

**FOLDER NO.**

**103**

*Ceremony*

FOR THE SIGNING

of the

CONSTITUTION

of the

STATE of ALASKA

UNIVERSITY of ALASKA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1956

2:00 P. M.

University Gymnasium  
College, Alaska

## Delegates

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Armstrong, R. Rolland.....   | Juneau     |
| Awes, Dorothy J.....         | Anchorage  |
| Barr, Frank.....             | Fairbanks  |
| Boswell, John C.....         | Fairbanks  |
| Buckalew, Seaborn J. Jr..... | Anchorage  |
| Coghill, John B.....         | Nenana     |
| Collins, E. B.....           | Fairbanks  |
| Cooper, George D.....        | Fairbanks  |
| Cross, John M.....           | Kotzebue   |
| Davis, Edward V.....         | Anchorage  |
| Doogan, James P.....         | Fairbanks  |
| Egan, William A.....         | Valdez     |
| Emberg, Truman C.....        | Dillingham |
| Fischer, Mrs. E. A.....      | Anchorage  |
| Fischer, Victor.....         | Anchorage  |
| Gray, Douglas.....           | Douglas    |
| Harris, Thomas C.....        | Valdez     |
| Hellenthal, John S.....      | Anchorage  |
| Hermann, Mildred R.....      | Juneau     |
| Hilscher, Herb.....          | Anchorage  |
| Hinckel, Jack.....           | Kodiak     |
| Hurley, James J.....         | Palmer     |
| Johnson, Maurice T.....      | Fairbanks  |
| Kilcher, Yule F.....         | Homer      |
| King, Leonard H.....         | Haines     |
| Knight, William W.....       | Sitka      |
| Laws, W. W.....              | Nome       |
| Lee, Eldor R.....            | Petersburg |
| Londborg, Maynard D.....     | Unalakleet |
| McCutcheon, Steve.....       | Anchorage  |
| McLaughlin, George M.....    | Anchorage  |
| McNealy, Robert J.....       | Fairbanks  |
| McNees, John A.....          | Nome       |
| Marston, M. R.....           | Spenard    |
| Metcalf, Irwin L.....        | Seward     |
| Nerland, Leslie.....         | Fairbanks  |
| Nolan, James.....            | Wrangell   |
| Nordale, Katherine D.....    | Juneau     |
| Peratrovich, Frank.....      | Klawock    |
| Poulsen, Chris.....          | Anchorage  |
| Reader, Peter L.....         | Nome       |
| Riley, Burke.....            | Haines     |
| Rivers, Ralph J.....         | Fairbanks  |
| Rivers, Victor C.....        | Anchorage  |
| Robertson, R. E.....         | Juneau     |
| Rosswog, John H.....         | Cordova    |
| Smith, W. O.....             | Ketchikan  |
| Stewart, B. D.....           | Sitka      |
| Sundborg, George.....        | Juneau     |
| Sweeney, Dora M.....         | Juneau     |
| Taylor, Warren A.....        | Fairbanks  |
| Vander Leest, H. R.....      | Juneau     |
| Walsh, M. J.....             | Nome       |
| White, Barrie M., Jr.....    | Anchorage  |
| Wien, Ada B.....             | Fairbanks  |

### OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION

|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| William A. Egan, President            | Ralph J. Rivers, 2nd Vice President |
| Frank Peratrovich, 1st Vice President | Thomas B. Stewart, Secretary        |

*Program*

"The Star Spangled Banner" .....Key  
The University Band

Convening of Session

Invocation

Reverend John C. Stokes

Roll Call of Delegates

Address

Hon. B. Frank Heintzleman, Governor of Alaska

Adoption and Signing of the Constitution

Prayer of Dedication

Reverend R. Rolland Armstrong, D.D.

Address

Hon. William A. Egan, President of the Convention

"Alaska's Flag" \* .....Drake

Ladd Choral Group

Benediction

Most Reverend Francis D. Gleeson, S.J.

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WASHINGTON D C FEBRUARY 4, 1956

DAY LETTER

PRESIDENT WILLIAM A EGAN  
ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
CONSTITUTION HALL  
COLLEGE ALASKA

*Jw* APPRECIATE HAVING <sup>the</sup> FOLLOWING READ AT CEREMONY, SUNDAY. QUOTE  
THE SEVENTYFIVE DAYS WHICH BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 8 AND CONCLUDE

NOW WILL BECOME AS MEANINGFUL IN ALASKA'S FUTURE CHRONICLES  
AS THEY ARE NOW TO EACH OF YOU PERSONALLY. WHEN CONVENTION  
BEGAN, IT WAS WITH BEST WISHES OF ALL ALASKANS. AS TIME

PASSED, THERE WAS GROWING COMPREHENSION OF IMMENSITY OF <sup>the</sup>  
TASK UPON WHICH YOU HAD STARTED. TODAY WHEN YOU SIGN THE

DOCUMENT WHICH YOU HAVE FASHIONED, THERE IS, I BELIEVE,  
GENERAL UNDERSTANDING NOT ONLY THAT YOU HAVE WORKED

DILIGENTLY, FAITHFULLY, AND WITH CIVIC VIRTUE BUT  
SUCCESSFULLY IN WRITING CONSTITUION DEDICATED TO BEST

AMERICAN PRINCIPLES AND TO FURTHERANCE MIGHTY STATE TO BE.  
I THANK YOU FOR EXTENDING INVITATION TO BE WITH YOU TODAY

AS CONSTITUTION IS SIGNED. FOR BOTH MRS. BARTLETT AND ME  
IT IS AS HARD AS CAN BE TO BE HERE WHEN WE WANT TO BE THERE.

