February 22, 1967

The Honorable Overton James, President
The Inter-Tribal Council of the
Five Civilized Tribes
6044 N. W. 60th
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73103

Dear Governor Overton:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the resolution adopted by The Inter-Tribal Council in its January 11 meeting at Jones Academy, Hartshorne.

We have discussed this with appropriate officials of the Public Health Service here. As you know, Dr. Jack C. Robertson, who I understand is an Oklahoman and formerly worked at the Talihina Indian Hospital, is slated to become Indian Health Area Director.

As we told you in our letter of February 1, we had strongly recommended Mr. John Spaan for promotion to the Executive Officer position in the Oklahoma City Area Office. We learned, however, that Mr. Francis R. Ellis had already been selected for this spot. Dr. Rabeau tells us Mr. Ellis is an outstanding man who has demonstrated his effectiveness while serving as Executive Officer in another assignment.

Upon receipt of your resolution, we have gone back to Dr. Rabeau to recommend, as the Council has, that the assignment be given to someone, "preferably an Oklahoman, who is qualified for the position, who is sympathetic with the Oklahoma Indian and who has an understanding of the Indian problems."

The Honorable Overton James

We appreciate very much getting the Council's recommendations.

My warm personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C. Third District, Oklahoma

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Honorable Carl Albert

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Dear Mr. Albert:

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House of Representatives

There is forwarded to you Resolution adopted by The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes on January 11,

1967 in session at Jones Academy, Hartshorne, Oklahoma.

Your consideration and favorable action on this Resolution will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Overton James President

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Oklahoma is to have a new Indian Health Area Director, and a new Executive Officer in the office of the United States Public Health Service, Division of Indian Health, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and rumors are that the replacement of the Indian Health Area Director will come from Alaska, and

WHEREAS, background administrative experience with Alaska Indians and reservation Indians may be different and insufficient for our integrated Indian population in Oklahoma, and

WHEREAS, there may be available such personnel familiar with Oklahoma, Oklahoma Indians, and cooperative health agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma, in session at Jones Academy, Hartshorne, Oklahoma, on this 11th day of January, 1967, that this Council request the United States Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C., together with our Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, to work cooperatively in selecting an Indian Health Area Director who is not only familiar with Oklahoma Indians, but who has had practical medical experience, administrative training and experience, and otherwise highly qualified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Officer be preferably an Oklahoman, who is qualified for the position, who is sympathetic with the Oklahoma Indian and who has an understanding of the Indian problems.

Adopted this 11th day of January, 1967.

Overton James,

President

Attest:

Executive Secretary

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