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September 30, 1967

The Honorable Overton James
President, Inter-Tribal Council
of the Five Civilized Tribes
6033 Glencove Place
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73132

Dear Governor James:

Enclosed is a copy of the report we have received from the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development concerning the housing needs of Indians in eastern Oklahoma. I hope that a solution to the problem can be worked out without delay and assure you that I want to do everything I can to help.

Please let me know any time I can be of further assistance to you.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

Enclosure

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THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20410

SEP 29 1967

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

Dear Mr. Albert:

This is in further reply to your letter of August 4 concerning housing needs among the Indians of Eastern Oklahoma.

The low-rent housing program of this Department is new in Oklahoma, and the procedures are being implemented by the local housing authorities for the first time. In addition, the mutual-help program requires the cooperation of, and coordination with, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Tribes, the housing authorities and turnkey housing developers. The unique nonreservation status of Oklahoma Indians necessitated considerable legal work in resolving problems relating to land titles in the mutual-help program.

We have been urging the housing authorities to make greater efforts to assist our Regional Office and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in formulating workable projects.

We enclose a report which gives the status of the federally assisted low-rent program for the Five Civilized Tribes.

We look forward to overcoming the obstacles in the Indian housing program in Oklahoma and assure you that we shall cooperate with the Five Civilized Tribes to the fullest extent possible to expedite this greatly needed housing.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Robert C. Weaver", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert C. Weaver

Enclosure

REPORT ON

LOW-RENT HOUSING PROGRAM OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA

Cherokee Nation - The Workable Program for Community Improvement expires September 1, 1968.

1. Project OKLA-45-1, Pryor, 25 acquisition and rehabilitation units. Construction start is scheduled for November 15, 1967.
2. Project OKLA-45-2, Tahlequah, 16 low-rent units. Construction start is scheduled for April 1, 1968.
3. Project OKLA-45-3, Briggs Township, 10 mutual-help turnkey units. Construction start is imminent.
4. Project OKLA-45-5, Baron and Wauhatchie Townships, 16 mutual-help turnkey units. Construction start is imminent.
5. The Application for a Program Reservation of 40 units at Jay is under review in the Central Office.

Creek Nation - The Workable Program expires September 1, 1968.

1. Project OKLA-51-1, Eufala, 20 low-rent units. Construction start is scheduled for May 1, 1968.
2. Project OKLA-51-2, Burton and Hanna Townships, 15 mutual-help units. Construction start is scheduled for March 1, 1968.
3. Project OKLA-51-3, Yeager Township, 12 mutual-help units. Construction start is scheduled for March 1, 1968.

Chickasaw Nation - The recertified Workable Program expires August 1, 1968.

1. Project OKLA-47-1, Myrick and Thomas Townships, 14 mutual-help units. Construction start is scheduled for March 1, 1968.
2. Project OKLA-47-2, Tishomingo, 24 low-rent units. Construction start is scheduled for September 1, 1968.

Choctaw Nation - The recertified Workable Program expires September 1, 1968.

1. Project OKLA-49-1, Mountain Township, 30 mutual-help turnkey units. Construction start is scheduled for September 30, 1967.
2. Project OKLA-49-2, Talihina, 30 low-rent units. Construction start is scheduled for June 1, 1968.
3. Project OKLA-49-3, Stringtown, Ti, Tuskahoma Townships, 15 mutual-help units. Construction start is scheduled for March 1, 1968.

4. The Application for Program Reservation for 45 mutual-help units at Sulphur, Eagle, and Wilson Townships is under review in the Central Office.
5. The Application for Program Reservation for 35 mutual-help units at Bennington, Lakewest, Hunter and Oakes Townships is under review in the Fort Worth Regional Office.
6. The Application for Program Reservation for 84 low-rent units at Wright City is under review in the Fort Worth Regional Office.
7. The Application for Program Reservation for 38 mutual-help units at Jeter, Ratliff, Everidge Township and Hugo City is under review in the Fort Worth Regional Office.
8. The Application for Program Reservation for Alderson, Bucklucksy, Cabaness Townships and McAlester City for 30 mutual-help units is under review in the Fort Worth Regional Office.
9. The Application for Program Reservation for Beaver, Center, Diamond, and San Bois Townships for 45 mutual-help units is under review in the Fort Worth Regional Office.
10. The Application for Program Reservation for Mountain Township for 15 mutual-help units is under review in the Fort Worth Regional Office.
11. The Application for Program Reservation for Frisco and Kirk Townships for 30 mutual-help units is under review in the Fort Worth Regional Office.
12. The Application for Program Reservation for Quinton for 85 low-rent units is under review in the Fort Worth Regional Office.
13. The Application for Program Reservation for Caney for 60 low-rent units is under review in the Fort Worth Regional Office.
14. The Application for Program Reservation for Red Oak for 60 low-rent units is under review in the Fort Worth Regional Office.

Seminole Nation - The Workable Program expired March 1, 1967, and needs recertification. Program Reservation Applications have not been received from this Tribe.

August 4, 1967

The Honorable Overton James, President
The Inter-Tribal Council of the
Five Civilized Tribes
6033 Glen Cove Place
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73132

Dear Governor James:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of July 29 to President Johnson concerning the critical housing needs existing among the Indians of eastern Oklahoma. I appreciate having this statement from the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes and want to assure you that I will do all that I can to help those many Indians in Oklahoma in need of adequate housing;.

I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Honorable Robert Weaver, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, for his consideration and comment. I am urging he give every consideration to the views expressed in your letter. As soon as I have some report from him I will be in touch with you again.

Very best wishes.

Sincerely,

CARL ALBERT, M. C.
Third District, Oklahoma

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