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February 10, 1956

Mr. Victor C. Rivers, Delegate
Alaska Constitutional Convention
Post Office Box 1894
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Rivers:

I am sorry I did not have an opportunity to see you again before you left for Anchorage, but I hope that, even without proper farewells from this quarter, you had an enjoyable trip down and arrived safely.

I am enclosing a proposal you submitted January 9, 1956. Would you please sign it. I know that I was at one time given the original signed copy for the permanent files, but, through some kind of negligence have misplaced it. I had hoped it would turn up as I went through the files for the final check, but it has not, so I will have to have this duplicate signed.

It is very quiet and a little lonely out here now that everyone has left. It was a marvelous seventy-five days.

Yours very truly,

Doris Ann Bartlett,
Librarian

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RESOLUTION

FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CANADA

WHEREAS Alaskans and the people across the border in Canada have long been neighbors in the fullest sense of the word; and

WHEREAS the development of Alaska will increase the matters of common interest to the people of Alaska and their neighbors in Canada; and

WHEREAS Delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention keenly appreciate and desire to perpetuate the mutual feeling of affection and respect which has characterized the relationship of the people of Canada and the United States;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Constitutional Convention:

1. That the Convention express its sincere assurance that the people and government of Alaska under statehood will maintain the same friendly and mutually helpful relationship with their neighbors in Canada in the future as they have had in the past;

2. That the President of the Convention arrange for the wide dissemination of this resolution in Alaska and that he forward copies to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of State, with the request that copies be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada for the information of the people of Canada, particularly those in British Columbia, Alberta, and the Yukon Territory.

DONE at College, Alaska, this fourth day of February, 1956, by direction of the Convention.

William A. Egan President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

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Unalakleet, Alaska
Dec 12 1955

Dear Col Muktuk Marston

I have recive a letter on December 3rd which contains newspaper Clipping. Which I let our Mayor Henry Nashalook bring up during our Village meeting to the people. I hope each and everyone here have in their mind something to say that might be helpfull during Alaska Constitutional Convention at our University of Alaska. During Native land problems. I hope they send a written letter too.

I have some to bring up myself in conection with our land problems. Mostly of our fishing camps and our homes. Around here in Unalakleet also around outlaying Villages. We have fishing Camps from way back without anything to show in papers Claims or Clear titles. Only fish racks tent frames and cash stands to show. and these are particular places for fishing and camping wather they are in the beach on rivers. They are the main places we are to catch our winter needs each year. By what I have gone through I can say this much. Its pretty hard winter, when some outfit gets into fish camp and use it for nothing. I haven't fish at my camp site, **for three season's** because some out fit is working in it. I would sugast strongly we need to have our fishing camp rights and settle it. Settle to have any out fit or any orgainizations as grup to pay for using any camp sites. Instead of doing anything as they plase with any camp site. This part of Alaska is still hard living. It is not developed yet no roads build yet to go any place where we want to or to go nar our trap lines. We still use dogs to go places in winter. We need to have our seasonal lively hood to get by each year til something is done to this part of country.

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Also our homes here in Unalakleet in other Villages too.
We dont own lots for our homes. We don't have any clear title for our homes. We have been under reservation too long most of us young people beginning to relise that. reservations are Just getting us behind on many ways of living as an average Americian Citizen live. We begin to relise that we have been put aside as Natives too long. We young people would like to see our Children grow up as any average American citizen live with equal rights as white man. We are Just as good human as any body from White to Black.

Heres Wishing you lots of luck.

Your frend

Mr George Lockwood

Unalakleet, Alaska

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Fairbanks, Alaska
January 25, 1956

To the Honorables, the Delegates to the Alaska State
Constitutional Convention:

Because I am fearful that I may unintentionally fail to express to you, individually, my deep appreciation of your very gracious reception last evening, I should like to use this means of so doing. It was a distinct privilege to have been invited to appear before you, and I shall long remember the warmth of your welcome.

Too, because so many of you afterwards posed the question: "What prompted your initial interest in statehood?", I feel that I am, in a sense, under obligation to satisfy it.

The question is no stranger after 9 years of statehood effort. Yet, it is one that is both easy...and difficult...to answer.

It is easy, for example, to simply say that I work for statehood because I earnestly believe it to be in the best interests of our nation that Alaska and Hawaii become states.

But the answer becomes progressively more difficult to compress into a few sentences when I try to outline ALL of the reasons WHY I believe this to be true. So, in the interest of conserving your time, I'll limit this answer to the principal reason.

Most Americans, I believe, are coming around to the realization that Lenin, Stalin, Molotov and other Soviet leaders were deadly in earnest when they told us, years ago, that the end objective of international communism was domination of the entire world. It has long been my studied belief that the checkmating of this Soviet aim is, by far, America's No. 1 problem. For our success...or our failure...to do so will, I believe, determine whether your grandchildren and my own shall live as free men and women...or as totalitarian slaves!

The war that is being fought is a different kind of struggle than that we are accustomed to associate with the word "war". It is, literally, a war of IDEAS in which the ultimate victory will go to the side that has won the most minds, rather than to they who have broken the most bodies.

In such a struggle, any American policy which fosters or perpetuates discrimination and injustice IN ANY FORM will be exploited by the Communists to our national disadvantage. It becomes, then, each citizen's duty to do everything in his power to aid in their elimination. And, precisely because territoriality is rankly discriminatory, I deeply believe that its elimination would represent an important victory for our entire nation in its world-wide struggle with communism for the minds of men.

For, in this war, our deeds must confirm our words, or they will be turned against us with devastating effect. Consider this example:

Last year, the Congress of the United States passed a resolution denouncing colonialism. The vote, I believe, was unanimous.

Within a few weeks of that vote the same Congress, for the SEVENTH TIME since the end of World War II, refused to pass legislation that would have removed from Alaska and Hawaii the shackles of colonialism!

Which Congressional action, do you suppose, bit deepest into the minds of the leaders of present and recent colonial peoples in Asia and Africa?

You know what men of principle, both at home and abroad, think of such disgraceful shilly-shallying. They think precisely what you and I think...and respect for high American institutions and principles skids some more...and we've lost yet another skirmish in our vital struggle for the minds of men!

I would not have you think I am so naive as to believe that the grant of statehood to Alaska and Hawaii would, alone, decide this war of ideas in our favor. Far from it.

But I DO mean to convey to you that I believe it to be a matter of much deeper world significance than many of us have realized. For as long as America continues to practice raw colonialism in Hawaii and Alaska, how can she even hope to convince other colonial peoples...and those who have but recently lost their own colonial shackles...that our hearts are with them?

