

**FOLDER NO.**

**190**

August 10, 1956

Mr. Warren W. Ferris  
605 Harrington Ave.  
Los Altos, California

Dear Mr. Ferris:

Tom Stewart just called me that he had received a telegram from you stating you had not received the vouchers which were sent you for signature several weeks ago.

I enclose a duplicate for you to sign and mail to Mr. William A. Egan, Valdez, Alaska in order to speed up transmittal of the voucher for payment.

To insure delivery of this I am registering the letter.

I sincerely regret the delay in your receiving this voucher for signature, but there was some mail stolen within the last few weeks and this letter must have been among several which were destroyed.

Sincerely yours,

Katherine T. Alexander  
Box 2124  
Juneau, Alaska

Form 3806-S (Rev. 3-52)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 307

Fee paid 40 cents. Class postage Letter

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NOTICE TO SENDER - Enter below name and address of addressee as an identification. Preserve and submit this receipt in case of inquiry or application for indemnity.

Warren W. Ferris  
(Name of addressee)

Los Altos, Calif.  
(P.O. and State of address)

Confidence - General

Warren W. Ferris  
605 Harrington Ave.  
Los Altos, California

June 18, 1956

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I have just returned from San Francisco, where I spent a large part of the afternoon discussing the various details concerning the binding of the engrossed copy of the Constitution of the State of Alaska with Peter Fahy. As I mentioned in a previous letter, Herbert & Peter Fahy were highly recommended by Mr. Bender, Chief of the Rare Books Division of Stanford University. The Fahys have done several important bindings for the University Library. I have examined a number of their books and find their craftsmanship and choice of materials of the highest order. I have been told and can well believe, they are acknowledged to be, the leading hand binders west of Chicago. The fact that the engrossed sheets are on genuine parchment makes it most important that the binder be an expert in knowing how to handle this material.

The other hand binder qualified to do the work, I found, left the city and will not return until in the fall. However, this person was not as highly recommended as the Fahys. From past experience in such matters, and assuming this person used the best of materials, I would say that there would be not over \$50.00 difference in the quoted prices.

You will of course note that I am enclosing Peter Fahy's description of the materials, color and general style; also enclosed <sup>are</sup> two pieces of the blue French Levant Morocco. I was shown the full-sized skin. It is a pre-war article; tanned by hand and dyed with vegetable, non fading dyes. Toolled and stamped in gold, I am sure it would make a very handsome & dignified covering for this highly important document.

In regard to the cost of my work, I kept account of the number of days (working eight or more hours per day) - the total number: 26 days. Based on the daily rate of \$30.00 (as we agreed <sup>upon</sup> in our early telephone conversation: \$780.00. There would be also cost of 6 sheets of parchment @ \$5.40 = \$32.40

I shall appreciate very much anything you may do to expedite matters. You speak of the possibility of coming to the States soon - I would enjoy seeing you and Mrs Stewart very much,

Sincerely yours,  
Warren W. Ferris

Correspondence - General

TELEGRAM

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SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY  
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KATHERINE ALEXANDER CHIEF CLERK  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION JNU  
5239 NIGHTLETTER

CONSIDERABLE OVERNITE THOUGHT GIVEN TO YOUR QUERY PD FIRST REACTION  
WAS ABSOLUTELY NOT PD HOWEVER CMA INASMUCH AS 50 ORIGINALS  
REMAIN AND NOT KNOWING WHAT COMMITMENT STEWART HAS MADE HAVE  
DECIDED MIGHT BE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO TERRITORY TO SEND ONE  
EACH TO SADY AND PAS PD INSTRUCT MILES SEND COPIES  
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TILL DECISION MADE WHETHER TO GIVE ROBERTSON COPY PD WILL  
WRITE LETTER TO YOU ABOUT THIS PD HAVE WRITTEN BARTLETT

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(Distribution of copies of Constitution)

1960 Correspondence - General

Copies of the original constitution with facsimile signatures were mailed this week to the following schools and libraries throughout the territory:

Anchorage High School  
Cordova High School  
Fairbanks High School  
Haines High School  
Juneau-Douglas High School  
Ketchikan High School  
Kodiak High School  
Nenana High School  
Nome High School  
Palmer High School  
Petersburg High School  
Seldovia High School  
Seward High School  
Sitka High School  
Skagway High School  
Valdez High School  
Wrangell High School  
Adak High School  
Eielson High School  
Fort Greely High School  
Kodiak Naval Station High School  
Bethel High School  
Dillingham High School  
Homer High School  
Kenai High School  
Wasilla High School  
Monroe High School  
Sty Mary's High School  
Holy Cross High School  
Pius X High School  
Wrangell Institute  
Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School  
Sheldon Jackson Junior College

Loussac Memorial Library, Anchorage  
Bethel Public Library  
Dillingham Public Library  
Douglas Public Library  
Eagle Library Association  
George C. Thomas Memorial Library, Fairbanks  
Haines Library Club  
Homer Public Library  
Juneau Memorial Library  
Kogoyak-Kozga Public Library, Nome  
Kenai Community Library  
Ketchikan Public Library Assoc.  
Kodiak Public Library  
Latouche Library  
McGrath Community Library  
Moose Pass Public Library, Inc.  
Nenana Public Library  
Palmer Public Library  
Petersburg Public Library  
Seldovia Public Library  
Seward Community Library  
Skagway Public Library  
Tok Community Library Association  
Unga Community Library  
Valdez Library  
Wasilla Library Association  
Wrangell Women's Civic Club and Library  
Chitina Library Club  
Cooper's Landing Community Library  
Copper Valley Community Library, Glenallen  
Craig Library Association

Douglas, Cook's Inlet Historical Society, Dillingham  
Delegates in the communities of Anchorage, Cordova, Craig, Seldovia,  
Fairbanks, Haines, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Homer, Nenana, Nome,  
Palmer, Petersburg, Seward, Sitka, Skagway, Valdez, Wasilla, and  
Wrangell will present the constitutions to the high schools and libraries.

190 - Correspondence - General

James Nolan - Wrangell High School, Wrangell Institute and  
Wrangell Women's Civic Club and Library

William A. Egan - Valdez High School and Valdez Library

Leonard King and Burke Riley - Skagway High School, Pius X High School,  
Skagway Public Library, Haines High  
School and Haines Library Club

Eldor Lee - Petersburg High School and Petersburg Public Library

Truman Emberg - Dillingham High School and Dillingham Public Library

Irwin L. Metcalf - ~~Seward High School~~ Seward High School, Seward Community  
Library, Cooper's Landing Community Library,  
Moose Pass Public Library, Inc.

James Hurley - Palmer High School, Wasilla High School, Palmer Public  
Library, and Wasilla Library Association

Jack Hinckel - Kodiak High School, Kodiak Naval Station High School and  
Kodiak Public Library

W. G. Smith - Ketchikan High School and Ketchikan Public Library Associa-  
tion

- Ralph J. Rivers - ~~Palmer~~ High School, Monroe High School, Eielson High  
School and George C. Thomas Memorial Library

John H. Rosswog - Cordova High School

- Wm. W. Knight - Sitka High School, Mt. Edgecumbe, Sheldon Jackson High  
School and Sitka Library Association

- M. J. Walsh - Nome High School and Kegoyah-Kozga Public Library

John B. Coghill - Nenana High School and Nenana Public Library

Frank Paratovich - Craig High School and Craig Library Association

- Mildred R. Hermann - Juneau-Douglas High School, Juneau Memorial Library  
and Douglas Public Library

- Steve McCutcheon - Anchorage High School, Loussac Memorial Library and  
Cook Inlet Historical Society

Yule Kilcher - Kenai High School, Homer High School, Kenai Community  
Library and Homer Public Library

Valdez, Alaska  
February 16, 1956

Mr. Leonard King  
Box 146  
Haines, Alaska

Dear Leonard:

Pursuant to the expressed desire of the delegates to Alaska's Constitutional Convention I am enclosing five (5) copies of the proposed Alaska State Constitution for presentation to the Skagway High School, Pius X High School, Skagway Public Library, Haines High School and Haines Library Club.

The time of presentation and the type of ceremony are to be determined by you after consultation with the proper authorities in your area.

It is my sincere hope that the people in your area will be pleased to participate in the presentation of these Constitutions to the proper institutions.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan  
President

WAE/cwt

Copies to:

James Nolan - Encl. (3)  
William A. Egan - Encl. (2)  
Leonard King + Burke Riley - Encl. (5)  
Eldon Lee - Encl. (2)  
Sumner Embury - Encl. (2)  
Irwin L. Matsalf - Encl. (4)  
James Hurley - Encl. (4)  
(over)

Confidence - General

Jack Hurley - Encl. (4)

Jack Hissel - Encl. (3)

W. O. Smith - Encl. (2)

Ralph J. Hovers - Encl. (4)

John H. Rosseway - Encl. (1)

Wm. W. Knight - Encl. (4)

M. J. Walsh - Encl. (2)

John B. Coghill - Encl. (2)

Frank Peratrovich - Encl. (2)

Mildred R. Herms - Encl. (8)

Steve M. Cretchen - Encl. (3)

Eyle Kilaker - Encl. (4)

February 16, 1956  
Valdez, Alaska

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Haines, Alaska

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Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Dean  
President

WAE/aw

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- William B. ... - Encl. (2)
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General



