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is retiring)

Mr. John Spaan from Oklahoma City just called me. We will
to Mr. A. from John
be receiving a letter/soon about the future selection of
the Executive Officer for the Division of Indian Health (E.V. Downing
(U. S. Public Health under HEW). Mr. Spaan is very in-
terested in securing this position, but it is his under-
standing that Mr. Frank Ellis from Alaska is to be appointed
by Dr. E. S. Rabeau, Division of Indian Health in Washington.
Mr. Spaan told me that Mr. Ellis has never been in Okla-
homa, although he has been active in the Health Service
in Alaska. John Spaan was at the meeting of the 5 Tribes
health meeting and talked with Chief Belvin, etc., about
this and the chiefs expressed concern that an Oklahoman
would not be holding this position. Mr. Spaan has con-
tacted all of the Congressmen, Sen. Monroney is trying to
expedite his Civil Service rating for Management Engineer
so that he will have the proper rating for the job.
Mr. Spaan is a personal friend of mine, has worked for the
Democratic Party for years, and told me that he had worked
with Mr. A. in past Demo. Projects. He is a loyal friend
of the Administration, and would appreciate anything that
we could do to help. He is a good person, is devoted,
and very desirous to obtain this position.

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