WE CONGRATULATE YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE. YOU HAVE EARNED  
GRATEFUL THANKS OF YOUR FELLOW ALASKANS. OUR CONGRATULATIONS

GO LIKEWISE TO LOYAL MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF WHOSE ASSISTANCE  
I KNOW HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO  YOU ALL DURING CONVENTION

UNQUOTE

E. L. BARTLETT

*Confirmation*

# TELEGRAM

ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
SERRA BLVD. SITKA, ALASKA

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PRESIDENT WILLIAM A. EGAN, ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
CONSTITUTION HALL COLLEGE

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APPRECIATE HAVING FOLLOWING READ AT CEREMONY SUNDAY ~~QUOTE~~

"THE SEVENTY FIVE DAYS WHICH BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 2 AND  
CONCLUDE NOW WILL BECOME AS MEANINGFUL IN ALASKA'S FUTURE  
CHRONICLES AS THEY ARE NOW TO EACH OF YOU PERSONALLY. WHEN  
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THERE WE CONGRATULATE YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE. YOU HAVE  
EARNED GRATEFUL THANKS OF YOUR PEOPLE ALASKANS. OUR  
CONGRATULATIONS GO LIKEWISE TO LOYAL MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF  
WHOSE ASSISTANCE WE KNOW WAS WHAT I SO MUCH TO YOU ALL  
DURING CONVENTION ~~QUOTE~~

E. L. BARTLETT MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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January 27, 1956

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Administration has prepared the following program for the occasion of the signing of the Constitution of the State of Alaska and recommends its approval by the Convention:

PROGRAM

"Star Spangled Banner"

The University of Alaska Band

Convening of Convention Session

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Rev. John C. Stokes

Roll Call of Delegates

Address

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Signing of the Constitution

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Address

Hon. William A. Egan, President, Alaska Constitutional  
Convention

"Alaska's Flag"

Ladd Field Men's Chorus

Benediction

Most Reverend Francis D. Gleeson, S. J.

Adjournment to February 6, 1956.

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The University of Alaska has offered, if it is the pleasure of the Convention, to entertain the delegates and their family members present in Fairbanks at supper and with a short novelty program of entertainment at the University dining room at 6:30 PM on Sunday, February 5, 1956. The University would appreciate an expression of

the desires of the Convention with regard to this invitation, which is given with the wish that the Convention may feel free to decline if the occasion should not be convenient.

Your Committee proposes the printing of 100 copies of the Constitution on a parchment or high grade paper; the pages would be 13" x 18" in dimension, and the text would be printed in double columns. The pages would be encased in a suitable cover. Five of these copies would constitute the official copies provided for by Convention Rule 51. These copies would be signed at the ceremony on February 5th, and in addition, the signature page <sup>of a copy</sup> to be written on parchment by hand. The balance of the printed copies would be distributed to each delegate, and otherwise as the Convention may determine.



# TELEGRAM

ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
FEDERAL BLDG. FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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WILLIAM EGAN CHAIRMAN

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION COLLEGE FBK 0565

WE WISH TO CONGRATULATE THE DELEGATES TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
FOR YOUR DILIGENT EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF STATEHOOD FOR THE  
TERRITORY AND CITIZENS OF ALASKA. CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL  
DONE. ALL DELEGATES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NATAWUSKA MINSTRELS  
OF '56 IN PALMER ON APRIL 6 AND 7 FOR  
AN EVENING OF FUN AND RELAXATION YOU SO RICHLY DESERVE.

KIMANIS CLUB OF PALMER

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# TELEGRAM

ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
SIGNAL CORPS UNITED STATES ARMY

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CHAIRMAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA FBK

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THE PEOPLE OF SEWARD WISH TO EXTEND THEIR CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB  
WELL DONE AND EXTEND THEIR BEST WISHES AND HEARTY THANKS TO ALL  
MEMBERS

CITY OF SEWARD

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# TELEGRAM

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WILLIAM A EGAN, PRESIDENT 0515

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION COLLEGE

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU

MARY LEE COUICIL MARGERY SMITH FLORENCE THOMPSON

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# TELEGRAM

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SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
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GEORGE SANBORN DELEGATE ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
COLLECT

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CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO THROUGH YOUR  
HARD AND SERIOUS EFFORTS HAVE WRITTEN THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE STATE OF ALASKA STOP LET US HOPE ALL OF US ARE  
SOON REWARDED AND THAT WE MAY ALL ENJOY THE BENEFITS THAT  
WILL COME WHEN WE ARE THE STATE OF ALASKA

JOSEPH T. FLAHE PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR ARCTIC INSTITUTE OF  
NORTH AMERICA

(33)..

E. L. BARTLETT  
DELEGATE FROM ALASKA

SECRETARY  
MISS MARY LEE COUNCIL

ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
MRS. MARGERY SMITH

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

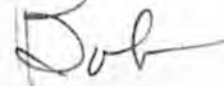
January 31, 1956

Hon. William A. Egan,  
President,  
Alaska Constitutional Convention,  
Constitution Hall,  
College, Alaska

Dear Bill:

I cannot express properly my gratitude to you for phoning me night before last to extend an invitation to attend the signing ceremony. Today the formal invitation came in. How I wish I could be there! All here will be thinking of the 55 of you. Our best wishes go to all of you.

Sincerely,



E. L. Bartlett



ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
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1ST SIGNAL WING, EAGLETON, ALASKA

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WILLIAM A EGAN PRESIDENT CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
COLLEGE

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DEEPLY REGRET MY INABILITY TO ATTEND CEREMONY FOR THE  
SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF ALASKA.

CERTAINLY FEBRUARY FIFTH 1956 IS ANOTHER MEMORABLE DATE  
IN THE CHRONOLOGY OF AMERICAN LIBERTY AND TO ALL OF THOSE  
PARTICIPATING IN THAT HISTORICAL OCCASION MY SINCERE GOOD  
WISHES

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MRS. JOSEPH R. FARRINGTON  
DELEGATE FROM HAWAII

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

February 3, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
Constitution Hall  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

I regret that I am unable to accept your kind invitation to attend the ceremony for the signing of the Constitution of the State of Alaska at two o'clock the fifth of February. I would be pleased to be with you on this momentous occasion and I join with you and all of the delegates in the hope that your Convention and the ratification of your Constitution will speed the day when Alaska becomes a State.

We in Hawaii continue to work with you for our mutual cause. You know that no citizens of the United States could be more sympathetic to your cause than the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth P. Farrington*

Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington  
Delegate from Hawaii

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 1, 1956

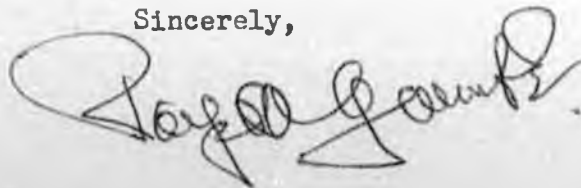
The Honorable William A. Egan  
President of the Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your cordial invitation to  
attend the ceremony for the signing of the  
Constitution of The State of Alaska, on  
February 5th.

