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March 31, 1967

Mr. Robert H. Kingsbery, Secretary
Chickawaw Advisory Council
805 Avenue B
South Houston, Texas 77587

Dear Mr. Kingsbery:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your March 26 letter to Dr. E. S. Rabeau in which you strongly recommended Mr. John Spaan for the Executive Officer Position in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Public Health Service's Indian Health Division.

As you may know, 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. Rabeau that a vacancy announcement for the Executive Officer position has been reissued. Dr. Rabeau has assured me 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.

Again, thank you for your letter. I am pleased to have your thoughts and recommendation on this important matter.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.

Chickasaw Nation

of

Oklahoma



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Dr. E. S. Rabeau
Assistant Surgeon General
Chief, Division of Indian Health
Department of Health, Education
and Welfare
7915 Eastern Avenue
Silver Springs, Maryland 20910

Dear Dr. Rabeau:

Subject: Executive Officer Position, Oklahoma City Area
Office, Division of Indian Health, U. S. Public
Health Service

You can render a great service to the Chickasaw people and other Indian people of Oklahoma by your serious consideration of the feelings of these people in filling the position of Executive Officer.

You will find, Dr. Rabeau, that Chickasaws, like other Oklahoma Indians, want an Executive Officer who is familiar with Indian health problems in Oklahoma, who will work hard to eliminate these health problems and who has the well-being of Oklahoma Indians foremost in his heart.

Most of all, though, you will find that we want an Executive Officer we trust and look upon as our friend.

No doubt, Dr. Rabeau, you are aware of the fact that Oklahoma Indians know such a person, that this person works in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Division of Indian Health and that his name is:

Mr. John Spaan
4905 Northwest 35th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73122
Phone WI 2-2623 (Residence)
CE 6-2311 (Office)

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You will be interested in knowing that Chickasaws strongly believe that if Mr. Spaan becomes the new Executive Officer, hospital and clinical service to all Oklahoma Indians will greatly improve.

With that thought in mind, Dr. Rabeau, I sincerely and respectfully recommend, in behalf of the Chickasaw people, the appointment of John Spaan to the position of Executive Officer.

Thank you, sir, for your serious consideration in this matter which is of such utmost importance to all the Indian people of Oklahoma.

Yours very truly,

Robert H. Kingsbery
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Secretary
CHICKASAW ADVISORY COUNCIL

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