ALASKA STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
COLLEGE, ALASKA

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ROLL CALL

On Distribution of signed constitutions

Delegate	Ayes	Noes	Delegate	Ayes	Noes
Armstrong, R. Rolland	7		Londborg, Maynard D.	34	
Awes, Dorothy J.	8		McCutcheon, Steve	35	
Barr, Frank	9		McLaughlin, George M.	36	
Boswell, John C.	10		McNealy, Robert J.	37	
Buckalew, Seaborn J.	11		McNees, John A.	38	
Coghill, John B.	12		Marston, M. R.	39	
Collins, E. B.	13		Metcalf, Irwin L.	40	
Cooper, George D.	14		Nerland, Leslie	41	
Cross, John M.	15		Nolan, James	42	
Davis, Edward V.	16		Nordale, Katherine D.	43	
Doogan, James P.	17		Peratrovich, Frank	44	
Emberg, Truman C.	18		Poulsen, Chris	45	
Fischer, Helen	19		Reader, Peter L.	46	
Fischer, Victor	20		Riley, Burke	47	
Gray, Hugh Douglas	21		Rivers, Ralph J.	48	
Harris, Thomas C.	22		Rivers, Victor C.	49	
Hellenthal, John S.	23		<del>Robertson, R. B.</del>	50	
Hermann, Mildred R.	24		Rosswog, John H.	51	
Hilscher, Herb	25		Smith, W. O.	52	
Hinckel, Jack	26		Stewart, B. D.	53	
Hurley, James	27		Sundborg, George	54	
Johnson, Maurice T.	28		Sweeney, Dora M.	55	
Kilcher, Yule F.	29		Taylor, Warren A.	56	
King, Leonard H.	30		VanderLeest, H. R.	57	
Knight, William W.	31		Walsh, M. J.	58	
Laws, W. W.	32		White, Barrie M.	59	
Lee, Eldor R.	33		Wien, Ada B.	60	
			Mr. President		

to  
Thos K.  
Stewart

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_  
Noes \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution of parchment copies w/ printed signatures.

- 61 - Bartlett
- 62 - Heintzleman
- 63 - Gunning 64, 65, 66, 67 - Judges
- 64 - 97: Libraries, schools -
- 98 - Valdez (w/ Bill Egan)
- 99 - Alexander
- 100 - Valdez (w/ Bill Egan)

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Confidence - General

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February 28, 1956

Clayton F. Summy Co.  
235 South Wabash Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are two copies of the program for the ceremony on the occasion of the signing of the Constitution of the State of Alaska. You will note the inclusion of the credit line for your company for the use of "Alaska's Flag".

The President of the Constitutional Convention wished me to extend to you again on behalf of the Delegates their deep appreciation for your permission for the use of this arrangement.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart, Secretary  
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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General



**M E M B E R S**

Robert B. Atwood, Anchorage  
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W. L. Baker, Ketchikan  
Vice Chairman  
Mrs. Mildred Hermann, Juneau  
Secretary  
Lee Bettinger, Kodiak  
Percy Ipalook, Kotzebue  
Stanley J. McCutcheon, Anchorage  
Andrew Nerland, Fairbanks  
Frank Peratrovich, Klawock  
Victor C. Rivers, Anchorage  
Warren A. Taylor, Fairbanks  
E. L. Bartlett, Delegate to Congress  
B. Frank Heintzleman, Governor

# Alaska Statehood Committee

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 153, JUNEAU, ALASKA

February 22, 1956

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Robert B. Atwood  
W. L. Baker  
Mrs. Mildred Hermann  
Victor C. Rivers  
Warren A. Taylor

Thomas B. Stewart  
Executive Officer

Mr. Thomas B. Stewart  
Executive Officer  
Alaska Statehood Committee  
Post Office Box 1371  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Tom:

I should probably asked you for an itinery of your trip with Mr. Carrozza, but then I probably would have written you in Juneau anyway because I know that weather is apt to thwart your plans one way or another before the trip is completed.

The enclosure is the signed proposal that Vic Rivers introduced January 9. I had never received by signed copy, and he didn't come out to the College as he had planned before leaving for Anchorage, so I had to send it to him for his signiture. It should go into the master files. There is a file named "Signed Proposals."

I picked up the final draft of the constitution summary this morning, but I think it's too bulky to enclose. I'll mail it in a manilla envelope. Mr. Roberts said it was extra and that you were welcome to keep it. He said that the draft you had seen with all the titles in red was a little too gaudy, especially when all the borders are done in red. The print shop is so rushed that they are sending it outside to be done, but it should be ready by the end of next week.

How do you like the color of Jane's hair?

Fondly,

D.A.

D. A. Bartlett

P.S. By the way, we are almost out of Statehood Committee stationery and completely out of envelopes. Is anything being done?

February 17, 1956

Mr. Edward L. Keithahn,  
Curator Territorial Museum  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Keithahn:

We are sending you a full sized original copy of the proposed Constitution for the State of Alaska. This original copy is to remain at the museum until the scroll copy arrives.

It was the unanimous desire of the delegates to the recently concluded Constitutional Convention that the document be presented to you for safe keeping. We hope that it will be of considerable interest and value to you and to all visitors who might in the future visit the Territorial Museum.

My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan  
President

WAE:bjm

February 17, 1956

Mrs. James P. March, Member  
Territorial Board of Education  
Spenard, Alaska

Dear Helen:

Your communications were received and given careful attention.

I believe you will agree with me that, while the Constitution contains only general statements relative to education, it is the best way to assure future generations of Alaskan students a proper educational system in keeping with the changing times. It seemed to the vast majority of the delegates that, to pinpoint and tie down activities of such an import to the welfare of our children, might very well serve to retard a progressive system over the years. We feel as you do, that the educational system in the Territory of Alaska has made great strides in the past ten years. We also feel that, with the lack of restrictions in the State Constitution, the educational system of the new State of Alaska will become the best in our nation.

I was very happy to bump into Jim the other evening. As you know, he had stopped over night here on his way to Barrow and we had the enjoyment of considerable time visiting together.

My kindest regards to you and the children. If you see your Dad, convey my best wishes to him also.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan  
President

WAE:bjm

February 17, 1956

Honorable Walter H. Hodge  
U. S. District Judge  
Nome, Alaska

Dear Judge Hodge:

We are sending you a full size copy of the proposed Constitution for the new State of Alaska. This Constitution is being presented to be available to those who might be interested at the Court Headquarters in the Second Division.

It was the unanimous desire of the delegates that a copy of the Constitution be sent to the courts of each judicial division. We hope the document will be of interest and of value to you.

It has been quite some time since I have had the pleasure of visiting with you, Walter, but let me say that we are all proud of the manner in which you have conducted your duties. My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. B. Egan  
President

WBE:bjm  
Encl.



February 17, 1956

Mr. William Leivers, Clerk  
United States District Court  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Leivers:

We are sending you a full size copy of the proposed Constitution for the State of Alaska. It was the unanimous desire of the delegates to the recently concluded Constitutional Convention that a copy of this document be presented to each District Court, in order that it might be available to interested parties in the Court Library.

We feel that this document is one that will be of great interest and value to the duties of the Court.

My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan  
President

WAE:bjm  
Encl.

February 17, 1956

Judge J. L. McCarrey  
United States District Court  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Judge McCarrey:

We are sending you a full size copy of the proposed Constitution for the State of Alaska. It was the unanimous desire of the delegates to the recently concluded Constitutional Convention that a copy of this document be presented to you, in order that it might be available to interested parties in the Court Library.

We feel that this document is one that will be of great interest and value in your duties.

My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan  
President

WAE:bjm  
Encl.

February 17, 1956

Mr. Ernest Gruening  
7926 West Beach Drive  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor:

It is my feeling that it would be entirely fitting and proper to present to you a full size copy of the Constitution for the new State of Alaska. I know that you will agree that it is a real fine document. The delegates to the convention exerted every effort in order that we might come up with the constitution in its final form. It is the feeling of every one of us that, if it is not the best constitution ever written, it certainly ranks in top priority with the best of them.

I certainly hope that you and Mrs. Gruening are keeping busy and enjoying yourselves. We will be looking forward to the time when you return to the Territory.

My very best wishes to you both. Neva sends her kindest regards to you too.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan  
President

WAE:bjm  
Encl.

February 17, 1956

Miss Dorothy J. Phelps  
Territorial Department of Libraries  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Miss Phelps:

We are sending a copy of the proposed Constitution of the State of Alaska.

It was the unanimous desire of the delegates at the recently concluded Constitutional Convention that your office be presented with the document. We trust that it will be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

Wm. A. Egan  
President

WAE:bjm

February 17, 1956

Honorable Waino Hendrickson  
Secretary of Alaska  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Waino:

We are enclosing an original signed, parchment copy of the proposed Constitution for the State of Alaska.

This copy is to be held by you until the first Secretary of State for the future State of Alaska has been designated.

Very truly yours,

Wm. A. Egan  
President

WAE:bjm  
Encl.

Valdez, Alaska  
February 16, 1956

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

Dear Governor Heintzleman:

Enclosed please find one of the original copies of the proposed Constitution for the State of Alaska. Pursuant to instructions of the Convention I have been requested to ask that you present this copy of the Constitution to the President of the United States at the earliest date possible after the time when results of the ratification election on April 24, 1956, are known. It is a great pleasure for me to convey this document to your office.

I am positive that the voters of Alaska will ratify the document by an overwhelming majority. It is also my feeling that when the results are known the executive branch of our government will take due cognizance and statehood for Alaska will be an accomplished fact at an early date.

My kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

WM. A. EGAN  
President

WAE/cwt

Encl.

Valdez, Alaska  
February 16, 1956

The Honorable Waino Hendrickson  
Secretary of Alaska  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Waino:

Pursuant to instruction of the delegates to Alaska's Constitutional Convention there are hereby enclosed four copies of a resolution relating to Alaska Native Lands. These are being sent to your office to be transmitted to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate of the first Alaska State Legislature, the Governor of the State of Alaska and the Secretary of the Interior, at the time Alaska attains statehood.