I appreciate your thought of me and regret  
it will not be possible to be present as I  
cannot leave Washington at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert J. Conrad". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely,".

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ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
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WILLIAM A EAGEN, CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA COLLEGE 0061

DEEPLY REGRET BY INABILITY TO BE PRESENT ON THIS  
HISTORIC OCCASION. YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT WILL BE FUTURE  
YEA<sup>15</sup> CONSIDERED AS VITAL AS SIMILAR ACTIONS TAKEN IN  
THE 48 STATES AND THAT MEMORABLE DELIVERATION IN  
PHILADELPHIA SO LONG AGO BUT WHICH PAVED THE WAY FOR  
YOUR WORK

WARREN G MAGNUSON USS

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ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA COLLEGE 0061

DEEPLY REGRET BY INABILITY TO BE PRESENT ON THIS  
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JAMES ROOSEVELT  
26TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

COMMITTEES:  
EDUCATION AND LABOR  
SELECT COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

WASHINGTON OFFICE:  
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LOS ANGELES OFFICE:  
5308 WEST ADAMS BOULEVARD

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

February 1, 1956

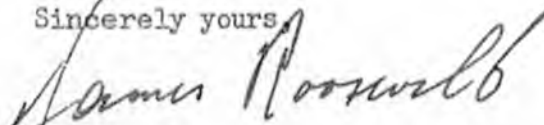
*Tom Stewart  
Convention Hall*

The President  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am most grateful for your kind invitation to attend the ceremonies to be held at the signing of the Constitution of the State of Alaska. While I cannot attend, may I extend my very best wishes to you, the faculty and the student body for every success on this most memorable occasion.

Sincerely yours,



JAMES ROOSEVELT

JR:s

# TELEGRAM

ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
SIGNAL CORPS UNITED STATES ARMY  
FEDERAL BLDG. FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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HONORABLE WILLIAM A EGAN, PRESIDENT,

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CONVENTION ALL COLLEGE

REGRET INABILITY TO ATTEND SIGNING CONSTITUTION.

CONGRATULATIONS IN TAKING ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS STATEHOOD,

WHICH I HOPE WILL BE REALIZED IN NEAR FUTURE. BEST

PERSONAL WISHES

JOHN P SAYLOR MEMBER OF CONGRESS

(31)..

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OLIN E. TEAGUE  
SIXTH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

February 1, 1956

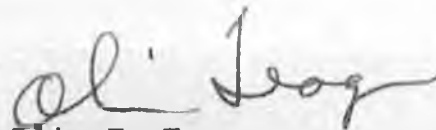
Mr. William A. Egan  
President  
Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

I wish to acknowledge receipt  
of your kind invitation to attend  
the ceremony for the signing of the  
constitution of the State of Alaska  
on Sunday, February 5, 1956.

My schedule is such that it  
will be impossible for me to attend  
this ceremony.

Sincerely,



Olin E. Teague  
Congressman

WARREN G. MAGNISON, WASH., C. IAN  
JOHN G. PASTORE, R. I.  
A. S. MIKE MONRONEY, OKLA.  
GEORGE A. SMATHERS, FLA.  
PRICE DANIEL, TEX.  
SAM J. ERVIN, JR., N. C.  
ALAN BIBLE, NEV.  
STROM THURMOND, S. C.

JOHN W. B. R, OHIO  
ANDREW P. SHOEPPEL, KANS.  
JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER, MD.  
CHARLES E. POTTER, MICH.  
JAMES H. DUFF, PA.  
WILLIAM A. PURTELL, CONN.  
FREDERICK G. PAYNE, MAINE

EDWARD JARRETT, CHIEF CLERK

## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

February 1, 1956

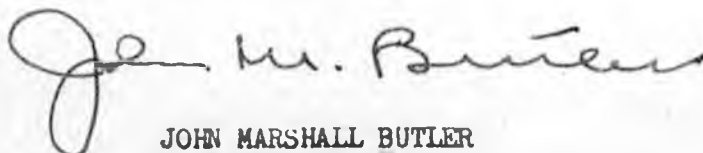
Mr. William A. Egan  
President  
Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

I appreciate so much the invitation to be present for the signing of the Constitution of the State of Alaska and I regret that because of extremely heavy duties here I am unable to accept the invitation.

With best wishes for this momentous occasion, I am

Sincerely yours,



JOHN MARSHALL BUTLER  
United States Senator

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ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
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TO WILLIAM A EGAN PRES ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FAIRBANKS  
ALASKA

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FOLLOWING WERE RECEIVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO YOU FROM HON SAMUEL  
WILDER KING GOVERNOR OF HAWAII QUOTE RECENTLY EXCELLENCELY CANNOT  
ATTEND CEREMONY SUNDAY FEBRUARY FIFTH PLEASE CONVEY MY CONGRATULATIONS  
AND BEST WISHES TO ALL THE DELEGATES, ALSO MY HOPE THAT THROUGH THEIR  
EFFORTS STATEHOOD FOR BOTH TERRITORIES WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN THE  
VERY NEAR FUTURE END QUOTE

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COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

LA FORTALEZA, SAN JUAN

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR



30 January 1956

Mr. William A. Egan  
President, Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

I am very appreciative of your cordial letter of 24 January and of your courtesy in inviting me to attend the ceremony of signing the draft of the Constitution of Alaska. I regret that I shall be unable to attend the ceremony due to the fact that we are inaugurating a new Supreme Court building and the Commonwealth has as its guests many distinguished visitors from the United States and other countries.

As a firm believer in the principle of self-determination I wish to express my very best wishes to you and to everyone who participated in drafting this Constitution in response to the democratic aspirations of the people of Alaska.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Luis Muñoz Marín", written over a horizontal line.

LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN

TELEGRAM  
ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
FEDERAL BLDG., FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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WILLIAM A EGAN, PRESIDENT ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONVENTION UNIV OF ALASKA FBK 0428

THANKS FOR YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL  
CONVENTION. REGRET MY INABILITY TO ATTEND, BUT AM  
PLEASED TO EXTEND MY SINCERE GREETINGS TO THE  
DELEGATES AND ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN THIS MOMENTOUS PROJECT.

REGARDS

ERNEST W MCFARLAND GOVERNOR

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State of California  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
SACRAMENTO

January 27, 1956

GOODWIN J. KNIGHT  
GOVERNOR

Mr. William A. Egan  
President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

I deeply regret I will not be able to accept your cordial invitation to witness the signing of the Constitution for Alaska.

On that day, I shall be in Cleveland, Ohio, where I have a speaking engagement.

Thank you very much for inviting me to participate in this historic occasion. I only wish that it were possible for me to be there. This convention is a milestone in the progress of Alaska and represents a focal point of the natural aspirations of our fellow Americans in the far North.

With kind regards,

Cordially,

*Goodwin J. Knight*

Governor

GJK:ld  
Via:Airmail





# State of Colorado

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
DENVER

EDWIN C. JOHNSON  
GOVERNOR

January 27, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan  
President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 24 inviting me to be present upon the occasion when there will be signified Alaska's readiness to take its place among the States.

I am sorry that the pressure of business here in Colorado will prevent me from making the trip to the University of Alaska.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Edwin C. Johnson'.

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ABRAHAM RIBICOFF  
GOVERNOR



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HARTFORD

February 1, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to  
attend the Alaska Constitutional Convention on  
February 5.

I deeply regret that my schedule for the month  
of February is so committed that it will be  
impossible for me to leave the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

*Abe Ribicoff*

Governor

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STATE OF DELAWARE  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

J. CALEB BOGGS  
GOVERNOR

DOVER

January 30, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
Fairbanks, Alaska

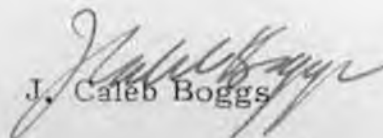
My dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you very much for the cordial invitation of January 24th, extended on behalf of the delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention for me to be present at the University of Alaska on February 5th.

I regret exceedingly that my schedule of commitments in the State of Delaware precludes the possibility of my being away from the State at that time, though it would indeed be a great honor and privilege to be present for this historic occasion.

Thank you again and with best wishes to you all in the important work which you are doing, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
J. Caleb Boggs



STATE OF FLORIDA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
TALLAHASSEE

LEROY COLLINS  
GOVERNOR

February 3, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

Thanks so much for your cordial invitation to be present on Sunday, February 5, when the signatures are affixed to the Constitution for the State of Alaska.

I regret that conflicting commitments here in Florida will make it impossible for me to be with you, but I extend my official and personal congratulations to you on this important occasion.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

  
Governor

LC/s



Office of the Governor  
Atlanta

MARVIN GRIFFIN  
GOVERNOR

January 31, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

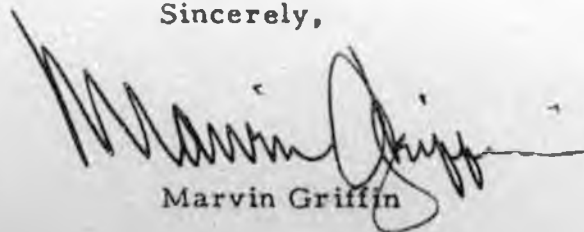
Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date extending an invitation to come to the University of Alaska on the occasion of the completion of drafting a constitution for the State of Alaska on February 5, 1956.

It would be an honor to be with you on this historic and important occasion, but I must decline since our General Assembly is in session and it is therefore necessary that I remain in Atlanta at this time.

With kindest regards and very best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



Marvin Griffin

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STATE OF IDAHO

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

BOISE

ROBERT E. SMYLIE  
GOVERNOR

January 31, 1956

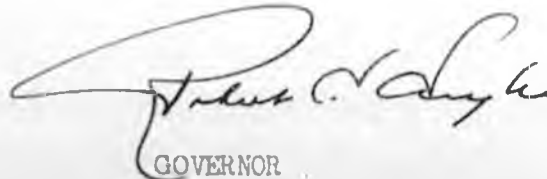
Mr. William A. Egan  
President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

The opportunity to witness the signing of a Constitution for a state, prior to its entry into the United States, is one which few of us have had the opportunity of doing. For this reason I would like very much to be with you on February 5th and take a small part in this great ceremony. Unfortunately, I have commitments within the state which will prevent me from being with you.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness in extending this invitation to me.

Sincerely,

  
GOVERNOR

RES:H:s





OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
SPRINGFIELD

WILLIAM G. STRATTON  
GOVERNOR

January 27, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

This will acknowledge your kind invitation to attend the ceremonies in connection with the constitution of Alaska on February 5.

I would certainly enjoy being present on this important occasion and I regret very much that official commitments here in Illinois will prevent me from being with you.

With appreciation for your thoughtfulness and with kind regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William G. Stratton".

Governor

WGS:g

STATE OF INDIANA

GEORGE N. CRAIG  
GOVERNOR



INDIANAPOLIS 4

January 31, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
Juneau, Alaska

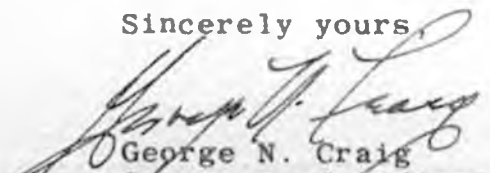
Dear Mr. Egan:

I sincerely regret that I shall be unable to be present at the University of Alaska on February 5th for the occasion of the signing of the Constitution for the State of Alaska. Previous commitments will prevent my attendance to this historical occasion.

I greatly appreciate your kind invitation and ask that you convey my regrets at my inability to accept.

With very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
George N. Craig  
Governor of Indiana

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IOWA  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
DES MOINES

January 27, 1956

LEO A HOEGH  
GOVERNOR

Mr. William A. Egan,  
Alaska Constitutional Convention,  
Univeristy of Alaska,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you for your kind invitation of January 24  
to be with you for the signing of the Constitution for the State  
of Alaska. I shall be unable to attend because my schedule  
for the entire month is completely filled.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leo A. Hoegh".

