

November 4, 1967

Mr. Folsom Scott
Box 54
Stigler, Oklahoma 74462

Dear Mr. Scott:

This is in further reference to your recent letter in which you proposed that a medical school be established at the Talihina Indian Hospital.

As you know, we called your idea to the attention of the Public Health Service, Division of Indian Health, for consideration. We have received a letter from Dr. E. S. Rabeau explaining why it would not be feasible to establish such a medical school.

I certainly agree with your feeling that the cultural standards of the Indian people can be raised, and I have always supported any project I could for such a purpose.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

CARL ALBERT, M.C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
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BUREAU OF HEALTH SERVICES

REFER TO:

November 2, 1967

Dear Mr. Albert:

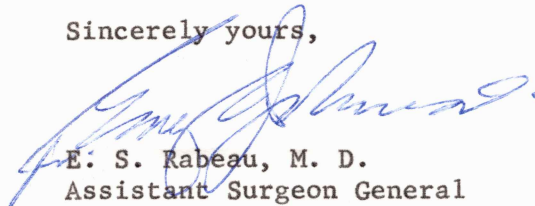
This is in response to your letter of October 24, 1967, to Mr. Robert E. Drew, Chief of the Office of Tribal Affairs, of this Division, enclosing a communication from Mr. Folsom Scott of Stigler, Oklahoma regarding the possible establishment of a medical school at the Talihina Indian hospital.

We greatly appreciate Mr. Scott's interest in expanded training opportunities for Indian people. However, it is not feasible to establish a medical school at Talihina because of the complexities and cost involved. The development of an adequate facility and recruitment of a staff having the quality necessary to gain accreditation by the Association of American Medical Colleges, would be virtually impossible to achieve in a location as comparatively remote as Talihina.

We would like Mr. Scott to know, however, that the Division does sponsor a wide variety of training opportunities for Indians as auxiliary medical personnel. In addition, many Indians are obtaining training in health professions at colleges and universities under a number of Federally sponsored programs. It is our conviction that training programs for highly sophisticated professions, such as medicine, should be carried out within the established professional colleges.

Thank you for bringing Mr. Scott's letter to our attention.

Sincerely yours,



E. S. Rabeau, M. D.
Assistant Surgeon General
Director, Division of Indian Health

Honorable Carl Albert
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

October 24, 1967

Mr. Folsom Scott
Box 54
Stigler, Oklahoma 74462

Dear Mr. Scott:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your recent letter in which you propose that a medical school for the Indians be established in Talihina, and also regarding the problem you have in connection with the acquisition of 60 acres of land in Haskell County for a bird and fowl habitat.

We have called these matters to the attention of appropriate officials, and as soon as we receive replies we shall be in touch with you again.

We appreciate having your ideas and suggestions on any subject in which you are interested. Also, we are glad to have an opportunity to try and assist you in any way we can.

It will be a pleasure to have you come by the office when you are in Washington.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

CARL ALBERT, M.C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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October 24, 1967

Mr. Robert E. Drew
Division of Indian Health
Department of Health, Education
and Welfare
Willste Building
7915 Eastern Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20203

Dear Mr. Drew:

There is enclosed for your information a copy of a letter we have received from Mr. Folsom Scott, Box 54, Stigler, Oklahoma.

We will appreciate your consideration of the part of his letter which refers to the establishment of an Indian medical school in Talihina, and would like to have any comments and suggestions you wish to make.

With kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

CARL ALBERT, M.C.
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Dear Congressman,

Before the appropriation squeeze and when you were in Styler last month - I had an idea which might be of value to you.

We have a number of projects for the benefit of the Indian race but for the most part the training programs have been for the more menial jobs. To raise the standards. I believe the cultural ability of the Indian in Oklahoma, at least could extend into all phases of American society.

My idea is a medical school for the Indian. We have a hospital in Tahlequah that is a suitable site. We have very few Indian

Doctors percentage wise to our population - and of course, the shortage of Doctors is everywhere.

This would do much to advance the social prestige of the Indian.

Then, I have a problem - I have land in Section one, ten north, twenty east in Haskell County in which the government proposes to take about 60 acres in this section.

Not, as I understand it, for the Kerr Lock & Dam but for a bird and fowl habitat they are taking several sections of land of which mine is the tail end.

If possible, I would like to exclude this section from the taking. The land is along the Canadian River - it is rich & fertile and I would have no way of replacing it. And I am sure more suitable land could be found for the birds.

If you could be of aid in exclude this section from the taking - I would be forever grateful.

I have had all my land in the Arkansas River basin taken but not settled. I do not wish to get further involved with the Dep. of Engineers. The ways & means they have used to obtain

the kind for the Kerr Lock & Dam and the prices paid should be a suitable subject for a congressional investigation.

I hope to be in Washington soon to visit friends and relatives and if you are not too busy - I will call on you.

Respectfully yours,

Folsom Scott

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