We can only hope that the resolution will not have to be filed for too long a time.

My kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

WM. A. EGAN  
President

WAE/cwt

Encl. (4)

General

February 16, 1956

Judge Vernon D. Forbes  
United States District Court  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Judge Forbes:

We are sending you a full size copy of the proposed Constitution for the State of Alaska. It was the unanimous desire of the delegates to the recently concluded Constitutional Convention that a copy of this document be presented to you, in order that it might be available to interested parties in the Court Library.

We feel that this document is one that will be of great interest and value in your duties.

My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan  
President

WAE:bjm  
Encl.



Valdez, Alaska  
February 15, 1956

Mr. Leonard W. Peck  
Box 225  
Mountain View, Alaska

Dear Leonard:

I have before me your letter of long standing. With regard to the subject contained therein let me say that I agree whole-heartedly with your statements.

Nevertheless it is my opinion and it was also the opinion of the delegates at Alaska's Constitutional Convention that the matter is strictly one for legislative action. It is my hope that the next session of the Territorial Legislature, acting on studies made by the Legislative Council, will enact legislation that will relieve the situation.

My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

WM. A. EGAN  
President

WAE/cwt

Valdez, Alaska  
February 15, 1956

Mr. Rick Houston  
c/o Snowshoe Lake  
Mile 147 Glenn Highway  
via Palmer, Alaska

Dear Rick:

With regard to your letter that dealt with the apportionment plan that was before the Constitutional Convention I want you to know that serious consideration was given to your comments.

In attempting to come up with a system of representation for the future State of Alaska many, many problems and obstacles presented themselves. There were a great number of plans considered by the Apportionment Committee. The members of that Committee worked for long hours of the days and nights in attempting to solve the situation. We feel that the plan which is now embodied in the proposed State Constitution presents a fairer apportionment of representation than can be found in any of the 48 states.

I hope that when you study the apportionment article and the schedules you will keep in mind the fact that under our territorial status your representatives and senators to the legislature "run wild" in each of the four divisions. In other words each one of your legislators at the present time has to keep in mind the broad interests of a whole great area rather than concentrating on the particular interests of the area in which he resides.

I do not think that good legislation comes from representation that does not consider the overall good of the territory. However, it is my belief that with statehood and working under the apportionment plan you will find in the Constitution, each legislator will be able to give a far greater part of his time toward the welfare of his specific area. In being able to do this he will then be able to weigh more fairly the particular local problems as against the overall welfare of the State.

Confidence - General

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I thank you very much for your kind letter and regret that it has taken so long to reply. Let me assure you that I am absolutely certain that under the apportionment article contained in Alaska's Constitution the "boondocks" will receive more attention and better representation than any of the outlying areas in any state in the union.

My very best wishes to you and if you get down to Valdez this summer please look me up.

Sincerely yours,

WM. A. EGAN  
President

WAE/cwt

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.**

February 14, 1956

Mr. Thomas B. Stewart,  
Polaris Apartments,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Tom:

I am grateful to you for the extra copies of the convention supplement. There is really a growing demand for copies of the constitution. How I wish we all could have been there on February 5. It was truly an historic occasion and must have been a thrilling one.

Quite a stroke of business getting all the newspapers to put out special supplements. Congratulations!

With best wishes from all of us, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
E. L. Bartlett

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.**

February 13, 1956

Mr. Thomas B. Stewart,  
Executive Secretary,  
Alaska Constitutional Convention,  
Polaris Apartments,  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Tom:

You perhaps do not know that Dr. Peter Fairfax Meyer has for some years been beating the drum for Alaska-Hawaii statehood. He really has performed in a praiseworthy manner and of course is doing all of this out of the goodness of his heart. I thought it would please him very much indeed if he were to receive copy of the Constitution from you. You will find his address on the attachment.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
E. L. Bartlett

February 10, 1956

Mr. R. B. Robertson  
Box 11211  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Bob:

Just a few lines to let you know how much I appreciated your work here. You did a wonderful job and your leaving shocked me. As you know, I had no slight intimation that you felt as you did. As a matter of fact, the night before in talking about your labors here many of the delegates remarked of their great admiration for you.

Certainly wish I had been able to talk to you, because you could have stayed here and just not signed the final document. There would be nothing unusual about such an action at all.

Your communication to me, postmarked at 12 PM on February 3, 1956, arrived in my office at 10:30 AM on February 6th, one-half hour after we had officially adjourned. No action was ever taken on your resignation.

Let me express to you my heartfelt appreciation for the portrait which you and each of the other delegates presented to me. I will never see it without thinking of each and every one of you.

After adjournment on February 6th we had an informal meeting at which everyone was present and formed a club to be known as the "55" club. Its purpose is to get our group together in future years for reminiscing, etc. You are, if you so desire, to be a member of this club. Bill Laws of Nome is the Treasurer of the Club and if you desire to become a member you might send him \$10, which is the initiation and annual dues fee.

My kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Robertson.

Sincerely,

Wm. A. Zgan

R. E. ROBERTSON  
M. E. MONAGLE  
F. O. EASTAUGH

ROBERTSON, MONAGLE & EASTAUGH  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

P. O. BOX 1211  
200 BEWARD BUILDING  
JUNEAU, ALASKA

Fairbanks, February 3, 1956.

Hon. William A. Egen,  
President, Alaska Constitutional Convention,  
College, Alaska.

Dear Mr. President:

Inasmuch as my sincere convictions and beliefs will not permit me to ratify, by either vote or signature, the Constitution to which the Convention undoubtedly intends to agree, I hereby resign, effective at the close of today's session, as Delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

I cannot conscientiously agree to a Constitution which violates in my opinion at least three vital principles of our Republican form of government, namely:

The Apportionment Article violates the bicameral system of legislature and in effect is a unicameral system in regard to vetoes by the Governor and in its creation of legislative districts. It discriminates against Juneau and Southeastern Alaska as well as against the Second and Fourth Divisions. Its provision for annual sessions of the legislature also in my judgment is a disservice to Alaska's welfare.

The Initiative and Referendum Article violates the representative form of government upon which our nation is based.

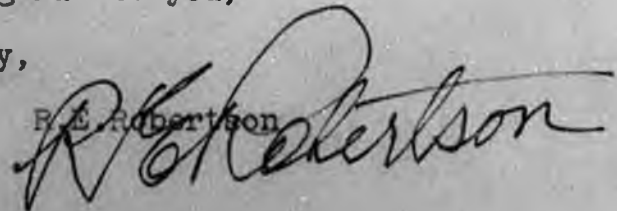
The Ordinance Article prohibiting the use of fish-traps is in effect penal, is based upon fallacious premises, is entirely legislative, violates the Convention first policy resolution that the Constitution shall be a frame work of government only, and is a disservice to Alaska's welfare.

I don't and can't subscribe to either of these three Articles.

With my highest personal regards to you,

Sincerely,

R. E. Robertson



cc-Hon. B. Frank Heintzleman,  
Governor of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

W.A. Egen  
Bill 2/4/56

General

February 10, 1956

Editors of the Nenana Hi-Lites  
Nenana Public School  
Nenana, Alaska

Dear Gloria and William:

Please accept my apologies for not answering your communication sooner. We were very happy to have had the honor of the attendance of your student body present at our Convention proceedings.

Each and every delegate enjoyed the wonderful address delivered to us by Miss Gloria Fredericks on the Convention floor. Her speech, I am certain, inspired all delegates with a further desire to come up with a document of which all Alaskans might well be proud.

The delegates are very happy and feel highly honored in knowing that the staff of "Nenana Hi-Lites" plans a special issue in dedication to the delegates to Alaska's Constitutional Convention.

Your request for a thumb-nail biography of each delegate was placed in the hands of Mr. Coghill, Chairman of the Administration Committee. I feel confident that he has, before now, supplied you with all the necessary information.

My best wishes to all you people and you may rest assured I will be looking forward with great interest to receiving a copy of the special edition of your paper for February 22nd.

Sincerely,

Wm A. Egan

Correspondence - General



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# *Nenana Hi-Lites*

NENANA PUBLIC SCHOOL  
NENANA, ALASKA

January 16, 1956

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

My Dear Mr. Egan:

We would like to convey to you, and through you to the entire Constitutional convention, our deepest gratitude for the recent opportunity we had of sitting with you and of being able to observe you in the process of creation of our state constitution. Our speaker that day related to you our feelings that it was a memorable occasion to and for us. We like to re-emphasize that now.

All of us enjoyed every moment of that day- and we look forward to reading and studying the constitution when it is a completed document. Furthermore we especially look forward to the time when we can really say that it is the governing foundation of our state government.

We intend to commemorate our trip to the Convention and to dedicate an issue of our school paper, NENANA HI-LITES, to the members of the convention. We want to cite legislation of the Alaska legislature authorizing the convention. We want to give precedence for such a convention, to write at least 100 words on the life of each delegate( a thumb-nail biography) and to give a summary of the Convention in session. We realize this is a tremendous undertaking- but will pursue the task with pleasure in our study of the United States and of state constitutions.

You could aid this project by having sent to us by each delegate such a thumb-nail biography of himself. We could also use any other information relative to and corresponding to our avowed plans.

The date of this projected paper is to be February 22- a memorable day in itself-the birthday of the Father of our country. It'll take us that long to get it out-for our staff of experienced workers is indeed small. We'll send each of you a copy of the paper.

We thank you:

*Judy Leise*  
Judith Leise, Secretary  
*Gloria Fredericks*  
Gloria Fredericks, Editor in Chief  
*William C. Williams*  
William C. Williams, Production Editor

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February 6, 1956

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

Dear Mr. Egan:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your kind letter of January 28 along with the enrolled copy of the resource article and the statement regarding the Fish and Wildlife resources prepared by the Resources Committee.