LEO A. HOEGH,  
Governor of Iowa.

LAH:lb

THE STATE



OF KANSAS

FRED HALL · GOVERNOR

TOPEKA

January 31, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska


Dear President Egan:

Thank you for your kind invitation  
letter of January 24.

I certainly want to wish you the  
best of luck on your February 5th  
meeting. Much as I would like to  
attend, I find that I have previous  
commitments.

Please extend my best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

  
FRED HALL

fh:dbb



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

FRANKFORT

January 31, 1956

ALBERT BENJAMIN CHANDLER  
GOVERNOR

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the Alaska Constitutional Convention. Our Legislature, which convened the first part of this month, will still be in session at that time and it is impossible for me to be away from Frankfort. I regret very much that I cannot be with you.

Be assured always of my warm regards, and please accept my sincere wishes for the complete success of your convention.

Cordially,

  
A. B. Chandler



ROBERT F KENNON  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF LOUISIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BATON ROUGE

February 1, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

Your letter inviting me to be present  
at the University of Alaska on the occasion of the  
signing of the Constitution for the State of Alaska  
was received.

I appreciate being invited to be with  
you on this historic occasion and regret that  
previous commitments prevent my attendance.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert F. Kennon".

Robert F. Kennon

RFK:CD:c





STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AUGUSTA

1 February 1956

EDMUND S. MUSKIE  
GOVERNOR

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you very much for your letter of  
January 24, and kind invitation to attend the  
signing of the Alaska Constitution. Unfortunately,  
my schedule is such that I will be unable to attend.

I do, however, appreciate your thoughtful-  
ness in writing.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edmund S. Muskie".

Edmund S. Muskie

ESM:jw



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

THEODORE R. MCKELDIN  
GOVERNOR

January 31, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska


Dear Mr. Egan:

I wish to thank you for your very kind letter of January 24th inviting me to attend the signing of the proposed Constitution for the State of Alaska on February 5th.

I greatly appreciate your invitation, and sincerely regret that commitments in my home state will not permit me to be present.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

  
Governor

TRMcK/tk



CHRISTIAN A. HERTER  
GOVERNOR

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

January 30, 1956

William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
Juno, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you very much for your kind invitation asking me to be your guest on the afternoon of February 5th on the memorable occasion of the affixing of signatures to the document signifying Alaska's readiness to become a State.

I am highly honored that you should wish me to be present at this ceremony which is of such significance to you and our forty-eight states. I am terribly sorry to tell you that a previous engagement which I have in Boston makes it impossible for me to join you. May I congratulate you and the delegates on the completion of this very important document.

Please accept my sincere regrets and very best wishes.

With warmest personal regards.

Most sincerely yours,

*Christian A. Herter*

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# TELEGRAM

ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
FEDERAL BLDG. FAIRBANKS

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WILLIAM A EGAN PRESIDENT 0226

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION UNIV OF ALASKA COLLEGE  
MY VERY BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU ON THE OCCASION OF  
THE SIGNING OF YOUR CONSTITUTION. MAY THE DRAMA OF  
THIS OCCASION SPEED THE DAY WHEN THIS DOCUMENT MAY  
GO INTO EFFECT AND ALASKA BECOMES A STATE OF THE UNION.  
ONLY MY BUSY SCHEDULE HAS KEPT ME AWAY FROM THIS  
HISTORIC EVENT

G MENNEN WILLIAMS GOVERNOR OF MICHIGAN..



STATE OF MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LANSING

G. MENNEN WILLIAMS  
GOVERNOR

January 27, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you very much for your cordial invitation  
for me to attend the signing of your constitution  
for the State of Alaska on February 5.

It would indeed be a real pleasure to be with  
you for this fine event and I certainly wish it  
were possible for me to do so. Unfortunately,  
however, previously arranged plans prevent this.

With every good wish for a most successful ceremony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Mennen Williams".

Governor



STATE OF MINNESOTA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
SAINT PAUL

ORVILLE L. FREEMAN  
GOVERNOR

January 30, 1956

Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you for your letter of January 24th inviting me to attend the signing of the constitution which has been drafted by the Alaska Constitutional Convention on February 5th.

I certainly wish I could be with you to help commemorate this important event, but I am already scheduled to make addresses here in Minnesota and will not be able to get away. May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your progress and wish you and the other citizens of Alaska continued success and growth.

Please feel free to contact us if we can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Orville L. Freeman".

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska





EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
JEFFERSON CITY

PHIL M. DONNELLY  
GOVERNOR

January 30, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan  
President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

Your letter of January 24th, with an invitation to be present at the ceremonies attendant to the signing of your proposed constitution for Alaska, has been received. Unfortunately, the pressing duties of my office preclude my acceptance.

May I extend to you on behalf of the State of Missouri my sincere congratulations and best wishes upon this eventful occasion.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

*Phil M. Donnelly*

GOVERNOR



State of Montana  
Office of The Governor  
Helena

January 30, 1956

J. HUGO ARONSON  
GOVERNOR

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

I received your cordial invitation to attend the ceremonies in connection with the signing of the Alaska constitution on February 5th. I am very sorry that the press of state business will not permit my attendance.

This significant step is worthy of nationwide note, and I join all Montanans in extending greetings. We look forward to the day of statehood for Alaska and also to ever-increasing trade and communications between Montana and Alaska.

Yours sincerely,

*J. Hugo Aronson*  
GOVERNOR



STATE of NEBRASKA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
LINCOLN

VICTOR E. ANDERSON  
GOVERNOR

January 31, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to attend the signing of the Constitution for the State of Alaska on February 5, 1956. Unfortunately it is impossible for me to be out of Nebraska at that time.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome Alaska to the sisterhood of States and to congratulate the delegates on drafting the constitution. It will indeed be a historical occasion for the United States.

I appreciate your courtesy in extending me an invitation and I am extremely sorry it is impossible for me to accept.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

*Victor E. Anderson*

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CHARLES H. RUSSELL  
GOVERNOR

THE STATE OF NEVADA  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

CARSON CITY

January 31, 1956

William A. Egan  
President, Alaska  
Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

I regret exceedingly that it will be impossible for me to accept your gracious invitation to attend the ceremonies in connection with the drafting of a Constitution for the State of Alaska.

