

Public Health Service Spaan, John

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April 6, 1967

Ms. Ann Watley  
2009 North Roff  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Ms. Watley:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 2 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 Indian Health Division.

When we first learned of Mr. Spaan's interest, we wrote strong letters of recommendation in his behalf not only to Dr. Rabeau who heads the Indian Health Service, but also to the Surgeon General, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, the Civil Service Commission and the White House.

Although an assignment had been made prior to our recommendations, I have been advised that a vacancy announcement for this position has been reissued. I have been assured that all qualified applicants 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.

I appreciate your sharing your thoughts on the appointment of Mr. Spaan with us. We agree that he has done a fine job on behalf of our Indian friends.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.  
Third District, Oklahoma

CA/h

Repr. Carl Albert  
House of Repr.  
Washington, D.C.

April 2

Dear Repr. Albert:

I get so disgusted at my people for being afraid to write or speak-up and tell you their few wants.

We need your help to get Mr John Spaan into the executive officer position. It seems we have worked so very hard on this and have asked for such a few things. Will you help us?

We have decided never to quit til Mr Spaan is in. Get in the fight with us and help us more than half way to our goal.

Ann Watley  
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