I know that every member of the Convention has given careful and full consideration to all the articles before it and I am sure that because of the controversial nature of some phases of the resources article even more careful consideration was given this subject.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Al Anderson'.

Al Anderson  
Executive Director

gd

C O P Y

Law Offices  
of  
WILLIAM E. COLBY      GEORGE W. WILSON  
1806 Mills Tower  
San Francisco

February 5, 1956

Hon. Burke Riley  
Secretary, Committee on Resources  
Constitutional Convention  
Constitutional Hall  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Riley:

At the request of Mr. Vincent Ostrom, I am writing you regarding the proposed draft of policy with respect to Mineral Lands and other Resources. I regret not to have given this matter earlier attention. Last year at the age of 80 I retired from active practice of the law and only visit the San Francisco office occasionally, when a matter of urgency arises. My associate, Mr. George W. Wilson, continues handling my mining practice. Where I am now living at Big Sur, I have no stenographer or typist available, hence this delay until I have been called to my San Francisco office.

I have read Sec. 11 of the draft on "State Lands and Natural Resources". It is evident that you have given much thought to this subject. The statement expresses what, in my opinion, is a very comprehensive and flexible policy toward the mineral lands which the new state of Alaska will in all probability receive from the federal government.

California and most of the other early Western States "squandered their patrimony" by selling as fast as possible the lands embraced in the large grants they received from the federal government. Because of this undue haste, they received only a pittance of the values these lands were later shown to have. On the other hand, the States of Washington, Idaho, etc., which later entered the union of states, aware of the folly of this hasty disposition of lands at any price, reserved rights, especially to minerals, and subjected them to leasing, thus bringing in large continuous reserves, which have been applied to educational and other needs of these states. My advice would be strongly in favor of seeing that this wise policy of reserving title to the state to all lands that fiscal requirements did not demand be disposed of outright, in order to obtain some ready money for the multitude of purposes which a new state will certainly require money for, be followed.

Hon. Burke Riley

February 5, 1956

The laws of the states of California (which very late saw the wisdom of retaining title to and leasing some of its lands), Washington, Idaho, should be consulted and the best procedure for leasing etc., adopted.

With respect to reservation by the state of surface rights to mineral lands for uses other than those required by the mining operator, too great care cannot be taken in the formulation of a workable policy. You are doubtless aware of the long existence of the situation here in the Western States where, under the guise of acquisition for mineral purposes, claims were taken up under the federal mining laws and then the lands devoted to entirely foreign purposes, such as lumbering, recreation homes, motels, etc. As a result, the mining industry, the U. S. Forest Service, and conservationists got together and formulated a bill, enacted into law by last year's Congress, which defines these respective rights. "Heaven knows" that, representing the miner as I have for over half a century, I realize the hard lot of the miner should not be made harder by undue restrictions on the freedom of his operations, but it is possible "to strike a happy medium" and not hamper the bona fide miner. For this reason, a study of the Act I refer to, and the reports of the hearings leading up to its passage, will prove most beneficial. (Public Law No. 167, 84th Congress, H. R. 5891).

Too great care cannot be taken in reserving lands outstanding for recreation values. I was Chairman of the California State Park Commission for nine years and "know whereof I speak". Most of the 1000 miles of California's coast had passed into private ownership and California had to buy back beach and other lands at enormous prices in order to create an adequate park system. Someday Alaska will find itself in the same need for recreation and park areas, state owned, that California now finds itself. The revenue from these hordes of visitors to its state parks justifies a long look ahead in the case of Alaska and if it has not already done so, a committee of those who are sensitive to recreation needs should be appointed to canvass the situation and recommend reservations of outstanding beaches, forest land, mountain areas, lands possessing archeological or historical interest, etc.

I am sending you under separate cover some reprints of articles bearing on some of your problems. The project you are working on is most fascinating and I wish you all success in your all important work.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ William E. Colby  
(Associate Editor of "Lindley on  
Mines" and outstanding authority  
on mining and public lands law.)

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.**

February 1, 1956

Mr. Thomas B. Stewart,  
Constitution Hall,  
University of Alaska,  
College, Alaska

Dear Tom:

Ernest Bartley is in from Florida for a few days. Yesterday he said he was chatting with Senator Holland and the Senator expressed some concern because he had not received any copies of the newspaper put out by the Statehood Committee just before the convention containing among many others an article by him. Can you send him a few?

Thanks.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
E. L. Bartlett

William Eagan, President,  
Officers and Members of the  
Alaska Constitutional Convention:

As the hour approaches when your weeks of service to the Citizens of the future State of Alaska will be crowned by the signing of the Constitution, We, The Fairbanks Womens' Club, of Fairbanks, Alaska, hereby express our appreciation.

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THE FAIRBANKS WOMEN'S CLUB SALUTES YOU!

Signed February 3rd, 1956

(Mrs. H. B.) Emily C. Avakoff  
President

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

Mr. A. F. CHIGLIONE  
 PRESIDENT JUNEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
 JUNEAU, ALASKA

January 31, 1956  
 P.M. About 4 o'clock

RETEL SUGGEST YOU CONTACT GEORGE ROGERS AT GOVERNORS OFFICE. ALSO FELIX TONER RELATIVE TO COMMUNICATION SENT HIM TODAY BY SUNDBORG REGARDS

WILLIAM A. EGAN, PRESIDENT  
 ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

<sup>in</sup> Confirmation Copy  
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Conference - General



T E L L E G R A M

ACS January 30 1956  
N.L.

ON STUDY IT APPEARS THERE ARE CERTAIN GAPS AND CONFLICTS IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE ARTICLE ON APPOINTMENT WHICH COULD LEAD TO CONFUSION.

FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE UNCERTAIN AS TO THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. IS IT THE INTENTION OF THE CONVENTION THAT WE SHALL ALWAYS HAVE 24 ELECTION DISTRICTS?
2. ARE THE SENATE SUB-DISTRICTS IN THE SENATE TO REMAIN FOREVER AND BE ENTITLED TO ONE SENATOR?
3. ARE THE SENATE SUB-DISTRICTS TO BE COMPOSED OF THE SAME ELECTION DISTRICTS?

OTHER CONFUSION MAY ALSO RESULT AND IN THE INTEREST OF PRODUCING A SOUND DOCUMENT WE RESPECT FULLY URGE THAT THE LANGUAGE BE CLARIFIED AND STRENGTHENED.

A. F. GHIGLIONE, PRESIDENT  
JUNEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

31 January 1956

Mr. William Egan, President  
Alaskan Constitutional Convention  
Constitution Hall  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska.

Dear Mr. President:

Grateful for the rare opportunity the holding of our Constitutional Convention on campus means to the present and future work of this Department, and very pleased with the seriousness, earnestness, and hard work of the individual delegates, the Department of History and Political Science desires to show its appreciation in a small way by cordially inviting the delegates and their administrative and consultant staff to an informal coffee hour on Thursday afternoon 2nd February 1956 at 3:30 upstairs in the main dining room of Constitution Hall.

Sincerely yours,

*Donald R. Moberg*  
Donald R. Moberg  
Associate Professor  
Department Head

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

CHAS W WILSON MAYOR

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WENDELL P III

Mrs. Russell  
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1/26/56  
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*[Handwritten signature]*

January 25, 1956

Mr. David B. Carlson  
Box 3  
Dillingham, Alaska

Dear Mr. Carlson;

Thank you for your letter of December 7, 1955.

The section of the Constitution pertinent to the matter discussed in your letter provides that "No money shall be paid from public funds for the direct benefit of any religious or other private educational institution." The bus law passed by the previous legislature would be valid under this provision.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy J. Awes  
Chairman  
Bill of Rights Committee

General

Jan., -24-, 1956.

Dear George:

The Convention  
is certainly alienating them-  
selves from the Sportsmen  
of Alaska by their refusal  
to consider our viewpoint re  
Fish & Game in the future etc.  
We cannot trust such a resume  
to the whims of our Legislature.

It gives me to read of all the  
Hassling up there over inconse-  
quential matters when such a  
vital item is bluntly neglected.

I am speaking truthfully for  
myself as a Sportsman and  
know this feeling is shared  
by many of my acquaintances.

Sincerely,  
Ed Dunke.

General

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 Constitutional 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. Paralytic 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. Paralytic 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. Paralytic A more positive statement can be made as to the probabilities of attaining statehood now by the

General

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 16, 1956

Mr. Roger Funston  
Green Valley Farm  
Star Route 2  
Port Townsend, Washington

Dear Mr. Funston:

The Governor's Office sent us the letter you wrote asking for information on Alaska Statehood.

As you have probably read in the newspapers, Alaskans are holding a Constitutional Convention at College, Alaska. I am here helping the elected Delegates to write our state constitution. We hope that we will be able to learn from the other states what things have worked well and what methods of government have failed so that the state government we set up in our constitution can include only the best from all states. Naturally the material I have available here at College concerns constitutions rather than statehood. However, I will send you a copy of our former Governor Ernest Gruening's speech at the opening of the Convention, because in it he explains why Alaskans want and need statehood.

Chiefly we feel, as Americans have always felt, that we have a right to govern ourselves and our resources, instead of being governed by people thousands of miles from us. Americans have always believed that the people themselves know what is best for them, not some distant bureaucracy. But people in a territory are governed from afar, not by themselves. We know, by many examples out of the past, that we are right. In 1948 Alaskans voted ten to one to abolish fish traps, but the federal government back in Washington, which controls our fisheries, refused to abolish them. Now we have practically no fish, and our people are close to starving in the villages. Many unfair things have been done to us because we were not a state and could not speak for ourselves. Recently we were again cut out of federal appropriations made to all states to build highways, which no state needs more than we.