The Nevada Legislature will convene in special session February 6 and you will understand, I am sure, the impossibility of me being absent from Carson City at that time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. Russell".

Charles H. Russell  
Governor of Nevada



LANE DWINELL  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
CONCORD

January 31, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

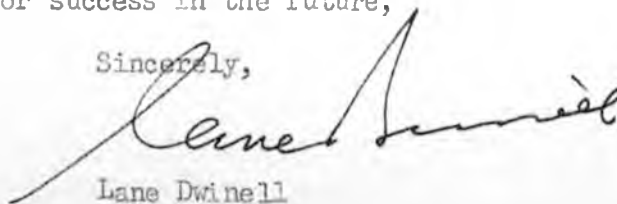
Thank you for your very kind invitation for me to be present at the signing of the Constitution for the State of Alaska, to be held on Sunday, February 5.

I would very much like to be with you on this memorable occasion, but unfortunately it is impossible for me to leave the State at this time.

Will you kindly convey my regrets to the Delegates and commend them for their accomplishment in drafting your State Constitution.

Your thoughtfulness in inviting me is much appreciated, and with very best wishes for success in the future,

Sincerely,



Lane Dwinell

LD:V



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
SANTA FE

JOHN F. SIMMS  
GOVERNOR

February 9, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Dear Mr. Egan:

I am certainly sorry that limitations of time made it impossible for me to attend the special ceremony on February 5 for the official signing of the new Constitution for the proposed State of Alaska.

Your invitation was much appreciated, and I know that such a conclusion was highly gratifying to your delegates who had worked so hard in formulating the new Constitution. If you later have it printed for general distribution, I'd be very glad to have a copy.

You have the good wishes of this office for the success of your long-fought battle for statehood.

Sincerely,

*John F. Simms*  
GOVERNOR



TELEGRAM

ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
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WILLIAM A EGAN PRESIDENT

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA COLLEGE ANCHORAGE

I REGRET THAT I CANNOT ACCEPT THE HIGH HONOR OF BEING WITH YOU AND THE OTHER DELEGATES TO THE ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION AT THE HISTORIC SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION YOU HAVE DRAFTED FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA.

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE LONG WISHED STATEHOOD FOR ALASKA, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL I CAN TO FASTEN THE DAY WHEN ALASKA WILL TAKE ITS PROPER AND RESPECTED PLACE IN OUR SISTERHOOD OF STATES. BEST WISHES TO AID YOU, AND GOD SPEED YOUR STATEHOOD MOVEMENT TO ITS ULTIMATE SUCCESS.

AVERILL HARRISON

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
RALEIGH

LUTHER H. HODGES  
GOVERNOR

January 31, 1956

AIR MAIL

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

Governor Hodges asked me to acknowledge with thanks your letter of January 24, with reference to the kind invitation to attend the signing of the constitution for the State of Alaska.

The Governor appreciates this invitation and regrets that his schedule will not permit him to attend this historic event.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. L. Rankin, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

E. L. Rankin, Jr.  
Private Secretary

ELR/mb

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
BISMARCK



NORMAN BRUNSDALE  
GOVERNOR

January 27, 1956

William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

At the present time I can think of nothing more pleasant than to come to Alaska and witness the signing of the Constitution for the State of Alaska. This is a historic event and one which will not soon be forgotten.

However, I deeply regret that prior commitments will prevent me from attending.

Sincerely yours,

*Norman Brunsdale*  
Governor

NB:bl



FRANK J. LAUSCHE  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
COLUMBUS 15

January 30, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
Fairbanks, Alaska

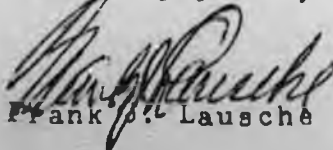
Dear Mr. Egan:

Thanks very much for the kind invitation extended me, on behalf of the fifty-five member delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention, to come to the University of Alaska campus and be present on Sunday, February 5, 1956 at 2:00 P.M., for the affixing of signatures to the completed document.

While I deeply appreciate the gracious invitation, I am obliged to tell you that because of the heaviness of my schedule for the ensuing months and the many previous commitments here in the State, I cannot comply with your wishes.

I certainly appreciate the importance of this occasion and I hope that you will extend to the members of the delegation and the citizens of Alaska, my sincere congratulations on their foresight in preparing for the time when their territory will be joined with the 48 States. Best wishes to all those in attendance as they take time to observe this memorable and historical occasion.

Sincerely yours,

  
Frank J. Lausche

FJL:els



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RAYMOND GARY  
GOVERNOR

OKLAHOMA CITY

February 13, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
Fairbanks, Alaska

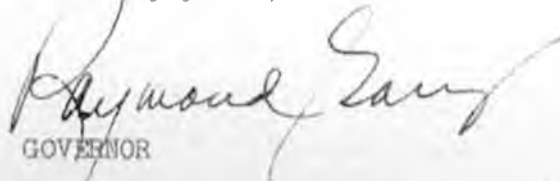
Dear Mr. Egan:

Your letter of January 24 just came to my attention today. I regret this delay prevented my advising you of my inability to be present on February 5 when signatures were affixed to the Constitution of the State of Alaska. Though I could not have been with you to witness this historic occasion, I do regret not having acknowledged your invitation and advised you accordingly.

Thank you again for having included me on your invitation list.

Every good wish.

Sincerely yours,

  
GOVERNOR

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# TELEGRAM

ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM  
SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
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WILLIAM A EGM PRESIDENT ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA COLLEGE

I DEEPLY REGRET THAT I CANNOT JOIN YOU FOR THE SIGNING  
OF THE CONSTITUTION OF ALASKA DUE TO THE PRESSURE OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS  
I CANNOT LEAVE HARRISBURG AT THIS TIME THIS IS TRULY AN HISTORIC  
MOMENT FOR ALASKA AND FOR ALL THE UNITED STATES AND I WANT TO EXTEND  
TO YOU MY SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE COMPLETION OF YOUR  
CONSTITUTION PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUING SUCCESS  
AND PROSPERITY FOR ALASKA

GEORGE W. LEAHY GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND & PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
PROVIDENCE

DENNIS J. ROBERTS  
GOVERNOR

January 30, 1956

Dear Mr. Egan:

I was very pleased to receive you kind letter of January 24th inviting me to the Alaska Constitutional Convention on Sunday, February 5th. Although I cannot attend I do hope you will express my best wishes to the delegates for a fruitful session.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis J. Roberts  
Governor

Mr. William A. Egan  
President, Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

DJR:MC



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
COLUMBIA

GEORGE BELL TIMMERMAN, JR.  
GOVERNOR

January 30, 1956.