To those inclined to doubt that the remainder of the world takes much note of 700,000 Alaskans and Hawaiians, and the unjust discriminations you are subject to, I should like to pose this question:

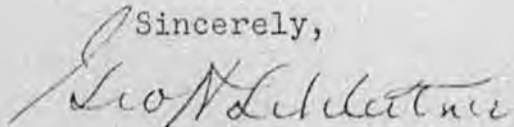
How many tens of thousands of men "on the fence" in other parts of the world, do you suppose, lost much of their faith in America and American justice by consequence of the wanton kidnapping and murder of one fifteen year old colored boy...and, more significantly, because of the subsequent refusal of Mississippi authorities to indict the self-confessed kidnapers?

I would charge you to remember that that was a case of a grave injustice to a solitary person; you Alaskans and Hawaiians number three quarters of a million!

With all my heart and all my mind, I firmly believe, then, that each of you who labors for statehood not only works in his own best interest as an Alaskan, but more importantly, you are fighting the good fight for your entire country, and are thereby making a valuable contribution in its war against communist world domination.

And, because I so believe, I work for statehood.

Sincerely,



George H. Lehleitner

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SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE. SUBJECT TO THE TERMS ON BACK HEREOF:

WILLIAM A. EGAN
ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
COLLEGE, ALASKA

JANUARY 25, 1956
Morning

URGE ADOPTION OF FISH TRAPS ORDINANCE ESSENTIAL TO AVOID CONFLICT OF TEN YEARS
ABOLITION BILL NOW IN CONGRESS WILL STRENGTHEN CONSTITUTION IMMEASUREABLY.

WENDELL KAY
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
COLLEGE, ALASKA

JANUARY 27, 1956

THE PEOPLE OF PALMER EXPRESS THEIR THANKS FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN FRAMING A CONSTITUTION
AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE EXCELLENT RESULTS

CHARLES W. WILSON
MAYOR
PALMER, ALASKA

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JANUARY 23, 1956

WILLIAM A. EGAN
 ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
 COLLEGE, ALASKA

RECF REGARDING MY WIRE TO MR. SMITH REQUEST FISHERIES MANAGEMENT
 POLICIES BE SET FORTH IN RESOURCES ARTICLE IN CONSTITUTION

MIRTH B. SARVELA
 NORTHERN FISHING VESSELS OWNERS
 ASSOCIATION

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C O P Y O F T E L E G R A M

January 19, 1956

William A. Egan, President
Constitutional Convention
College, Alaska

Following message from me is based upon many and repeated requests I make public my position regarding Tennessee Plan and I transmit it to you because it is my understanding Constitution Convention is giving consideration to Plan:

"Many times during the last several months I have been asked to give my opinion as to whether Alaska should adopt the so-called Tennessee Plan in an effort to promote the cause of statehood. Para My reluctance to state that opinion until this time has been based upon a number of reasons. Chiefly, perhaps, I desired to make at least a preliminary estimate of statehood attitudes in the second session of the 84th Congress in conjunction with the president's 1956 State of the Union message. Para Further, I wanted additional time to make a reasonable evaluation of the Tennessee plan's chances of success in the mid-20th century, remembering that many, many years have gone by since it was last used. Whether or not it can be translated to these times with equal effectiveness is, of course, that which only the future will definitively disclose. Para A more positive statement can be made as to the probabilities of attaining statehood now by the

traditional approaches. Those prospects are bleak. No hopeful sign has presented itself from any source since this session of Congress began earlier in the month and he would be an optimist indeed who would predict favorable action soon. Para So the cause of statehood is not advancing now. Indeed, there are those who suggest that interest is tending to decrease rather than increase and that unless a stimulating factor is added Alaskans may have to wait long before coming into the day when statehood is attained. Para The Tennessee plan could provide that stimulating factor, its impact could jar the nation and the Congress from lethargy. The election and sending to Washington of two United States senators and a representative in the house might provide the fulcrum needed to jar statehood from dead center, or to use another metaphor, might be the instrument to remove the key long creating the jam. Para after talking with many members of Congress, after making a very careful analysis of the situation in general, I am convinced that if Alaska were to adopt the Tennessee Plan practically all statehood supporters in Washington would welcome this active demonstration of Alaskas determination to win a rightful place in the union of states; and whatever resentment at this bold but certainly not unique approach which might be felt, or expressed, would be far more than outweighed by the benefits. Para In

summation, I am bound in candor to state that without the Tennessee Plan a combination of circumstances, not at this time to be readily foreseen, will be needed to bring statehood soon. Para If the Tennessee Plan is adopted it might well shorten the long road to statehood. I can see distinct possibility of gain; I see only remote possibilities of loss. Para The Tennessee Plan has elements of the daring and the imaginative attractive to the people of a frontier land as has been made apparent to me by the many expressions of support from Alaskas for the proposal. Para It is my understanding that the Tennessee Plan is before the Constitutional Convention now in session at the University of Alaska. If adopted there, it will be presented to Alaska voters for final determination in April. As one who through the years has had an abiding conviction that statehood more than any other one thing is essential for Alaska for its own sake and for the sake of the nation I am bound to support any just and reasonable and American way to hasten statehood's coming. The Tennessee Plan is such a way."

Para with the above statement of my own position, I desire to add that if the Constitutional Convention and the voters in April decide to try the Tennessee Plan, it will have my continuing support.

by E. L. BARTLETT

January 19, 1956

Dr. Vincent Ostrom
202 Junipero Serra Blvd.
Stanford, California

Dear Vince:

Enclosed is the document as it heads toward enrollment. Most amendments were Committee amendments after consultation with individual Delegates and represent, I trust, improvement.

Question has arisen as to ambiguity of the words "interest therein", cured, I believe, by the enclosed Fischer amendments. Some of the Committee ask your views on this, however, so will appreciate early reply regarding the merits of the Fischer amendment.

With personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

BR:ir

Burke Riley
Resources Committee

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WILLIAM A. EGAN, PRESIDENT

January 17, 1956
 1:04 p.m.

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, COLLEGE, ALASKA

THE ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD STRONGLY ENDORSES THE PRINCIPLE INVOLVED IN THE PROPOSAL FOR GOVERNING CONTROL OF FISHERIES AND ALSO GAME AND FUR. NAMELY, THAT EACH BE CONTROLLED BY SEPARATE COMMISSIONS WHOSE PERSONNEL SHALL BE APPOINTED BY AN ELECTIVE GOVERNOR.

WILLIAM L. PAUL, S. T.

GRAND PRESIDENT, ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD

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HEADQUARTERS 5010th AIR BASE WING
APO 937, Seattle, Washington

9 January 1956

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

Dear Mr. Egan:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of the \$314 donated by the Alaska Constitutional Convention delegates toward assisting those affected by the tragedy at Eielson Air Force Base on 29 November and to express our heartfelt gratitude. Your contribution has been donated to the Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society and Army Emergency Relief. The funds were divided in accordance with the percentage of each organization's total contribution to the disaster victims. These agencies were the principal contributors of the direct financial assistance to the survivors of the disaster.