The history of the United States, especially of the western states, has always shown that territories could grow only so far in population and industry, and then they waited until statehood to develop further. We in Alaska have seen tremendous growth and development in the last twenty years, but we know that a great many more people and businesses would come to Alaska if we were a state. If we controlled our own forests and our

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own lands, we would be able to help people who wanted to build pulp mills, or to start farms or dairies, or to prospect for minerals.

And we are good and loyal citizens of the United States, and we would like to help elect our President and to send members to Congress to help determine the policies of our nation.

If there is anything else I could tell you, please write again.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart,  
Executive Officer,  
Alaska Statehood Committee

January 16, 1956

Miss Marlys Parker  
502 Fifth Avenue  
Lewiston, Idaho

Dear Miss Parker:

Your letter has been referred to us from the Governor's Office in Juneau. I regret to say that very little material has been printed in recent years on the subject, and, at present, I am located at the University of Alaska as Secretary of the Alaska Constitutional Convention, and the material I have here is relative to constitutions rather than statehood itself. I am sending you a copy of the speech made by our former Governor Ernest Gruening to the Delegates to the Alaska Constitutional Convention. He points out many of the reasons that Alaskans have felt that we will not receive our just and deserved rights as American citizens until we have become a state.

The main argument against statehood in the last few years is that it would cost too much. Actually studies have been made which show that this well may not be the case. In many ways, Alaska would, with statehood, become recipient of much more money and have to pay out very little more. But I do not have the actual figures available here at College.

Another of the arguments against statehood is that Alaska is not sufficiently developed. This is a point that will always be debatable since no two people ever agree on what they mean by "sufficiently." However, statehood proponents point out the great increase in development in all former territories on becoming states. The great strides Alaska has taken in the past few years indicate a growth of greater proportions than anywhere in the states.

Chiefly we feel, as Americans have always felt, that we have a right to govern ourselves and our resources, instead of being governed by a bureaucracy thousand of miles from us. It is a fundamental American principle that the people know what is best for them, but people in a territory are not allowed to decide. Yet we know, by examples in the past, that we have often been right. In 1948, Alaskans voted ten to one to abolish fish traps, but the federal government which controls our

fisheries from Washington has refused to abolish them. Now we have practically no fish, and our people are close to starving in the villages.

Many unfair things have been done to us because we were not a state and could not speak for ourselves. Recently we were again cut out of federal appropriations made to all states to build highways which no state needs so desperately as we. This is only one of countless instances of discrimination.

The history of the United States, especially of the western states, has always shown that territories could grow only so far in population and in industry, and then they waited until statehood to develop. We in Alaska have seen tremendous growth and development in the last twenty years, but we know that a great many more people and industries would come to Alaska if we were a state. If we controlled our own forests and our own lands we would be able to help people who wanted to build pulp mills or to start farms or dairies or to prospect for minerals.

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Please let me know if there is anything further I could do to help you.

Yours very truly,

Thomas B. Stewart,  
Executive Officer  
Alaska Statehood Committee

General - General

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

502-5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Lewiston, Idaho  
Jan. 3, 1956

Dear Sirs.

At Whitman Delivered,  
I am gathering material  
for a debate: - both  
pro and con for  
the topic:

"Alaska - Reason  
for and against  
Statehood with  
the United States of America."  
If you have material  
compiled upon the topic  
I should appreciate  
immediate reply - and material

Thank you,

Marlys Parker  
502-5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Lewiston, Idaho

General

Aboard the "Myrth",  
Cold Storage Float,  
Sitka, Alaska  
January 11, 1956

William Egan, President,  
Constitutional Convention,  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

This confirms a wire from our representative  
to the Constitutional Convention, Mr. W.W.Knight.

Most of us out here on the fringe of South-  
eastern Alaska object to the proposed partition of the  
four senatorial seats by the Constitution for this Division.

I suggested to Mr. Knight when he was here to  
have the proper representation in Government for our growth  
and development, we out here on the fringe whose problems  
and needs have a common bond, should be assured of one  
senatorial seat. Taken collectively we are quite a large  
group of people scattered along the Hatham Straits, Icy  
Straits and Baranof Island areas. Beginning with Kake,  
there is Tyee, Port Alexander, Baranof Springs, Tanakee,  
Angoon, Hoonah, Elfin Cove, Gustavus, Yakutat, Pelican,  
Chichagof, Cobol, Mt. Edgcumbe and Sitka.

Our related problems are transportation,  
both water and plane) mail service, development of our  
mineral and timber resources, adequate boat harbors and of  
course our fisheries. Unless we are recognized and given  
proper representation we feel that our area will continue  
to lag behind those ports on the main line of call.

It is adequate representation and a rounded-  
out development of all the Territory will make a prosperous State.

We ask that you reconsider the senatorial partition  
of the First Division and after reviewing our suggestion to  
give us a senatorial seat out here on the fringe of Southeastern  
Alaska.

Respectfully,

*Myrth B. Barvela*  
Myrth B. Barvela

January 10, 1956

Mrs. Helen M. March, Member  
Territorial Board of Education  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mrs. March;

In reply to your letter under date of January 6, 1956.

Thank you for the letter giving us your comments on this subject.

We also received a letter, accompanied by a statement, from Don Dafee. In his letter he informed us that it was quite possible that he would be visiting Fairbanks on the 11th of January. We would be very happy to talk with him at that time.

You may be assured that the Convention will give every consideration to your suggestions. The Proposal you refer to has been placed on the calendar for discussion by the Convention in the near future.

Thank you again for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Thomas C. Harris, Secretary  
Committee on Executive Branch  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

TCH:dg

Anchorage, Alaska

January 6, 1956

*Ed's Committee  
1/9/56*

Mr. Victor Rivers, Chairman  
Committee on Executive Branch  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Rivers:

Although the weather in Anchorage did not allow me to attend any but a small portion of the first afternoon of the public hearings held in this area, I was there long enough to be very much impressed by the evident desire of the delegates to frame a good workable document. I can sympathize with the ideal of a short, concise constitution but I am a little concerned lest streamlining be given too much importance. I am particularly concerned with the proposal of your committee to have all department heads appointed by the governor, and would like to take this opportunity to present my views to your committee.

It may well be that government by board is cumbersome in many instances but I believe that in the case of education it is still the best system. Everything I can find in the way of statistics indicates that this belief is shared by many people, with 41 of the 48 states now adopting it, and that the trend in the past ten years has been to increase the numbers and the responsibilities of the state board system.

As a board member for the Third Division I take most seriously the paragraph in the Rules and Regulations of the Territorial Board of Education, issued April 1, 1955, which states:

"-----in addition to the duties imposed upon the Board Members by law, they shall observe the needs of the schools in their own divisions as far as possible; and, when they receive written requests of complaints, they shall forward them or copies thereof, to the Commissioner of Education who shall dispose of the matters and inform the board members as to his actions."

Under our present Commissioner I cannot say that my activities in this regard are anything but negligible, but I believe that the board is a safeguard that people are entitled to. As Alaskans we are all aware that the capitol is sometimes very far away.

General



Those of us who are familiar with the schools in rural areas which are operated by the ANS are aware too that the quality of education seems almost entirely dependent upon the teacher and that the people of the area have little recourse to arbitrary decisions. With the territory taking over more and more of these remote schools it seems to me very important that the people have some kind of representation in the education of their children.

The board is also a safeguard against the involvement of education in partisan politics and the spoils system. Alaskans are proud of the fact that their schools have never been involved in politics, but that is not to say that it can't happen here. Under a commissioner of education responsible only to the governor the situation could go on relatively unnoticed and unchecked for a very long time. And, even though an election might bring a change for the better, how would you remedy the harm done to the children who have been attending lax and inefficient schools?

For these reasons I sincerely hope that your committee will reconsider its proposal #10 and provide for an appointed State Board of Education to be confirmed by the legislature, and with the commissioner of education to be chosen by the board. Believe me this is not a plea to continue the board of education because I am presently a member of it, but a firm conviction that the board system is a safeguard needed by the state. No city would wish to give up its board of education and depend entirely upon its superintendent of schools. Why should it be any more desirable for the state?

Sincerely yours,

*Helen M. March*

Mrs. Helen M. March, Member  
Territorial Board of Education

cc:

William Egan

Mrs. Helen Fischer

General

**HEADQUARTERS  
5010TH. AIR BASE WING  
A.P.O. 937, U.S. AIR FORCE**

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*

RAY J. WILL  
Colonel, USAF  
Commander

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

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Encl. 4 personal checks  
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**E. L. BARTLETT**  
 1029 NEW HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

JANUARY 9, 1956  
 4:15 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM HAS BEEN SENT TO THE PRESIDENT TODAY. MAY WE ASK YOU TO MAKE COPIES OF THIS TELEGRAM AVAILABLE TO SENATOR MAGNUSON, SENATOR KNOWLAND, CONGRESSMAN ENGLE, SENATOR LYNDEN JOHNSON, SENATOR RICHARD NEUBURGER AND SUCH OTHERS AS HAVE A DIRECT INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT PRESENTED ON THE FLOOR JANUARY 1956. "THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT FIFTY-FIVE ALASKANS, DULY ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY ARE NOW IN SESSION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA WRITING THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA. THE WRITTEN DOCUMENT WILL BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY SIXTH AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF ALASKA FOR THEIR RATIFICATION IN APRIL. IT IS ENTIRELY LIKELY THAT OUR RATIFIED CONSTITUTION WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO YOU AND THE CONGRESS BY EARLY MAY SO THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE AS YOU SAID IN YOUR STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE THAT QUOTE PROGRESS TOWARD STATEHOOD FOR ALASKA CAN BE MADE IN THIS SESSION UNQUOTE. WHEN OUR CONSTITUTION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO YOU AND THE CONGRESS WE SHALL RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT ALASKA BE ADMITTED TO THE UNION WITH ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ENJOYED BY OTHER AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE FORTY-EIGHT STATES. WE SHALL

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

CONTINUED (BARTLETT)  
 HOPE FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
 WILLIAM A. EGAN, PRESIDENT

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ARMY-ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

January 6, 1956

Hon. E. L. Bartlett  
Delegate from Alaska  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I am enclosing a set of the latest versions of committee proposals. If you have any comments or suggested changes, please send them to me.

