

Spaan, John

May 15, 1967

Mr. Ben P. Choate
Assistant Secretary and Director
State Board of Equalization
310 State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Ben:

We have appreciated your letters and telephone calls in the interest of John Spaan for the executive officer appointment in the Oklahoma City Area Office of the Division of Indian Health.

I talked with Dr. Rabeau about this appointment again Friday and urged Mr. Spaan's selection. I pointed out that we continue to get letters, telephone calls and wires in Mr. Spaan's behalf.

We will continue to do what we can.

Our best always.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

CA/Wpg

BEN P. CHOATE, PRESIDENT
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McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

Pittsburg County Choctaw Indian Council

McAlester, Oklahoma

April 6, 1967

*Prepared answer
for my signature.*

Hon. Carl Albert, M. C.,
House Majority Leader,
U. S. Capitol Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Carl:

Enclosed herewith I am sending you ² Resolution which was passed recently by one of our Oklahoma Indian groups for and on behalf of Mr. John Spaan in our attempt to get him placed in the office of "Executive Officer of the Oklahoma City Area Office, Division of Indian Health, United States Public Health Service".

Your kind consideration in our behalf will be very much appreciated and long remembered by all of us.

Very sincerely,

Ben P. Choate

BPC/cw

Enclosure.

Ben P. Choate, Asst. Secy & Director,
State Board of Equalization,
310 State Capitol Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. 73105.

CONGRESSMAN: We need a lot of help on this matter and we are all looking to you for what it is going to take to get this done. The Division of Indian Health is dragging its feet in regard to giving us down here a little bit of the Kennedy and Johnson "Self Depermination" which they so aptly promised us when they were sworn into office. I think that about all it will take will be a little mild "shove" from you when the time comes for the appointment.

Sincerely,

Ben

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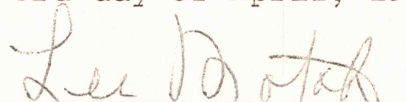
WHEREAS, the American Indian Center, Inc. is a non-profit benevolent, educational and charitable corporation organized under the laws of the State of Oklahoma to promote the association and affiliation of American Indians of all tribes living in the Oklahoma City and County area into an educational, cultural and civic organization, to promote fellowship among members of all American Indian tribes, to stimulate the natural integration of American Indians into local community life and to foster the educational, cultural and economic advancement of American Indians; said organization having a membership of 154 American Indians representing 24 tribes, and

WHEREAS, the membership of American Indian Center, Inc. well know Mr. John Spaan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, know his dedication to and love and admiration of American Indian people and desire to express their regard for John Spaan and their confidence in his ability and dedication to service, and

WHEREAS, the membership of American Indian Center, Inc. wish to communicate their affection for and support of John Spaan and their deep desire that he be appointed Executive Officer of the Oklahoma City Area Office, Division of Indian Health, United States Public Health Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the membership of American Indian Center, Inc. do hereby urge all appropriate officials of the Government of the United States of America, including Dr. E. S. Rabeau, Chief, Division of Indian Health, United States Public Health Service to appoint Mr. John Spaan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as Executive Officer, Oklahoma City Area Office, Division of Indian Health, United States Public Health Service.

ENACTED by the membership of American Indian Center, Inc. in general meeting assembled at Wesley Center, 431 S. W. 11th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma this 3rd day of April, 1967.



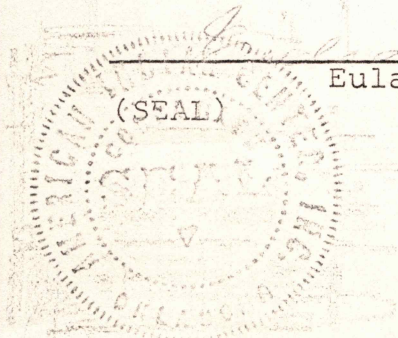
LEE MOTAH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:



Eula Doonkeen, Secretary

(SEAL)



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City Pow-Wow Club, is an organization composed of Indian people of the various tribes in the State of Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City Pow-Wow Club is pledged to further good will, welfare and benefits for Indian people, and

WHEREAS, John Spaan of Oklahoma City has demonstrated his ability in these same programs, and

WHEREAS, John Spaan has gained the confidence of the Indian people, and

WHEREAS, John Spaan has shown he has the interest of the Indian people at heart, and

WHEREAS, John Spaan has consistently stressed the need to improve the health and welfare of Indian people, and

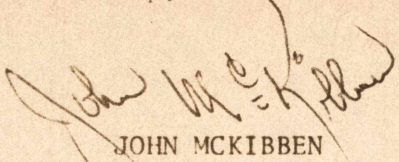
WHEREAS, a vacancy exists or will exist in the near future for an Executive Officer, Oklahoma City, Area, Indian Health Unit, US Public Health Service, and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma City Pow-Wow Club has voted unanimously to support John Spaan for said position, then

Let it therefore be Resolved:

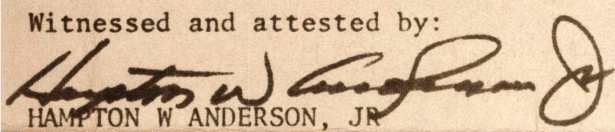
That the Oklahoma City Pow-Wow Club does support John Spaan for the position of Executive Officer, Oklahoma City Area, Indian Health Unit, US Public Health Service and urges all persons to join in a mutual effort on behalf of John Spaan.

Done at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, by the membership, this third day of April 1967.


JOHN MCKIBBEN
President

(Quapaw Tribe)

Witnessed and attested by:


HAMPTON W ANDERSON, JR

Secretary

(Choctaw Tribe)