Having been a guest at the opening of your convention, and subsequently having met many of the delegates, I have formed a very high opinion of them. Fully realizing the magnitude of your work, I am particularly impressed that you were moved by our situation here at Eielson to digress from your pressing duties. The people of the future state of Alaska were wise in selecting as their representatives individuals who are so acutely sensitive to human needs.

I can assure you the military who have served in Alaska hold Alaskans in high esteem. The personnel at Eielson, I am certain, will always be proud of having served in Alaska with our many Alaskan friends.

On behalf of the members of my command may I extend our sincerest "thank you" for your kindness and wish each member of the convention a most successful New Year.

Sincerely,

RAY J. WILL
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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December 29, 1955

Mr. Thomas B. Stewart
Alaska Statehood Committee
P. O. Box 153
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Tom:

I believe the enclosed is self-explanatory.

I was very sorry to learn from Mr. Egan's letter that you had been on temporary sick leave but hope you are now out of the woods and that you will be in good shape at the convention when I arrive.

Looking forward to seeing you again,

Sincerely,

JEB/F

John E. Bebout
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December 29, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you for your good letter of December 14. As I believe you have already heard from Mr. Pope of Public Administration Service, I am planning to arrive in Fairbanks on or about January 8 with a view to being on deck January 9. This is in pursuance of request telephoned to me by Mr. Pope which means, as your letter of December 14 suggested, that I shall be working with one or more of the subject matter committees before assisting the Style and Drafting Committee beginning about January 15.

I have been studying the staff papers and other material you sent with a great deal of interest. The PAB studies are excellent background material and judging from the committee reports so far received the first weeks of the convention have been productive of some good, sound thinking.

I am very much pleased to have the privilege of a small part in what I am sure will prove to be an event of historic importance not only to Alaska but to the United States as a whole.

Looking forward to meeting you,

Sincerely yours,

John E. Bebout
Assistant Director

JEB/F

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December 19, 1955

Judge Vernon D. Forbes
District Judge
Fourth Judicial District
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Judge Forbes:

Alaska's Convention delegates have unanimously requested that a letter of appreciation be written expressing their gratitude for the unlimited use you have made of your Law library. It is a fine feeling to know that people outside the Convention are so willing to go to any extreme to make our labors a success.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

WAE:eh

Wm. A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

December 19, 1955

Colonel Ray J. Will
Hdqts. 5010
Air Base Wing
Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Dear Colonel Will:

Enclosed is \$314. It is the personal contribution from Alaska Constitutional Convention Delegates to victims of the disaster which occurred recently at Eielson Air Force Base. With it goes our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved and the injured.

We, as all Alaskans, have always appreciated the support members of the Armed Services in Alaska have given activities of benefit to the whole territory. In making our contribution to your organization at this time, we want to do what little we can to help. We also want to express our thanks to those here to defend this great country for the interest they have shown in the civilian community.

Sincerely,

William A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

WAE:ir
Encl. 4 personal checks
3 money orders

December 19, 1955

Mr. W. A. Richelsen, Secretary
West Coast Mineral Association
709 Central Building
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Mr. Richelsen:

Extract from minutes and copies of two resolutions, all dated December 5th, from the West Coast Mineral Association, were today received.

It would appear to me that each of these documents is aimed at portions of a Draft Article proposed to the Resources Committee of the Constitutional Convention early in its session.

For the information of your members, I should like to state that said proposed article was not the product of Committee thinking and that the Committee has never endorsed it. A tentative Committee proposal, still subject to change, is enclosed for such further expressions as may occur to your Association.

Thanking you for your interest I am

Sincerely yours,

Burke Riley, Secretary
Committee on Resources

BR:eh
Enclosure

R E S O L U T I O N

To Hon. Burke Riley, Secretary, Resources Committee,
for Alaska Constitutional Convention
College Post Office, Alaska.

At a regular meeting held December 5, 1955, at Seattle, Washington, the WEST COAST MINERAL ASSOCIATION disapproves of the provision in Paragraph 2 of the Land and Resources Article requiring the leasing of mineral deposits on lands belonging to the State of Alaska (if created a state), and urges that the wording of said paragraph be so changed as to leave to the State legislature the decision regarding the disposition of mineral rights on State lands".

Adopted, December 5, 1955

WEST COAST MINERAL ASSOCIATION,

By 
President

Secretary,
709 Central Bldg., Seattle 4, Wash.

December 19, 1955

Mr. John Dimond
Attorney at Law
Box 366
Juneau, Alaska

Dear John:

Enclosed is tentative copy of Committee Proposal for a Constitutional Article on Resources. I should appreciate your critical review and criticism as a Constitutional lawyer. Because there is much about the article which requires further attention, it is being circulated for comment as a strictly tentative draft in order that Committee members may have the benefit of others views over the recess.

With personal regards and best wishes for the season I am

Sincerely,

BR:eh
Enclosure

Burke Riley

December 19, 1955

The Honorable B. Frank Heintzleman
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Governor Heintzleman:

We have previously written you telling of the magnificent work George Rogers has been doing for us. We here at Alaska's Constitutional Convention were very sorry when George had to leave us. If it would not interfere with the necessity for his presence in your office, we would like to request that Mr. Rogers be present on January 4, 1956 to work with us and lend his expert advice on various matters that might materially affect the territory.

I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible relative to the possibility of having George's services available to us.

Best wishes for a very Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

Wm. A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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December 17, 1955

Dr. Don Larson, Chairman
Department of Government
University of Miami
Miami, Florida

Dear Dr. Larson:

The Convention Committees have virtually completed their work. All the principal articles of the Convention have been reported out to the Convention and preliminary convention action has been taken on two of them.

The use of your services as consultant had been planned. However, the progress of the committee work has been such that there is no longer justification to ask you to make this long journey to Alaska.

I hope there will be opportunity in the future for you to become closely identified with the achievement of full self-government in Alaska. Your interest in Alaskan statehood and your willingness to help this Convention are warmly appreciated.

I trust that this change in plans will not cause you inconvenience.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

WAE:eh

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December 17, 1955

Mr. Walter J. Hickie
% Travelers' Inn
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Wally:

The delegates to Alaska's Constitutional Convention were really pleased to receive the kind invitation that you extended.

We are very sorry that the workload is such at this time that not many of us will be able to attend the opening of your new establishment this afternoon.

We know that you will understand and accept our very best wishes for a successful Opening Day.

Sincerely,

WAE:eh

Wm. A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

Correspondence - Reading file (not complete)

December 14, 1955

Miss D. J. Phelps
Territorial Librarian
Department of Library Service
Alaska Office Building
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Miss Phelps:

Thank you for your assistance in supplying the list of libraries to receive copies of the Public Administration Service's studies for the Alaska Constitutional Convention. We are in full agreement with your views regarding distribution to the high school libraries and had already started to make such distribution.