CHARLES H. WICKENBERG, JR.  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
DAN T. HENDERSON  
RESEARCH SECRETARY

Mr. William A. Egan, President,  
Alaska Constitutional Convention,  
University of Alaska,  
College, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Egan:

This is to acknowledge your letter of January 24th  
extending invitation on behalf of the delegates to the  
Alaska Constitutional Convention to be ~~present~~ at the  
University of Alaska on February 5th for the signing of  
a constitution admitting Alaska to the ~~sisterhood of States.~~  
*Union.*

I appreciate this invitation very much and regret that  
~~I must decline due to my schedule.~~ *my inability to be present.*

Sincerely yours,

GBTjr/eh



JOE FOSS  
GOVERNOR

SOUTH DAKOTA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
PIERRE

BOB LEE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

January 28, 1956

William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

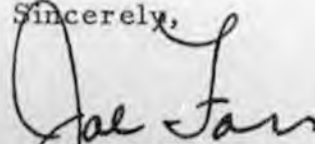
Dear Mr. Egan:

Many thanks for your letter of January 24th inviting me to be present at the constitution ceremony for the State of Alaska on Sunday, February 5th.

I certainly appreciate your consideration of me in this respect, and sincerely regret that previous commitments within South Dakota prevent my acceptance of your kind invitation. This will be a great occasion, and my best wishes go to all those in attendance at this memorable historical event.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
JOE FOSS  
Governor



TENNESSEE  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
NASHVILLE

FRANK G. CLEMENT  
GOVERNOR

January 31, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

This will acknowledge, with thanks, your kind letter of January 24 to Governor Frank Clement in which you invite him to be present at the signing of the Alaska Constitution February 5.

He keenly regrets that a conflicting engagement for a nation-wide television appearance originating in New York City precludes his acceptance.

He has asked me to express his very best wishes and his thanks for the thoughtfulness which prompted your invitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas Fisher".

Douglas Fisher  
Executive Counsel

DF:jd



STATE OF UTAH  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
SALT LAKE CITY

J. BRACKEN LEE  
GOVERNOR

January 27, 1956

Dear Mr. Egan:

I appreciate the invitation you have extended to me to attend the signature ceremony in conjunction with the completion of a new constitution for Alaska. As much as I would like to do this, I cannot afford either the time or the expense that would be involved. In addition, I have many commitments here at home during this period.

Please convey my congratulations and best wishes to the members of the Alaska Constitutional Convention. I am certain this occasion will be a historic one for the convention members and all others concerned.

Sincerely yours,

JBL/hmw

Mr. William A. Egan  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
Anchorage, Alaska

JOSEPH B. JOHNSON  
GOVERNOR



STATE OF VERMONT  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
MONTPELIER

February 2, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan

Thank you for your letter inviting me to attend the ceremonies for the signing of the constitution of Alaska. I regret that I cannot be present for the signing on this great occasion. However, I sincerely appreciate your consideration in writing me.

Sincerely yours

*Joseph B. Johnson*  
Governor

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
RICHMOND

THOS. B. STANLEY  
GOVERNOR

January 30, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

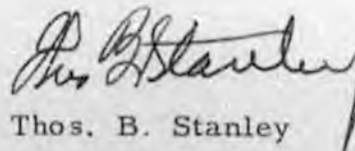
Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you for your letter of  
January 24 inviting me to be present  
for the signing of the constitution for the  
State of Alaska on Sunday, February 5.

Since our General Assembly is  
in session at this time, it is impossible  
for me to make any out of state engagements,  
but I want you to know that I appreciate the  
invitation.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Thos. B. Stanley

jbc



State of Washington  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
Olympia

January 26, 1956

ARTHUR B. LANGLIE  
Governor

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

This will acknowledge receipt of your  
invitational letter of January 24 relative to the  
ceremony to be held the afternoon of Sunday,  
February 5, at which time the fifty-five delegates  
to the Alaska Constitutional Convention will affix  
their signatures to the draft of the constitution  
for the State of Alaska.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in asking  
me to attend this historic occasion but long-standing  
commitments here in the State of Washington will  
preclude my acceptance.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

*Arthur Langlie*  
Governor

ABL:m



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
CHARLESTON 5

WILLIAM C. MARLAND  
GOVERNOR

January 31, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan  
University of Alaska  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

I have your letter of January 24  
and want to thank you for your very kind  
invitation for February 5.

I sincerely regret that, due to  
a prior commitment, I will be unable to join  
you on this occasion. I do, however, want  
to extend my very best wishes for a most suc-  
cessful event, which I know you will have.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM C. MARLAND,  
Governor.

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WALTER J. KOHLER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
MADISON



January 30, 1956

Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

In the absence of Governor Kohler I am taking the liberty of acknowledging and thanking you for your letter of January 24 in which you extended a cordial invitation to him to be present on the occasion of the affixing of the delegates' signatures to the constitution for the State of Alaska, on Sunday, February 5, 1956.

Unfortunately, the Governor is on an extended trip and will not return in time to accept your very gracious invitation. You may be sure, however, that your letter will be called to his attention promptly upon his return to the office.

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Phillip T. Drotning".

Phillip T. Drotning  
Executive Secretary

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY, ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
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7 February 1956

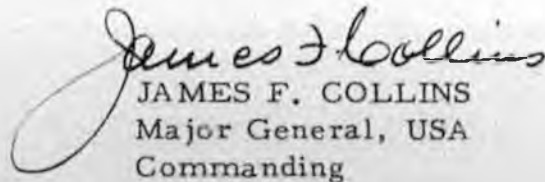
Mr. William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

Upon my return to Fort Richardson after five days absence, I received your kind invitation to the closing ceremonies of the Alaska Constitutional Convention for the signing of the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

I am sorry that I was unable to attend and trust that your closing ceremonies were most successful.