The convention work is progressing satisfactorily. I was glad to get your recent letter and want to give more thought to some of the points raised before replying.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION COLLEGE ALASKA

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE. WE ARE VERY  
IMPRESSED BY YOUR SERIOUS WORK AND THE WHOLE HEARTED EFFORT OF ALL  
CONCERNED TOWARDS DEVELOPING THE BEST POSSIBLE CONSTITUTION FOR  
ALASKA. BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF YOUR HISTORY  
MAKING ENDEAVOR

JUNEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*Handwritten signature and number 1258*

*Conference - General*

177 Behrends Avenue  
Juneau, Alaska  
January 2, 1956

Mr. Douglas Gray  
Apportionment Committee  
Constitutional Convention  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Gray:

My husband and I are rather newcomers to Alaska (last February) and we feel it thrilling to have "ringside seats", as it were, for the making of history in the forming of the constitution of the State of Alaska. We found the hearings very interesting and informative and we want you to know that we think it very fine of you people to give so much of your precious holiday vacation time to this public service.

You welcome comments and opinions. I did not wish to take up time at the hearing to express our thoughts, as we realized that if everybody tried to put in his "two bits worth" you would never be able to cover the ground prescribed in the short time available. I sought recognition and spoke from the gallery as I did in regard to wire tapping only in the hope that the thought might bring an end to the discussion, which seemed to be getting nowhere, and obviously the question could not be resolved there anyway.

From our observation, we feel that the present system of determining senatorial representation would be the most satisfactory. If representation in the Senate were to be based on population, as in the House, we might as well have a unicameral legislature. With each district having an equal number of senators, the more densely populated areas could not then have complete control of the legislature. The suggestion that the small areas could not elect good men is ridiculous. Did not sparsely populated states like Montana and Idaho produce outstanding statesmen - and I mean STATESMEN - like Walsh and Borah? It seems to us that this is the best way to achieve a good balance and give equal representation to all. We feel that the legislature should be kept at a minimum for both economy and efficiency.

General - General

It is our belief that there should be no question of moving the capital. It would cost millions of dollars to change the location of the capital, with absolutely nothing to be gained. In the foreseeable future, there is no development in any other area to warrant even considering such a change, and with the industrial development imminent in Southeast Alaska, the capital rightly belongs just where it is - in Juneau.

We feel strongly that all private property should be taxed, wherever located, as it is in the States. There is no reason why the urban areas should bear the burden of support of the future State.

Just one more thing. Realizing how difficult it is, with well-intentioned people wanting so many things included in the constitution, we maintain that it should be just a framework to set forth and safeguard the fundamentals of a democratic government and as little detail as possible should be encompassed in it. The electorate should take care to see that men of statesmen calibre are elected to carry out the details of government, after the basic principles have been prescribed in the constitution.

With very best wishes and utmost confidence that you people will produce a very fine document, and sincere thanks for your kind attention,

Yours very truly,

*May Belle Fremming*  
(Mrs. Rolf W. Fremming)

General



Dear sir,

We are having a debate in school on whether Alaska should become a state or not. I think Alaska should become a state.

I would like you to send me some information on why Alaska should become a state. Please send it to Star Route 2, Port Townsend, Washington, Green Valley Farm

Thank You,

Roger Funston

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WILL YOU AIR MAIL TWO COPIES RESOURCES PROPOSAL TO AW

BODDY PRESIDENT ALASKA SPORTSMAN'S COUNCIL JUNEAU ALASKA.

HE WANTS THEM PRIOR TO HEARINGS IN JUNEAU. THANKS AND MERRY XMAS.

DELEGATE LEONARD KING

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*196 Correspondence - General*

HEADQUARTERS 5010TH AIR BASE WING  
EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA

22 December 1955

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

Dear Mr. Egan:

On behalf of the members of Eielson Air Force Base I would like to relay to you our appreciation of the expression of sympathy given by the Alaska Constitutional Convention on our behalf due to the tragedy which occurred here on 29 November.

Your letter of 2 December was published in the Base Newspaper and it was most gratifying for us to know that despite the importance and urgency of the Constitutional Convention, you were able to take time to convey concern of the delegates.

Sincerely,

*Ray J. Will*

RAY J. WILL  
Colonel, USAF  
Commander

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December 2, 1955

Colonel Ray J. Will  
Eielson Base Commander  
Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The Alaska Constitutional Convention wishes to convey to you the deep personal sympathy of its members at this time of tragedy at Eielson Air Force Base. We ask that you convey to the bereaved families and friends of the victims of this grim disaster our condolences. Our prayers of sympathy are with all who suffered loss.

We shall greatly appreciate it if you will transmit to them this expression of our sympathy, together with our convictions that all who have perished and suffered have done so in the line of duty, and for the preservation of our way of life, no less than those unnumbered heroes and heroines who have been battle casualties.

Sincerely yours,

William A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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December 21, 1955

Mr. Paul Robison  
First National Bank Building  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are three copies of the Committee proposal on Lands and Resources which Mr. Al Anderson has requested by wire to be sent to you.

You will note that this proposal is labeled tentative and it is expected that further revision will be made following the holiday recess for hearings.

Yours very truly,

J. C. BOSWELL

Encl.

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Correspondence - General

December 19, 1955

Mr. J. O. Parr, Jr.  
Consulting Geophysicist  
202 Janis Rae  
San Antonio 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Parr:

Reference is made to your letter of December 14, 1955 addressed to Delegate W. O. Smith. The quotation you refer to is from a proposed draft, prepared by the Public Administration Service, intended as a point of departure for consideration by the Resources Committee of the Constitutional Convention.

Attached is a draft of the Committee proposal which is labeled "tentative" at this time. We expect to make further changes following the holiday recess when hearings will be held throughout the Territory.

We believe this proposal covers the utilization, conservation and balanced development of the State resources in a manner seldom dealt with in older constitutions, due to the fact that many of the principles were unknown 45 years ago when the last State constitutions were drafted. The Western States have developed these principles the hard way and it has been our aim to incorporate them in a meaningful resources article.

We would appreciate your comments on this proposal and would ask that you have them in our hands by January 4, 1956. We would also appreciate any steps that you might be able to take to dispel the false impression among your associates, created by excerpts from the Public Administration Service paper.

Yours very truly,

J. C. Boswell,  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
Resources Committee

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*Resonance*

Reference - General

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,

Wm. A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention

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Precedence - General

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December 19, 1955  
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SEND AN EXACT DEFINITION OF THE METHOD OF EQUAL PROPORTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
APPORTIONMENT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF ALASKA  
RETURN VIA AIR MAIL

PRESIDENT WILLIAM A. EGAN  
ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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to correspondence - General



December 17, 1955

Central Labor Council  
Box 552  
Anchorage, Alaska

Attention: Mr. Henry Hedberg, Chairman  
Political & Civic Affairs Comm.  
Anchorage Central Labor Council

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of November 23, 1955 in which you express opposition to the "Right to Work" provision in the Constitution.

You will be interested to know that it was the unanimous opinion of the "Bill of Rights" Committee that the "Right to Work" provision should not be included in the Constitution, consequently, our Bill of Rights proposal, as reported out of Committee, contains no provision of that nature.

Your interest in the Convention and our efforts here is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy J. Awes, Chairman  
Preamble and Bill of Rights  
Committee

DJA:eh

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December 17, 1955

Mr. John A. Knoll  
Pauloff Harbor, Alaska

Dear Mr. Knoll:

Thank you for your letter of November 23, 1955 concerning a provision in the Bill of Rights with respect to the right to bear arms.

You will be interested to know that the Bill of Rights, as reported out of Committee, contains the following provision:

"A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Very truly yours,

Dorothy J. Awes, Chairman  
Bill of Rights Committee

DJA:eh

December 17, 1955

Alaska Territorial Federation of Labor  
Box 2601  
Juneau, Alaska

Attention: Mrs. Cledamae Seaman, Executive Secretary

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of December 5, 1955 in which you protest certain language in the proposal introduced by Delegate Thomas C. Harris of Valdez.

You will be interested to know that Mr. Harris appeared before the Bill of Rights Committee and explained to us that the language which could be interpreted as a "Right to Work" clause was inadvertently included in his proposal and that he would like to have the proposal amended by the exclusion of such language. The Committee considered his proposal as so amended. Further, I may add that it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee on Bill of Rights that no "Right to Work" or similar provision should be included in the Constitution and, consequently, no such provision appears in the Bill of Rights as reported out of the Committee.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy J. Awes, Chairman  
Preamble and Bill of Rights  
Committee

DJA:eh

General

December 17, 1955

Mr. Cyril A. Coyne  
Mayor of Skagway  
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Mayor Coyne:

Thank you for your letter of November 15th in which you state your opposition to a "Right to Work" provision in the Constitution.