I greatly appreciate your interest and the services you have rendered.

Sincerely yours,

WAE:eh

Wm. A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

Correspondence - Reading File (not complete)

December 14, 1955

Colonel Carl Y. Farrell
District Engineer
Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army
Alaska District
Ladd Air Force Base, Alaska
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Colonel Farrell:

Monday night the Corps' film "The Great Land" was shown to a large audience of delegates and their friends. On behalf of the delegates and myself, let me express our deep appreciation for the opportunity to enjoy this fine film. It was not only a wonderful artistic treat, but also an inspirational message which will prove of great value to the delegates as they return to the task of writing Alaska's Constitution.

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in bringing the film to my attention in the first place, and in making it available to the Convention.

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As per request in 29th Day Journal.

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Alaska Constitutional Convention

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December 14, 1955

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Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army
Alaska District
Fort Richardson, Alaska
Anchorage, Alaska

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Alaska Constitutional Convention

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December 14, 1955

Mr. John Bebout
Assistant Director
National Municipal League
47 E. 68th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Bebout:

We have asked the Public Administration Service to invite you to serve as consultant to the Alaska Constitutional Convention. We hope you will accept. The Style and Drafting Committee, which initiated this request, expects to have need for your services beginning about January 15th for about two weeks. We may find that other committees will want to consult with you as early as January 9th and, if so, we will let you know before the Convention recesses on December 19th. Public hearings will be held in various communities throughout Alaska during the recess. The Convention will reconvene on January 4th and will have until February 5th to complete its work.

I am enclosing various Convention documents, including a set of the staff papers prepared by Public Administration Service, a memorandum on the Organization of Technical Services, a copy of the Convention Rules, a Handbook for Delegates, and copies of the proposed articles which have been recommended to the Convention by various committees. We hope that all committee proposals will be reported out before the recess, but there is a possibility that one or two may be held over. The Ordinance Committee, in particular, will have various provisions to develop after the recess.

We have also invited Dr. William Miller of Princeton, New Jersey to serve as consultant about the same time that we hope you will be with us. I understand that the two of you know one another and work well

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Mr. John Bebout
December 14, 1955
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together. The task in January will be to help draft such provisions as have not yet been reported out of committee, provide advice on the coordination of articles that have been reported out, and aid in perfecting the style and drafting of articles which have been adopted in second reading by the Convention. There will also be two consultants from the Territory and one from Public Administration Service during the post-recess period. Thomas Stewart, who recommended you to the Convention, is now on temporary sick leave from the Convention and should return when the Convention reconvenes in January.

I hope you will find it possible to accept our invitation. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance. I am looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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December 14, 1955

Mrs. A. F. Bullard
P. O. Box 910
Porterville, California

Dear Mrs. Bullard:

On behalf of the delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention and myself, I wish to express something of the gratitude which we all feel for the past services rendered to Alaska by your brother, the late Senator Howard Lyng. In common with you, we feel deeply the loss caused by his passing. This prompted the tribute paid to his memory by the delegates in the earlier days of the Convention, which is contained in the resolution introduced by his friend, Mike Walsh of Nome, and adopted unanimously by the Convention. A copy of the resolution is enclosed, and it speaks for all of us.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan
President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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December 12, 1955

Mr. E. Jack Schoop
Assistant Planner
City Planning Commission
City of Anchorage
P. O. Box 400
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Jack:

Sorry to have delayed acknowledging your letter of December 1, but I got into more than I had bargained for when I came to the Convention. As you know, the Secretary of the Convention, Tom Stewart, was ordered to take a month's medical leave by his doctors and this left a big gap in the Convention staff organization. So, in addition to performing as a consultant to committees, I am also filling in on odds and ends of the Secretary's job. (Tom, by the way, is not as badly off as we had at first feared, and this month of rest should do the trick) It has certainly been an experience which I would not have wanted to miss.

Getting back to your letter, I do not have the sources at hand to check your questions and I will do so when I return to Juneau next week. Off-hand, I would guess that the operation of the pulp mill at Ketchikan, the expanded mill operations at Wrangell and the Juneau plywood mill have contributed considerably to the 1954 jump. I do not know the figure, but the "gross business done" by the pulp mill alone, measured in terms of "wholesale" value must have been considerable. I do not recall the trend of military construction, but you have undoubtedly already checked that out very thoroughly.

Sincerely yours,

GWR:eh

George W. Rogers

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December 12, 1955

Mrs. Laura E. Jones
Eighth Grade Teacher
Main Grade School
P. O. Box 1250
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Jones:

The Convention plans to recess by December 20, 1955 so I would suggest that we set aside December 15th as the visiting day, unless you have conflicts.

The regular plenary session has been opening at 9:00 A. M. and lately has been continuing throughout the morning. This hour is not only rather early, but I feel that a three hour stretch of listening to floor debate would be too tiring for your students. Therefore, I suggest that you arrive at some convenient time during the morning. We would recess briefly to introduce the boys and girls to their delegate hosts and then reconvene after they are all settled in the visitors' gallery.

We have been taking our lunch period starting at 12:15 P. M. in order not to interfere with the feeding of the University students. At that time, each of your students will be taken to lunch by two delegate-hosts. I will leave it to your discretion as to how much of the afternoon session you would like to attend. Earlier we had been doing our committee work then, but at this point in our progress we have found it necessary to spend most of the afternoon in regular plenary session.

The delegates were very appreciative of your kind letter of December 7th and are eagerly awaiting the visit of yourself and students.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

WAE:eh

December 10, 1955

Mr. John A. McKinney
Director of the Department of Finance
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. McKinney:

The delegates to Alaska's Constitutional Convention ask that I express their appreciation for the splendid and most speedy job you and your employees have done in the matter of processing and issuing the checks for the payment of Convention expenses.

Your efficiency and thoughtfulness has made a tremendous contribution to the smooth operation and the high moral which has typified the operation of the Convention.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

WAE:eh

December 10, 1955

Mr. Hugh J. Wade
Territorial Treasurer
Box 1061
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Hugh:

A few days ago the delegates to Alaska's Constitutional Convention unanimously requested that their appreciation for the speedy and splendid work you have done be expressed to you. The Convention is proceeding with its business well on schedule and undoubtedly you will be seeing many of the delegates when they arrive in your area for hearings later in the month.

Please give my personal regards to your wife and family. Hope to be seeing you here before our work is finished.

