

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
SPAAN, John

January 20, 1967

Mr. Gilbert L. Robinson
Personnel Director
Oklahoma City Public Schools
900 North Klein
Oklahoma City 6, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you very much for your good letter of January 17 recommending Mr. John Spaan for the executive officer position in the Oklahoma City Area office of the U. S. Public Health Service's Division of Indian Health.

We certainly agree with you that Mr. Spaan is a very fine person and has done a tremendous job in working with our Indian people. We also recommended him strongly for this position. However, we have been advised that this particular position has already been filled.

I am taking the liberty of passing along your recommendation to Dr. E. S. Rabeau, Director of the Division of Indian Health in Washington. Perhaps this will be helpful to Mr. Spaan in the event that a vacancy occurs for which he might qualify.

I appreciate your contacting me about Mr. Spaan, and am deeply grateful for your generous compliments in our behalf.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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Dr. E. S. Rabeau
Assistant Surgeon General
Director, Division of Indian Health
Public Health Service
7915 Eastern Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Dr. Rabeau:

Reference is made to our letter of January 4 in which we recommended that Mr. John Spaan be given consideration for the Executive Officer position in the Public Health Service Indian Health Area Office at Oklahoma City.

Although I understand that position has already been filled by lateral reassignment, I am enclosing a copy of a strong recommendation we have just received from Mr. Gilbert L. Robinson, Director of Personnel, Oklahoma City Public Schools. Perhaps it will be useful to you in the event that a vacancy occurs for which Mr. Spaan might be considered.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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Enclosure

Oklahoma City Public Schools

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The Honorable Carl Albert
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Representative Albert:

Some friends of John Spaan who are hopeful that he will be appointed the Executive Officer of the Oklahoma City Area Office, Division of Indian Health, U. S. Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education & Welfare, have asked if I would also write a letter in his behalf.

Since I may have been a friend of John Spaan's longer than any other person who has written a letter in his behalf, I am glad to have this opportunity to urge that Mr. Spaan be given this promotion.

It so happens that I have known John since he was twelve years old, when he enrolled as a seventh grader at Taft Junior High School where I served as Principal.

He was a fine young school citizen during these years, full of enthusiasm and even then showed great promise. He pursued his education, as everyone knows, and made a good record. In turn, he was successful in private enterprise and then during these last several years, very obviously, has been an enthusiastic, able and talented U. S. public servant.

Many have enumerated his various good qualities which would fit him from the administrative and technical angles as a very desirable person for this very responsible position.

I would like to state simply that he has boundless enthusiasm for this work in which he is involved.

He certainly is one of the very responsible citizens of this community with a deep interest in and love for his family. This interest in his community and his family is reflected in his curiosity about how the school system ticks and, in turn, gives his enthusiastic support to what we are attempting to do in Public Education in this community.

It is my sincere belief that if he should be appointed to this very important position, that everyone who had a hand in bringing about his appointment would never regret it and, furthermore, would be deeply proud of the record he would achieve.

It is easy to see from this brief letter that I endorse him on the basis of his record as a school boy and as a most successful young business man, civic worker and, to me, most important of all, a successful parent.

In closing, may I say that I have deep respect and appreciation for the excellent way you represent us in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Gilbert L. Robinson

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Director of Personnel