A proposal on this matter was referred to the Bill of Rights Committee and it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that such a provision was not desirable; accordingly, the Bill of Rights, as reported out, contains no reference to "Right to Work" or any similar provision.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy J. Awes, Chairman  
Bill of Rights Committee

DJA:eh

*Copies to  
Bill of Rights*

CITY OF SKAGWAY

SKAGWAY, ALASKA

Air Mail

November 15, 1955

P. O. Box 300

The Delegates  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
En Meeting  
College  
Alaska

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

My attention has been called to the possibility that a "Right to Work" clause may be considered in framing our proposed Constitution.

This is vicious, anti-labor move which has been enacted in some states. Some of these states have already repealed such legislation, while all of the others have repeal moves in process.

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The Bill of Rights, Taft-Hartley Act, Railway Labor Act, the National Mediation Board amply protect both capital and labor. In fact, there are some elements of these which are very rough on labor.

It is suggested that if your body desires to investigate the matter further that you have your research organization make exhaustive study of matter.

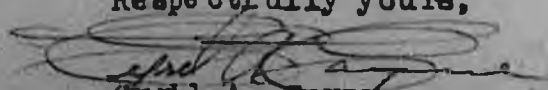
It is my opinion that if such a clause is inserted in our proposed Constitution that the hurdles in the Territory and in the Congress will prove insurmountable, as labor, and the friends of labor, would be 100% against it.

This is a matter which can easily be left to normal legislative processes.

It appears prudent that a practical, workable, acceptable and non-controversial Constitution be developed by you.

With kindest personal regards to all delegates and to all personnel connected with your Convention, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

  
Cyril A. Coyne  
Mayor of Skagway

*Forwarded to Preamble &  
Bill of Rights 11/22/55*

*Coyne*

CITY OF SKAGWAY

Skagway, Alaska

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Respectfully yours,  
/s/ Cyril A. Coyne  
Cyril A. Coyne  
Mayor of Skagway

December 17, 1955

Mr. Walter J. Hickle  
% 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,

Wm. A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention

WAE:eh

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

WAE:eh  
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November 10, 1955

RESOLUTION

Introduced by M. J. Walsh

"WHEREAS the grim hand of death has reached into our midst and suddenly removed from us Senator Howard Lyng, of Nome, duly elected delegate to Alaska Constitutional Convention from the 9th District, Second Judicial Division; and

WHEREAS Senator Lyng rendered distinguished public service to Alaska over the years, both in the House of Representatives and Senate of the Alaska Legislature; and

WHEREAS Senator Lyng was an early and ardent advocate of statehood for Alaska and represented the Territory on one occasion before Congressional committees in Washington, D. C. pleading the cause of statehood; and

WHEREAS in the passing of Senator Lyng, Alaska has lost one of its leading statesmen and this Convention has been deprived of his counsel, wisdom and experience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of Alaska Constitutional Convention in regular meeting assembled at College, Alaska, do hereby extend their profound sympathy to Senator Lyng's sister, Mrs. A. F. Bullard, the only surviving member of his family, whose address is Box 910, Porterville, California, together with a copy of this Resolution, and that this Resolution be made a part of the permanent record of this Convention."

Adopted, November 10, 1955

I hereby offer the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Convention expresses a deep sense of loss at the passing of Delegate-elect Howard Lyng of Nome, and extends sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family.

By M. J. Walsh  
Delegate from Nome

General

December 14, 1955

Colonel Carl Y Farrell  
District Engineer  
Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army  
Alaska District  
Fort Richardson, Alaska  
Anchorage, 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.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Egan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention

WAR:eh

General

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
THE DISTRICT ENGINEER  
(NOT TO INDIVIDUALS)

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER  
ALASKA DISTRICT

Anchorage, Alaska

REFER TO FILE NO. NPAVE

November 25, 1955

Honorable William Egan  
President of the Constitutional Assembly  
Constitution Hall  
College, Alaska

30 minutes

Dear Mr. Egan:


The Alaska District, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, has just recently completed and published a documentary film covering the activities of the Corps of Engineers in Alaska since 1869. This film has been titled "The Great Land."

In addition to depicting the activities of the Corps in Alaska, both military and civil, the film contains what I believe to be excellent photography.

I would like to offer this film to you to be shown during your Constitutional Convention. If you feel that this film would be interesting and of some value, I will be happy to have the film made available at any time you desire, together with projectionist and projector, if required.

With best wishes for a successful and conclusive convention, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
CARL Y. FARRELL  
Colonel, CE  
District Engineer

Precedence - General

December 13, 1955

Lt. Col. Vernon T. Loosing  
Resident Engineer  
Corps of Engineers  
Ladd AFB, Alaska  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Colonel Loosing:

The Corps' film "The Great Land" was shown last night to a large audience of Constitutional delegates and their friends. All of us not only found the picture to be an artistic treat, but drew considerable inspiration from its message. I am certain that the delegates returned to their work with a higher spirit as a result of this experience.

On behalf of the delegates and myself, I wish to express our appreciation for the opportunity of enjoying this fine film.

Sincerely yours,

George Rogers  
Constitutional Convention

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General - General

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
RESIDENT ENGINEER  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
LADD AFB, ALASKA  
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA  
REFER TO FILE NO.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, U.S. ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT ENGINEER  
ALASKA DISTRICT  
LADD AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA  
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

12 December 1955

Mr. George Rogers  
Constitutional Assembly  
Constitution Hall  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Rogers:

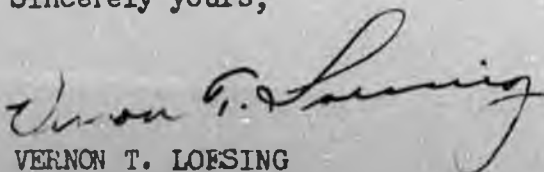
This is the film entitled "The Great Land" about which the District Engineer, Colonel Farrell, wrote to Mr. Egan on 25 November.

The film is a very interesting one and should be of some value to those who have the opportunity to view it.

If you would please call me when you are finished with the film, I shall be pleased to have someone pick it up from you or from some place which you may desire to designate and return it to Anchorage. My telephone number is 2-4294.

With best wishes for a successful and enjoyable viewing,

Sincerely yours,



VERNON T. LOESING  
Lt. Colonel, CE  
Resident Engineer

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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.

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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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

Confidence - General



COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT

POST OFFICE BOX 400

December 1, 1955

Mr. George W. Rogers  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear George:

I imagine that this catches you busy with a host of other business at this time but I wonder if I might interrupt your current work with several questions about our recently acquired gross receipts figures from the Department of Taxation.

You have probably looked over the figures and, I hope, already have the answers to our questions. To refresh your memory in case you do not have the figures with you, the gross volume of business reported for all of Alaska from 1951 through 1954 was as follows: 1951 - \$263,410,418.94; 1952 - \$222,681,122.98; 1953 - \$282,094,921.10; 1954 - \$491,678,857.69. Ralph Browne and I have been unable to explain the great increase in the 1954 figures over those of the preceding years.

Our analysis of this big jump has been further confused by a review of the figures for six major Alaskan communities. Of these, only Ketchikan showed any significant jump in 1954 as compared to 1953. More surprising to us -- and of considerable potential importance -- is our observation that the Anchorage area in 1952 could claim almost 50% of the gross volume of business reported in Alaska. In 1954 by these figures, the Anchorage area claimed only approximately 30% of all business reported in the Territory. Is it possible that we have a wrong figure for Total Alaska in 1954?

A further question relates to figures you probably have not seen. These are for various categories in the Anchorage area which I received direct from the Department of Taxation. The information therein is consistent and explainable in terms of our knowledge of development here with the exception of wholesale business. The wholesale figures for 1951 through 1954 were reported as follows: 1951 - \$5,585,909.68; 1952 - \$3,570,479.98; 1953 - \$4,028,406.79; 1954 - \$15,205,709.69. As you can readily see, there

Mr. George W. Rogers

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December 1, 1955

was a tremendous increase in the 1954 figure over that for 1953, and we are at a loss to explain it. We know of nothing that could have brought about such an increase, and we wonder if you have any ideas on the subject.

I realize you may not have information concerning these observations readily at hand there at College. If that should be the case, I would appreciate your considering these problems upon your next return to Juneau.

I hope all is going well at the Convention. I envy you your opportunities. Best regards.

Sincerely,

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

*Jack*

E. Jack Schoop  
Assistant Planner

EJS/cjh

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

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# FAIRBANKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JAMES C. RYAN, SUPERINTENDENT

P. O. BOX 1250  
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

December 7, 1955

Mr. William Eagan, President  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Eagan:

The expression of appreciation of the delegates of the Alaska Constitutional Convention, the invitation to appear before a plenary session, and your tribute to my work are the greatest honors that have ever come to me. Your interest and recognition of Alaskan youth and the role of the teaching profession is an inspiration to my students, our school and myself.

My students are both delighted and awed to be your guests at convention sessions and lunch. Any date and time that you find convenient will be satisfactory. Since, however, two vitally interested students will be transferring to air base schools on December 21, a day prior to that date would permit their participation and prevent their great disappointment.

The following is a list and the ages of the boys and girls in my class:

Charles Ash	11	Patricia Beagle	13	Harriet McGahey	13
Fred Brown	12	Norma Bewley	15	Sheila McKeag	11
Raymond Flenbaugh	11	Ruth Butler	11	Judy Neff	11
Jerry Hinkle	11	Marie Clement	15	Marjorie Smith	11
Ronald Hinkle	13	Barbara Fritsch	13	Janet Strand	13
Jesse Jefferson	11	Carita Hartwell	13	Marjorie Thomas	13
Arthur Mayo	15	Anita Harwood	11		
Michael Narkiewicz	13	Charlotte Kokrine	11		
Joseph Smith	13	Judith Lawrence	11		
Victor Tegoseak	15	Sharon Ledingham	12		
Andrew Whelchel	11	Sandra McDaniels	15		

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

*Laura E. Jones*

Mrs. Laura E. Jones  
8th Grade Teacher  
Main Grade School

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

TO George Meany 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  
 ACS-SC FORM REV. 29 MAY 51 319 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ARMY-ALASKA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM SEATTLE, WASH.

