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The Honoroble Overton James, President The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes 6044 N. W. 60th Oklahoms City, Oklahoms 73103

Dear Governor Overton:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have received from Dr. E. S. Rabeau to our requests that the Council's recommendations be very carefully considered in the selection of the Executive Officer for the Oklahoma City Area Office.

I assure you that we will continue to do everything we can to help our Indian friends.

Our best always.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C. Third District, Oklahoma

CA/hn Enclosure

oc: The Honorable Harry J. W. Belvin Principal Chief, Choctaw Mation



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REFER TO:

March 27, 1967

Dear Mr. Albert:

Thank you for your letter of February 22, 1967, concerning the appointment of an Executive Officer to the Indian Health Area Office at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

We appreciate the interest that members of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes and other beneficiaries have shown in the Oklahoma Indian health program. Because of the concern expressed by many of the Oklahoma Indian beneficiaries that the position be filled with an individual familiar with Oklahoma Indian problems and health programs, the Division of Indian Health reissued a vacancy notice for the Executive Officer position on March 8, 1967, for a period of 30 days. Knowledge of Oklahoma Indian problems and health programs has been included in the criteria for consideration of qualifications for filling the position. We assure you the concern expressed by beneficiaries of the program and interested individuals will be given proper consideration in our review of applications for the position.

We will be glad to keep you apprised of developments in this matter. Your continued interest in the Indian health program is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

E. S. Rabeau, M. D.

Assistant Surgeon General Director, Division of Indian Health

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