Sincerely,

Wm. A. Egan, President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS ON BACK HEREOF:

TO George Moany December 10 1955
 STREET AND NO. President, AFL - CIO PLACE New York City, New York

THE DELEGATES TO ALASKA'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION EXPRESS THEIR GRATITUDE FOR THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY YOUR ORGANIZATION TO THE CAUSE OF STATEHOOD FOR ALASKA AND HAWAII STOP THE UNANIMOUS PASSAGE OF THE STATEHOOD RESOLUTION ON THE FIRST DAY OF CIO-AFL MERGER IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARD OUR EFFORT STOP

SENDER'S FULL NAME cc: Confirmation Reading SIGNATURE Wm. A. Egan, President Alaska Constitutional Convention
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December 9, 1955

E L BARTLETT DELEGATE FROM ALASKA
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RE LINE 25 PAGE 38 AND LINES 1 2 and 3 PAGE 39 of S 49
IT APPEARS TO ME THAT NECESSITY DETERMINING MINERAL
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ACQUISITION OF SUCH LANDS BY STATE SUCH LANDS SELECTED
IN LARGE TRACTS MIGHT EASILY BE UNDERLAIN BY OIL STRATA
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ELIMINATED I WOULD ASSUME THAT ANY CONVEYANCE OF LANDS
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THEREAFTER DISCOVERED ON SUCH LANDS WOULD BE RESERVED TO
THE STATE AND THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THIS PROCEDURE WOULD
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GOVERNOR B FRANK HEINTZLEMAN
JUNEAU ALASKA

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SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS ON BACK HEREOF:

December 6, 1955
 Time sent: 2:45 P.M.

The Honorable J. Gerald Williams
 Attorney General of Alaska
 Juneau, Alaska

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SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE, SUBJECT TO THE TERMS ON BACK HEREOF:

BURKE RILEY
 RESOURCES COMMITTEE
 ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
 COLLEGE, ALASKA

RE MY APPEARANCE BEFORE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE STOP BEST I CAN DO IS
 DECEMBER 13 STOP LETTER FOLLOWS

GRIFFIN REGIONAL FORESTER
 FOREST SERVICE
 JUNEAU, ALASKA

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

December 5, 1955

Mr. Burke Riley
Secretary, Committee on Resources
Alaska Constitutional Convention
University of Alaska
College, Alaska


Dear Burke:

Your letter of November 19 to Leo Saarela, the Survey's Regional Mining Supervisor in Anchorage, in which you ask for any thoughts that he may have relative to resources for the use of the Alaska Constitutional Convention, and Mr. Saarela's reply of November 22 have come to the attention of the Director's office.

You are well aware that the Geological Survey has been actively involved in the study of certain of Alaska's resources for a great many years. The Survey has issued numerous reports in its series of bulletins, professional papers, and circulars on various aspects of the mineral resources and the geography of the Territory. A smaller number of reports and a lesser amount of work has been done in regard to the water resources of Alaska. Some of the results of this latter work appear in bulletins and water supply papers of the Geological Survey and the results of some of the studies are contained in maps and reports having to do with the classification of the public lands for water power possibilities. The Survey has published also many topographic maps of Alaska and new maps are being produced at an increasing rate. In short, the Geological Survey has had a large hand in the study, investigation, and interpretation of a large segment of the resources of Alaska. The Survey wishes to be as helpful as it can to the Alaska Constitutional Convention in order that appropriate consideration can be given to fields in which the Survey is interested.

I feel that most of the information that you might want in the parts of the resources fields with which the Survey is concerned can be found in our regular reports and maps. These are available at the University of Alaska and I am sure that some of the Survey people in Fairbanks would be glad to help you in your reference to them. If the Survey can be of further assistance to you in this matter, please let me know.

Cordially yours,


John C. Reed
Staff Coordinator

Correspondence - Reading file (not complete)

December 4, 1955

Mr. Roy B. Earling, President
Alaska Miners Association
411 Central Building
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Mr. Earling:

Thank you for your letter of December 2, 1955 wherein you mention Glen Franklin's arriving in Fairbanks on the 10th or 11th.

I am sure that it will be possible for him to meet with the committee and suggest that he get in touch with me upon arrival.

Very truly yours,

Burke Riley
Secretary, Committee on
Resources

BR:eh

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December 4, 1955

Mrs. Helen Cassell
Alaska Statehood Committee
Box 153
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Cassell:

Mr. Stewart asked me to write you the names of those institutions and persons to whom the PAS studies should be sent. In all events, I understand that you are handling the distribution.

I wrote Miss Phelps and asked her the Libraries she thought should get them. I will also try to get a list of High Schools and University Libraries to which they should be distributed, if you have that many. But meanwhile, I thought I might send the names that have been given to me.

Professor Henry Wells
School of Public Administration
University of Puerto Rico
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico

The Honorable Candido Olivares
Chairman, Planning Board
Parada 22
Santurce, Puerto Rico

I am enclosing two letters that are written to you that have somehow got to me. I assume they were sent here by mistake. In the case of the letter from Mr. Henry, if you don't have unbound studies, let me know, and I'll send them from here, but I don't have his draft.

Sincerely,

GR:eh

George Rogers

Correspondence - Reading File (not complete)

December 4, 1955

The Honorable B. Frank Heintzleman
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Frank:

I hope it will be possible for you to visit the Alaska Constitutional Convention in the not too distant future. I know you will be pleased to see the Convention as an operating body and will be very gratified by the harmonious and constructive manner in which real progress is being achieved. You should take considerable personal pride in the accomplishments to date, not only because your opening address did so much to lay down the course and set the tone of what has been happening, but because you so generously made available the services of George Rogers.

In expressing my appreciation for George's services, I speak not only for myself but for all of the delegates. Committee chairmen and individual members have given me glowing reports of the assistance George has given them in focusing and clarifying their thinking on the complex problems with which they have been dealing. With the arrival of the Outside consultants a few days ago, George has been of further value in acting as a means of interpreting the Alaskan situation to them and in promoting good working relations with the Committees.

In view of the continuing important service George is rendering, I hope you will find it possible to permit him to continue his work with the Convention until it recesses about December 20th.

Very truly yours,

Wm. A. Egan
President
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

WAE:sh

Correspondence - Reading file (not complete)

December 3, 1955

Miss Dorothy Phelps
Territorial Librarian
Alaska Office Building
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Miss Phelps:

There are a few copies of the Public Administration Service's studies on State Constitutions, although I do not know if there will be enough for general distribution. If you would send me the names of those libraries you think would be interested, I will forward them to the Alaska Statehood Committee for inclusion in their distribution.

Yours very truly,

Wm. A. Egan
President,
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

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December 3, 1955

Colonel Ray J. Will
Headquarters, 5010
Air Base Wing
Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Dear Colonel Will:

The delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention have asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in making copies of the Special Colonel Ben Eielson Edition of your base newspaper available to us. It was greatly appreciated and I congratulate you upon a job well done.

