

January 19, 1967

Mrs. Dolorosa Spponer, R.N.  
4509 Northwest 32nd Place  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73122

Dear Mrs. Spooner:

Thank you very much for sending us a copy of your letter of January 13 to Dr. Rabeau in which you urged consideration of Mr. John Spaan for the executive officer vacancy in the Oklahoma City Area Office. As you may know, we, too, have highly recommended Mr. Spaan to Dr. Rabeau, Secretary Gardner, the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission and the White House.

We appreciate your sharing with us your analysis of Mr. Spaan.

Our best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.  
Third District, Oklahoma

CA/Wk

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
January 13, 1967

Dr. E. S. Rabeau, Chief  
Division of Indian Health, PHS  
7915 Eastern Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

RE: Executive Officer Position  
Oklahoma City Area Office  
DIH Vacancy Announcement No. 66-48

Dear Dr. Rabeau:

I have been a registered nurse in the Oklahoma City area for over 17 years. As a nurse I can appreciate the person who is willing to do more than others in the performance of his duties for too many do just what the job requires. But it is that extra bit of effort that saves lives and that results in excellance.

It is a pleasure to be able to recommend Mr. John H. Spaan for the position of Executive Officer of the Oklahoma City Area Office for I know him to be an enthusiastic, energetic man dedicated to his work and truly concerned with the welfare of others, especially the Indians whom he has been working with these past years. He is one who habitually does that extra amount of work which results in excellance. With his devotion to duty he will carry out your policies and directives and not be an administrative stumbling block.

I have known Mr. Spaan for 11 years and know of no one better qualified for the position. It is refreshing to be able to recommend a man that wants to work and is more interested in what he can do for others than what is in it for him.

May I urge you to seriously consider Mr. Spaan for this position. Your selection of him will not only be in your best interest, the best interest of the department, but will also be in the best interest of the Indians involved.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Dolorosa Spooner, R.N.*  
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cc: Mr. John W. Gardner  
Sen. A. S. Mike Monroney  
Sen. Fred R. Harris  
Repr. Carl Albert *Repr. Carl Albert*  
Repr. Ed Edmondson  
Repr. Tom Steed  
Repr. Page Belcher  
Repr. Jim Smith  
Repr. John Jarman  
Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce

PT Public Health  
Bruce  
John Spaan  
January 10, 1967

Helen: I thought  
you might need  
to know about this  
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Mr. Henry H. Wilson Jr.  
Office of the President  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I have been advised through Carl Albert's office that you are assisting in the review of Mr. John Spaan's application for the Executive Officer position in the Oklahoma City Indian Health Area Office.

It may be important to the President to know that Mr. Spaan is a civil service employee who feels that his government position in no way retracts from his responsibilities as a citizen in the political affairs of the country. Accordingly he and his wife, within the limits of the laws thereof, partake vigorously in the political affairs of the nation.

I'm sure the President already knows of the efforts this man expended in his behalf under the leadership of Mr. Kerr during the convention campaign of 1960. Mr. Spaan is no newcomer to the L.B.J. ranks, he's been a fan a long time!

There are people on Mr. Albert's staff who can verify this information. Mr. Breene Kerr, a son of our beloved Senator Kerr and a former schoolmate of Mr. Spaan, may also be able to provide verification. Marge Banner in Senator Harris' office may be able to help (she formerly worked for Senator Kerr).

I have heard of Mr. Spaan's protests of the criticism of the administration which have occurred in his own agency. He rises to speak against his superiors when he believes they are being disloyal to the President. He is heard because his support is deep-rooted and from the heart!

However, it occurs to me this may not endear him to some civil service management who may not share this administration loyalty.

I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Spaan's application letter. It is my belief it contains a lot of Lyndon B. Johnson philosophy.

Most sincerely,

A. D. Hogan, Chairman  
Precinct 50, Ward 3

CC: Carl Albert's office