call your attention to paragraph 3 of the letter in which these leaders list what they consider to be the principal criteria to be sought in this selection.

We would certainly appreciate your appropriate consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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Enclosures

March 3, 1967

Honorable Carl Albert
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C. CA-4-3121

RE: Executive Officer Position - Oklahoma City Area Office

Dear Sir:

In reference to previous correspondence of February 18, 1967 concerning our endorsement and recommendation of Mr. John H. Spaan III for the Executive Officer Position in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Public Health Service's Indian Health Division.

We strongly reiterate our support for Mr. Spaan, a gentleman we feel is aware and concerned with the local health conditions of the Indian people.

In regards to Dr. Rabeau's statement, "One of the key roles of any Area Executive Officer is the ability to serve as a program officer." We whom are to be the recipients of this service feel the principle criteria for selecting an applicant for this position should be one whose foremost qualifications are:

- (a) A knowledge of the Indian people to be served.
- (b) A knowledge of their health conditions and needs.
- (c) A knowledge of their problems and attitudes.

Our history is a repeated story of programs and policies being determined and finalized without any local Indian consultation. Years and Years of Program and Policy experimental failures are prevalent, as exemplified by the very fact, the Indian is still a ward of the Federal Government.

Sincerely,

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