Very truly yours,

Wm. A. Egan
President
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

WAE:eh

Confidence - Reading file (not complete)

December 3, 1955

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Patty
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Patty:

The delegates of the Alaska Constitutional Convention have asked me to express their thanks for the warm hospitality extended in the reception held at your home on November 10. This reception will be remembered by all of us who attended as one of the high spots of the Convention.

Very truly yours,

Wm. A. Egan
President,
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

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December 3, 1955

Mr. John D. Corcoran
Field Supervisor
Public Administration Service
1313 East 60th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

On behalf of myself, the delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention, and the members of the staff I wish to extend deepest thanks for your yeoman service to the future State of Alaska. We assure you that the contribution you have made, at such great personal sacrifice, has been a lasting one and one for which all future citizens of Alaska will be thankful.

We also extend to you our heartfelt wishes for your speedy and complete recovery. Please remember that our best wishes go with you wherever you may be.

Very truly yours,

William A. Egan
President
Alaska Constitutional Convention

WAE:eh

December 3, 1955

Mrs. Laura Jones
Main Grade School
Box 1250
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Jones:

The delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention have asked me to extend their thanks to you, not only for appearing before us at our plenary session, but for the great service you are rendering the future State of Alaska in preparing its future citizens and leaders for the task of assuming their responsibilities. As an expression of our deep appreciation, we wish to extend an invitation to you and the members of your class to be our guests on one of our regular work days.

If you will send me a list of the names of your students, arrangements will be made for each to receive a personal invitation to be the guest of a particular delegate or delegates. Also indicate what dates would be most convenient. You will all be our guests for the regular plenary session, committee meetings, and then lunch with the delegates.

Once more, many thanks for the fine job you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan
President
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

WAE:eh

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November 29, 1955

E. L. Arnell
Attorney at Law
202 Turnagain Arms
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Arnell:

This is in reply to your letter of November 19, 1955 and in compliance with your request that all proposals submitted at the Convention with regard to the Judicial Article of the proposed Constitution be forwarded to the Anchorage Bar Association so that they may be considered by it.

Enclosed are the proposals you desire for consideration.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

TBS:eh
Enclosures

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November 29, 1955

Mr. Robert B. Atwood
Alaska Statehood Committee
Box 40
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is your per diem voucher for attendance at the Statehood Committee Meeting. When it has been returned, I will send it along promptly to the Department of Finance.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

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Enclosure

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November 29, 1955

Anchorage Times Publishing Co.
Post Office Box 40
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is your statement for the subscription of the Alaska Statehood Committee to the Anchorage Times. I do not have the original letter of request on this subscription, but it was intended to be for four (4) months only rather than a year, so that the statement should indicate the period from October 8, 1955 to October 8, 1956. Upon your submitting a corrected statement, we will draw a voucher accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

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November 28, 1955

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Mrs. Helen Cassell
Alaska Statehood Committee
Box 153
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Helen:

Enclosed are the vouchers of which I spoke to you this morning. The one for the Director of Finance is supposed to cover the withdrawal for Mrs. Hermann's salary as secretary for December. I believe, but would you check to make sure that the November one has been taken care of.

Mrs. Hermann raised the question today as to whether she was properly entitled to the receipt of the salary payments during her service as a delegate. Without stirring a fuss, could you check on this and advise us accordingly?

Enclosed also is the unused ticket which was left on my trip for the Statehood Committee during early October. I would appreciate your obtaining the refund in the proper form. You also asked me to send back the Tax statements, my Tax statements, which I have done. I assume the forms enclosed are all that you require.

Under separate cover I have sent you a further distribution list for the Constitutional Studies. Checking through my correspondence I do not find the indication as to the number of sets that are left there in Juneau of which you spoke this morning. Some other mail has been delayed enroute and it is possible that her letter has just not come in yet. But perhaps it would be easier to send along another statement of the copies now available there in Juneau.

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Mrs. Helen Cassell
November 28, 1955
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I note that Daisy, in a letter of November 16th posed a number of questions to me which I have not yet answered concerning the distribution of some of the materials. I will answer the questions separately in another letter addressed to you tomorrow. Please inform me if you have any further questions of your own.

Best regards.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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November 28, 1955

Mrs. Helen Cassell
Alaska Statehood Committee
P.O. Box 153
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Cassell:

Please send the three volume bound copies of the Public
Administration Service studies air mail to the following men:

Professor John M. Swarthout, Chairman
Department of Political Science
Oregon State College
Corvallis, Oregon

Professor Carl B. Swisher
Department of Political Science
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

Professor Winston Crouch
Department of Political Science
University of California at Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California

Professor Dean McHenry
Department of Political Science
University of California at Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California

Professor Victor Jones
Department of Political Science
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Professor Joseph Harris
Department of Political Science
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Professor Vincent Ostrom
Department of Political Science
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon

Professor George Shipman
Department of Political Science
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

Professor Kimbrough Owen
Department of Political Science
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge 5, Louisiana

To the following please send copies at the book rate:

Mr. Ivan Block
611 Park Building
Portland, Oregon

Mr. C. M. Latimer
Vice President
Seattle First National Bank
Seattle 14, Washington

Mr. John Miscovich
Post Office Box 736
Fairbanks, Alaska

Mr. John R. Roderick
Post Office Box 2278
Anchorage, Alaska

There will be no need to send a cover letter. I will
alert them adequately from here.

Yours very truly,

Thomas B. Stewart,
Executive Officer

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November 26, 1955
Time Sent: 4:30 P. M.

Herman G. Pope
1313 East 60th Street
Chicago, Illinois

REURTEL BALANCE AVAILABLE UNDER CONTRACT WITH ASC STOP AM SEEKING AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT AUTHORIZING TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ADDITIONAL. WILL INFORM YOU FURTHER BY MAIL AFTER RECEIPT YOUR LETTER RE PRESENT LIABILITY TO PAS STOP

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Nite Letter

November 26, 1955
Time sent: 4:45 P.M.

Sheldon Elliott
40 Washington Square South (The Institute of Public Administration, Inc.)
New York 12, New York

DEPART 1 DATE APPROVED STOP PLEASE INFORM ME RE YOUR EXPECTED ARRIVAL TIME INCLUDING FLIGHT NUMBER STOP HAVE TRANSMITTED FURTHER

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University of Alaska
College, Alaska

November 26, 1955

Sheldon Elliott
The Institute of Public Administration, Inc.
40 Washington Square South
New York 12, New York

Dear Mr. Elliott:

I was most pleased to have your favorable reply to the request for your assistance in our Constitution making effort. I am looking forward with great pleasure to the opportunity of working with you in this endeavor.

Enclosed are some materials that might add a little bit to the inadequate background information we have been able to send out to Advisors. These include a set of our Permanent Rules, a copy of the study of the Judiciary (made by Professor Ernest Bartley of the University of Florida under Public Administration Service auspices), and a memorandum on the Organization for Technical Services.