Sincerely,

  
JAMES F. COLLINS  
Major General, USA  
Commanding

AS WE ARE UNABLE TO BE PRESENT AT THIS HISTORICAL  
OCCASSION, WE ARE SENDING OUR GOOD WISHES AND THANKS  
FOR A JOB WELL DONE

THE CHARLES LECHNER FAMILY

SEWARD, ALASKA

# TELEGRAM

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WE DEEPLY REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO BE PRESENT ON  
THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION. PLEASE CONVEY OUR APPRECIATION AS  
ALASKANS TO ALL THE DELEGATES AND OFFICE WORKERS FOR A JOB WELL DONE  
AND OUR THANKS TO TOM, HELEN, JOHN, GEORGE AND JACK FOR THEIR  
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HILL AND ANNA GAY VOXADEN

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January 31, 1956

Hon. Ernest Gruening  
926 West Beach Drive  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ernest:

We have sent to you and Mrs. Gruening under separate cover one of the printed invitations to the ceremonies for the signing of the Constitution. I realize that it is no doubt impossible for you actually to be with us on that day, but I wanted to express the feeling, which I am sure is shared by my fellow delegates, that we wish you could be here.

The accomplishment of the drafting of the Constitution for the State of Alaska is a proud thing for us all. I know how much the part has been that you have played in making this occasion possible. Please accept my warm best wishes for both you and Mrs. Gruening.

Very truly yours,

William A. Egan  
President

WAE/wb

January 31, 1956

Admiral Kenneth Craig  
Commandant of the 17th Naval District  
Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Admiral Craig:

Under separate cover, there has been sent to you at the direction of the Alaska Constitutional Convention an invitation to its closing ceremonies at which the Constitution of the State of Alaska will be signed.

I wanted you to know that we would be especially pleased to have you and such officers of your command and others whom you may desire to invite as guests to be with us on this historic occasion.

Very truly yours,

William A. Egan  
President

WAE/wb

January 31, 1956

Maj. Gen. James F. Collins  
Commanding General  
USARAL  
Fort Richardson, Alaska

Dear Gen. Collins:

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I wanted you to know that we would be especially pleased to have you and such officers of your command and others whom you may desire to invite as guests to be with us on this historic occasion.

Very truly yours,

William A. Egan  
President

WAE/wb

January 31, 1956

Brig. Gen. T. Allen Bennett  
Commander, Alaska Air Command  
and 11th Air Division  
Ladd AFB, Alaska

Dear Gen. Bennett:

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I wanted you to know that we would be especially pleased to have you and such officers of your command and others whom you may desire to invite as guests to be with us on this historic occasion.

Very truly yours,

William A. Egan  
President

WAE/wb

SENT To all GOVERNORS of 48  
States

January 24, 1956

Hon. James E. Folsom  
Governor  
State of Alabama  
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Governor Folsom:

The fifty-five delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention are nearing the completion of their work of drafting a constitution for the State of Alaska. They have now set the hour of 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 5, 1956, as the time for affixing their signatures to this document, signifying the readiness of Alaska to take its place among the sisterhood of States.

I extend to you a cordial invitation on behalf of the delegates to come to the University of Alaska campus and be present on this occasion. We would be greatly honored if you could be with us at this hour of historic importance for the State of Alaska and indeed for the United States of America.

Please let us know whether you can attend and whether you would like us to make hotel and other arrangements for you.

Very truly yours,

William A. Egan  
President

WAE/wb



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EARL WILHOITE, DIRECTOR  
FRED WARING WORKSHOP  
DELAWARE WATER GAP, PA.

JANUARY 27, 1956

REQUEST PERMISSION USE YOUR ARRANGEMENT ALASKA FLAG SONG AT CLOSING CEREMONY ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. SINGING BY LOCAL CHORAL GROUP. APPRECIATE YOUR REPLY COLLECT WIRE TO FAIRBANKS.

TS:

TOM STEWART, SECRETARY  
ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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CONVENTION  
and Signing Ceremony 1914

February 1, 1956

Mr. Earl Willhoite, Director  
Fred Waring's Workshop  
Delaware Water Gap, Pennsylvania

Dear Earl:

Your telegram giving us permission to use your version of "Alaska's Flag" was received on the weekend, and was most welcome. A letter from the Summy Company came along yesterday so that we are now clear for using it on our program. Jane sent me as many copies as she could collect in a hurry from the chorus in Juneau, and they are now in the hands of a choral group from a nearby air force base. This group has been invited to sing the number as the closing portion of our ceremony for the signing of the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

This will be a thrilling moment for all those who have worked so hard in our constitution-making effort. I know that the music will present a proper final touch. The President of the Convention has asked me especially to convey his thanks for your willing assistance. With best personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart  
Secretary

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February 1, 1956

Mr. Robert G. Olson  
Choral Repertoire Director  
Clayton F. Summy Co.  
235 S. Wabash Avenue  
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Mr. Olson:

We were very pleased to have your letter of January 27, 1956 giving us permission to use "Alaska's Flag" at the closing ceremonies of the Alaska Constitutional Convention.

We will of course use your credit line and will be happy to send you two copies of the program for your files.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart  
Secretary

TBS/wb



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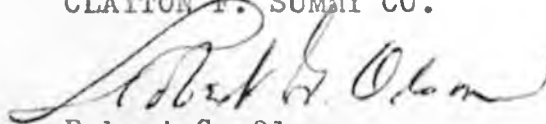
January 27, 1956

Mr. Tom Stewart  
Attorney General  
Constitutional Convention  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I received a call from Mr. Earl Wilhoite of Shawnee Press regarding permission to use ALASKA'S FLAG on a special program in Fairbanks in February. We are happy to grant this permission, but would appreciate your using the customary credit line on your program, i.e., "copyright Clayton F. Summy Co., used by permission" and sending us two copies of this program for our files.

Cordially,  
CLAYTON F. SUMMY CO.



Robert G. Olson  
Choral Repertoire Director

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