I will, of course, meet your plane and brief you as fully as possible personally on the general circumstances here before you meet with the Committee on the Judiciary Branch.

I should tell you that your invitation by the Committee was made with the dissent of two of the seven members, including that of the Chairman. The caveat I would offer in this regard is that some of the delegates, being individualistic and pioneering Alaskans, are slow to accept the idea of "experts" coming in to write their Constitution. Others recognize the great assistance that can be offered by having available a reliable and informed person on Constitutional practices elsewhere in the various fields of the Constitution. It is this latter attitude that secured your information as well as that of several others, including Weldon Cooper of the University of Virginia, Ernest Bartley of the University of Florida and Vincent Ostrom of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavior of Sciences at Stanford.

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Sheldon Elliott
November 26, 1955
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Mr. Emil Sady, recently with the Government of Puerto Rico, is here as a full time Consultant under the auspices of the Public Administration Service.

My only other warning is that it's darned cold here; wool clothes, ear cover and cap, and warm gloves will be very useful.

Looking forward to seeing you next week I am

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

November 26, 1955

Albert L. Sturm
Professor of Political Science
West Virginia University
Morgantown, West Virginia

Dear Professor Sturm:

This is in reply to your letter of November 12, 1955 concerning your possible services to the Constitutional Convention. I regret the delay in reply, but circumstances here made it impossible for me to know what the arrangements might be.

As I view the situation now, it is uncertain as to whether you might be called by one of the Committees in the period before January 1, 1956 and I would advise that you should not let the possibility interfere with your proposed Consulting work in Washington. As of now the Convention has invited Weldon Cooper, Ernest Bartley, Vincent Ostrom and Sheldon Elliott. I am sure you are acquainted with all of these names. Don Larson and Dayton McKean are presently under consideration by two of the Committees, but, I do not foresee any immediate request for other services until after the period of January 1, 1956. It is quite likely that three or four more people may be called for a time during the first three weeks in January and I would appreciate knowing whether we may keep your name on the list for this period.

I am personally highly pleased with the progress of the Convention thus far and have great hopes for its' eventual success in producing a modern Constitution. I have enclosed a copy of the Permanent Rules of the Convention which may give you some indication of the Committee structure and other features which mark this Convention. There should have been sent to you from my office in Juneau a set of the Constitutional Studies produced by the Public Administration Service. If these have not reached you, I would appreciate you so informing me in order that we may

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send them along promptly.

Thanking you for your continued interest in
our efforts I am

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

November 26, 1955

Dr. William Miller
33 Palmer Square West
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Miller:

Thank you for your letter of November 17, 1955. My office in Juneau was supposed to have forwarded to you a set of the Constitutional studies prepared for the Convention by the Public Administration Service. If you do not receive them soon, I would appreciate your sending me word so that I may get them in your hands promptly.

I have enclosed with this letter other materials relating to the Convention including a Handbook for Delegates, a copy of the Rules adopted by the Convention, and a memorandum on the Organization of Technical Services which we prepared to aid in the use of Technical Consultants. I think you might be especially interested in that portion of the Rules describing the Committee structure which appears to me as a relatively good one as compared to recent Constitutional Conventions.

I was very disappointed to hear that you are not sure of your availability as an advisor to the Convention. I have recommended you strongly to the President and the Committee on Style and Arrangements, and even today the President and Committee Chairmen discussed the great need for services such as you might offer during the later phases of the Convention work. As it now appears, the Convention will be in the midst of debate on proposals in the days preceding Christmas, but will very probably recess from approximately December 22 to January 3. During the recess delegates returning to their homes will hold Public hearings on the proposals as then before the Convention; this being particularly a device to aid towards ratification of the completed instrument. And then the final work

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Dr. William Miller
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will be done in the period from January 3 to January 23, what appears to be the probable closing date as required by the force of several circumstances.

The part which we had contemplated you might be able to best service is this latter one, January 3 to 23 and I cannot urge you too strongly to consider being available for this time. I now know of no one else who might bring to us the large experience you can in this crucial phase of the Conventions' work. I have a deep feeling that in many areas we are going to be able to point the way for other states, but to accomplish this high purpose we must have the assistance of the most capable advisors. I will anticipate hearing from you soon as to your availability in this time. I am sure that the invitation can be made firm within a few days from now if you can give me a favorable reply.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional
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P. S. I neglected to note your remarks about Professors Karlen and Elliott. Mr. Elliott has definitely been invited to assist the Committee on the Judiciary Branch and we expect him here in the latter part of next week. He would no doubt be able to bring you first hand information on the Convention which would be useful to your work here.

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

November 25, 1955

Mr. R. A. "Dutch" Derr, Manager
Chamber of Commerce
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Derr:

On behalf of all the delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention, and by action taken by the Convention, it is my pleasure to extend our thanks and gratitude to your Committee and members and to you personally for all the things you have done to make our stay in your city a pleasant one. First, the work of the Hospitality Committee, then the beautiful and useful Convention brochure, and to top it all, the dinner, which we attended as the guests of your members on November 16.

You may be assured that all these things will be remembered with extreme pleasure by all of us from all the far corners of Alaska. Believe me, you have made our task much more enjoyable. Thanks again.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional
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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

November 25, 1955

Mrs. Winifred Coghill
Mr. Robert A. Coghill
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Coghill and Son:

The delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention have asked me to extend to you their sympathy with reference to the recent robbery of your store. I hope that your loss was not too serious and that those guilty may be brought to justice.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

November 25, 1955

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Patty
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Patty:

On behalf of all the delegates and by direction of the Alaska Constitutional Convention, I wish to express the thanks of the delegates to you for your hospitality extended in the reception held at your beautiful home on November 10. This reception will be remembered by all of us who attended as one of the high spots of the Convention.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart,
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

November 25, 1955

Mr. John Corcoran
St. Joseph's Hospital
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Corcoran:

The delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention, through the Convention, have requested me to extend their thanks to you for the invaluable service you have rendered to the future State of Alaska.

They also extend to you their heartfelt wishes for your speedy and complete recovery. Please remember that our best wishes go with you wherever you may be.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

November 25, 1955

Mr. E. P. McCarron
Exalted Ruler
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. McCarron:

On behalf of all the delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention and by direction of the Convention, I wish to express the thanks of all the delegates for the courtesy extended to us by your lodge.

Many of our members have taken advantage of your kind offer and I want you to know that it is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

November 23, 1955

Operation Statehood
Anchorage, Alaska

Attention: Mr. Ancil H. Payne, President

Gentlemen:

Last week we received and immediately installed with appropriate ceremony the Alaska Flag presented to the Alaska Constitutional Convention by Operation Statehood.

This flag, as a symbol of all the best things of Alaska, holds an honored place on our Convention platform.

Your thoughtfulness was, and is, much appreciated by the delegates and by direction of the Convention I wish to express our thanks for this gift.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional
Convention

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University of Alaska
College, Alaska

November 23, 1955

Major John K. Orr
Information Public Service Officer
Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Dear Major Orr:

Delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention received with much interest your Special Colonel Ben Eielson Edition of the "Mile 26 Post".

On behalf of the delegates, and by direction of the Convention, I wish to commend you for the excellent work you have done and wish to express our appreciation for your kindness in sending your paper to us.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Secretary,
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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University of Alaska
College, Alaska

November 23, 1955

Mr. Alexander Retslaf
% U. S. Smelting, Mining and Refining Company
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Retslaf:

I have been requested by the Alaska Constitutional Convention to express to you the thanks of the Convention for your kindness and generosity in letting us have your gavel and the letter openers furnished by you. They are flawless and of exquisite workmanship and we can well believe that you let them go with some regret.

It may interest you to know that a suitable engraved plate has been prepared for the gavel and that the gavel is to be installed in the Museum of Alaska when it has served its purpose here.

Please accept our thanks for your help in this matter. We hope that you will be proud some day to point out this historic gavel in its place in the Museum as your handiwork.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas B. Stewart, Secretary
Alaska Constitutional
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November 22, 1955

Professor Weldon Cooper
 Department of Political Science
 University of Virginia
 Charlottesville, Virginia

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- REQUEST YOU CONTACT HERMAN POPE CHICAGO RE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING COMPENSATION PER DIEM AND TRAVEL STOP SUGGEST YOU SEEK RESERVATIONS PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT 905 ARRIVING FAIRBANKS NOVEMBER 30 AT 2:20 P.M. STOP WE WILL MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS HERE STOP PLEASE ADVISE

WHEN RESERVATIONS FIRM

Tom Stewart, Secretary

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~~Sheldon Elliott~~
 Sheldon Elliott
 New York University
 New York, New York

November 22, 1955

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION JUDICIARY COMMITTEE REQUESTS YOUR SERVICES IN FAIRBANKS AS CONSULTANT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS BEGINNING ABOUT DECEMBER 1 OR BEFORE STOP PLEASE ADVISE REGARDING YOUR AVAILABILITY STOP TELEPHONE ME IN FAIRBANKS #704 OR 2692 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

STOP ON RECEIPT YOUR REPLY WILL SEND ~~DETAILS~~ ^{collect} DETAILS RE ARRANGEMENTS

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November 22, 1955

Mr. Philip Helsworth
Commissioner of Mines
Department of Mines
Juneau, Alaska

CONVENTION RESOURCES COMMITTEE DESIRES ESTIMATED TOTAL ACREAGE
ACTIVE UNPATENTED MINING CLAIMS STOP CAN YOU FURNISH AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE STOP

Tom F. Stewart
Secretary
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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FRED MARINO

1697 Broadway

New York, N.Y.

FIFTY-FIVE DELEGATES ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA DRAFTING THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE FUTURE STATE OF ALASKA, WHO MAY BE THE LAST TIME THAT A CONSTITUTION WILL BE WRITTEN FOR THE ADMISSION OF A NEW STATE INTO THE UNITED STATES. SHOULD YOU REFUSE TO SIGN THE ALASKA PLAN NOW, WE WOULD BE FORGOTTEN BY YOU AND YOUR DESPIRING REPROACHES OF THE ALASKA PLAN NOW, WE WOULD BE FORGOTTEN BY YOU AND YOUR REPROACHES WOULD BE THE ONLY RECORD OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION & REMAIN IN THE STATE ARCHIVES & THE FEDERAL ARCHIVES OF THIS HISTORIC DOCUMENT.

William A. Ryan, President
Thomas B. Stewart, Secretary

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Straight Wire

Time Sent: 11:30 A.M.

November 22, 1955

**Honorable Hugh Wade
Treasurer of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska**

DISREGARD POSTAGE VOUCHER FOR CONVENTION STOP NEW VOUCHER WILL FOLLOW

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**Katherine Alexander
Chief Clerk
Alaska Constitutional Convention**

November 19, 1955

Mrs. Helen Cassell
Alaska Statehood Committee
Box 153
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Helen:

Would you send me by return mail a copy of the last PAS voucher. As I recall, we were indicating on each voucher the next previous balance and showing the deduction of the amount of the voucher in order to indicate the balance on hand. I need the copy both to know the last balance and also to provide for the invoice of October 31 in the proper form.

I noted on the Distribution List for the Constitution Studies that they went to the "Advisors". My failing memory doesn't tell me whether this was the full list of 18 or 20, or whether it was the shorter list of 10. Could you send along just the last names of the "Advisors" to whom they actually went so that I could quickly cover any who may have been left out?

You can't know how much it has meant to me to have someone so reliable tidying up the loose ends and confusion I left there.

Warmest regards.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Executive Officer

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November 19, 1955

Mrs. Helen Cassell
Alaska Statehood Committee
Box 153
Juneau, Alaska

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Warmest regards.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart
Executive Officer

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November 16, 1955

President,
Alaska Bar Association
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The Committee on the Judiciary Branch of the Constitutional Convention now in session at College, Alaska welcomes recommendations from interested persons concerning the provisions of the judiciary article in the proposed State Constitution.

The Committee requests that recommendations be presented in person or in writing prior to the first day of December, 1955.

Very truly yours,

George M. McLaughlin

George M. McLaughlin
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
Branch
Constitutional Convention
College, Alaska

Copies: Each District Judge
Bar Associations of Anchorage,
Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan
Each United States Attorney
Each Attorney at Law
Each U. S. Commissioner

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS
823 Dupont Circle Building -- 1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

November 3, 1955

Alaska Office
644 12th & D
Juneau, Alaska

The Constitutional Convention
Territory of Alaska
P.O. Box 4903
College, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Some years ago the Indians throughout the United States found it necessary to organize in an effort to protect their rights as established by law and treaty. They realized that freedom, even in these United States had to be protected, nurtured and defended against the common enemy of human selfishness.

Thus the National Congress of American Indians came into being and a proclamation was issued by the organization to the People of the United States to further establish a common bond of understanding.

It seems appropriate at this time, on the eve of Alaska's historical moment, to present the same message to the Constitutional Convention assembled at College, Alaska with the thought that it may influence the members of the convention to a greater responsibility in protecting the lives and liberties of all the citizens of the new state of Alaska and any rights that have been established from time immemorial in the relationship between the people who have settled here in Alaska and the aborigines.

We offer you our unconditional friendship and faith in accomplishment to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty for all.

Sincerely yours,

ELIZABETH PERATOVICH,
Alaska Representative
and Member of Executive Council
National Congress of American Indians

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