**TELEGRAM**  
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R E MCFARLAND PRESIDENT ALASKA TERRITORIAL FEDERATION OF LABOR

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Constitutional Convention  
R/Resources/13  
December 9, 1955

E L BARTLETT DELEGATE FROM ALASKA  
HOUSE OFFICE BLDG

RE LINE 25 PAGE 38 AND LINES 1 2 and 3 PAGE 39 of S 49  
IT APPEARS TO ME THAT NECESSITY DETERMINING MINERAL  
CHARACTER OF LANDS BEFORE GRANT MIGHT LONG DELAY  
ACQUISITION OF SUCH LANDS BY STATE SUCH LANDS SELECTED  
IN LARGE TRACTS MIGHT EASILY BE UNDERLAID BY OIL STRATA  
OR DEEP LYING VEINS OR BODIES OF MINERALS WHICH MIGHT  
NOT BE DETECTED FOR MANY YEARS IF THIS PROVISION  
ELIMINATED I WOULD ASSUME THAT ANY CONVEYANCE OF LANDS  
BY THE STATE WOULD INCLUDE PROVISION THAT ANY MINERALS  
HEREAFTER DISCOVERED ON SUCH LANDS WOULD BE RESERVED TO  
THE STATE AND THAT ANY VIOLATION OF THIS PROCEDURE WOULD  
SUBJECT SUCH LANDS TO FORFEITURE WISH YOU WOULD DISCUSS  
THIS FURTHER WITH INTERIOR DEPARTMENT COUNSEL NOW HAVE  
AMENDED SECTION 191 TITLE 30 U S CODE AND PRESENT  
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GOVERNOR B FRANK HEINTZLMAN  
JUNEAU ALASKA

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University of Alaska  
*College, Alaska*

December 6, 1955

Mr. William Egan, President  
Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

The Administration, the Faculty, and the Student Body of the University of Alaska cordially invite the members of the Constitutional Convention to attend the Open House to be held on the University campus from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, December 9.

To acquaint the people of Alaska with the work of the University, the various departments and organizations have prepared exhibits and demonstrations; and dormitories and other buildings will be open for inspection.

We think you will enjoy looking over your expanding University.

Most sincerely,

*Charles J. Keim*

Charles J. Keim  
Chairman, Publicity Committee

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

NITE LETTER

December 4, 1955  
 Time sent: 4:00 P. M.

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson  
 President of the Wild Life Management Institute  
 709 Wire Building  
 Washington 5, D. C.

REURTEL DECEMBER 13TH AGREEABLE STOP THANKS

cc: Reading  
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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA COLLEGE ALASKA

WOULD DECEMBER 13 FIT YOUR PLANS. WIRE REPLY AND RESERVATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED

IRA N GABRIELSON

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No Correspondence - General

TERRITORIAL SPORTSMEN, INC.

Box 761

Juneau, Alaska  
November 22, 1955

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W. V. Smith  
Resources Committee  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Territorial Sportsmen, Inc., of Juneau have contacted Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Director of the Wildlife Management Institute, relative to appearing before the Constitutional Convention or the Resources Committee to speak on Conservation as it pertains to state constitutions. We had previously discussed this with Bob Bartlett who thought it an excellent idea.

Dr. Gabrielson is probably the foremost authority on game and fish organizations in the United States and is well known to most Alaskans. We feel certain that all could profit from his testimony and experience.

We would like to have Dr. Gabrielson receive an invitation to appear before the Convention. If this is not possible then we are requesting that he be granted a hearing to present the views of the Territorial Sportsmen, Inc., and the Alaska Sportsmen's Council. Dr. Gabrielson is willing to come to Alaska and, of course, there would be no expense to the Convention. Previous engagements will make it impossible for him to be at College before December 13, 1955, but he could be present at any time after that date. We have discussed this with Tom Stewart and he is acquainted with the plan.

An early decision will be appreciated and required if Dr. Gabrielson is to make the trip. His address is:

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson  
Wildlife Management Institute  
Wire Building  
Washington 5, D. C.

Please wire or telephone us at our expense your decision in this matter so our plans and arrangements may be started immediately.

Yours truly,

TERRITORIAL SPORTSMEN, INC.  
A. W. "Bud" Reddy, President

cc: Leonard King  
Glen Despain  
Tom Stewart

P.O. Box 761  
Phone #436

# Plenary Session Hears Mrs. Jones, Fairbanks Teacher

One of the few persons to address the Constitutional convention in plenary session is Mrs. Laura Jones, eighth grade teacher in Fairbanks, whose special zeal regarding the convention prompted Delegate Herb Hilscher of Anchorage to ask unanimous consent that she be heard by the delegates as a whole.

### Class Project

Wearing a pink wool dress, the attractive teacher, a veteran of Alaska educational work, yesterday spent 20 minutes telling the interested delegates of a class project underway in her civic events section. She illustrated her talk with many adult-type posters created by the children and dealing with Alaska's needs.

Mrs. Jones' class has named their project "History in the Making of Alaska" and will present a booklet of the convention after the constitution has been framed. The pupils are daily following the activities of the convention and even know the personalities and ideas of most of the 55 delegates.

### Students' Wishes

Dutifully doing as instructed by her students, Mrs. Jones told the delegates the class wanted them to:

Keep natural resources in the control of Alaskans;

See to it that office holders are longtime Alaskans who have been around their country;

Abolish racial discrimination.

Relating the heated discussions produced by the convention study, the teacher said one of her students became so incensed about the lack of statehood that he cried: "Let's secede!" Another student replied: "How can you secede from something you don't belong to."

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

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General - Conference

E. L. ARNELL  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
202 TURNAGAIN ARMS  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

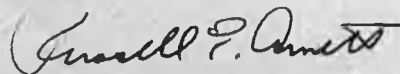
December 2, 1955

Thomas B. Stewart,  
Secretary  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear Tom:

This is to thank you for forwarding the proposed  
judicial article materials. Naturally, there is considerable  
interest among the attorneys here with regard to these provisions.

Very truly yours,



RUSSELL E. ARNETT,  
Associate

REA:bs

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

General

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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General

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C. M. LATIMER  
VICE PRESIDENT

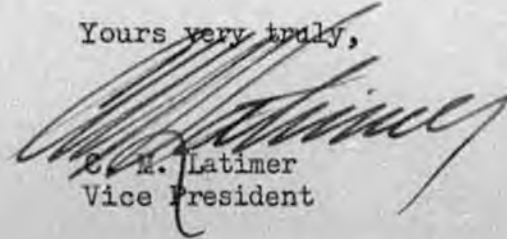
November 30, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Thank you so much for the advance notice in your letter of November 28, to the effect that you are agreeable to meeting my former request by sending a set of the three volume study by the Public Administration Service. I am looking forward to perusing it at leisure and retaining it for potential reference in our Alaska files.

Yours very truly,



C. M. Latimer  
Vice President

CML:mrh  
Air Mail

November 28, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Latimer:

As you requested in your letter of November 23, 1955, to the Alaska Statehood Committee, we are sending you a set of the three volume study by the Public Administration Service. They are being sent under separate cover from Juneau, Alaska, and should arrive sometime after this letter.

Yours very truly,

Thomas B. Stewart,  
Executive Officer

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# SEATTLE - FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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SEATTLE 14, WASHINGTON

C. M. LATIMER  
VICE PRESIDENT

November 23, 1955

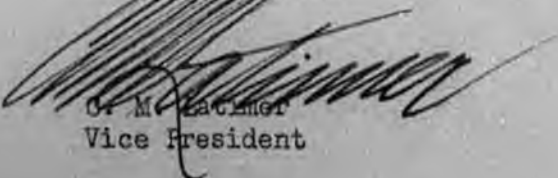
Alaska Statehood Committee  
P. O. Box 153  
Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I had the privilege and opportunity of perusing briefly one of the three volumes that were developed by the Public Administration Service in the way of suggestions as to constitutional studies offered for the benefit of reference to the state convention assembled now in Fairbanks. If it would be quite agreeable and possible to obtain a set of these three volumes I would appreciate receiving it from the standpoint of potential reference in our own Economic Research Department and to the writer for equal reference purposes incident to my extensive travel and public relations interest throughout Alaska.

If there are any costs involved please advise and I will be glad to offer reimbursement. On the other hand, if you do not have an available set would you please advise through what source I could procure it.

Yours very truly,

  
C. M. Latimer  
Vice President

CML:mrh  
Air Mail

Robert B. Atwood, *Editor & Publisher*



# Anchorage Daily Times

BOX 40, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

November 29, 1955

Mr. Thomas Stewart  
Constitutional Hall  
College, Alaska

Dear Tom:

In connection with the printing of the tabloid section for the Statehood Committee we sent 243 pounds of boxed type metal to Jessen's Weekly. We understood the metal would be returned to us after it had been used. Thus far we have not had it returned. I would have to check the records to determine the exact value of the metal involved, but I estimate it runs about .40 per pound f.o.b. Anchorage, which makes the 243 pounds worth around \$100.

If you have an opportunity would you mind asking Jessen's What they plan to do? If he wants to keep the metal he can credit the Statehood Committee for its value (which should be more in Fairbanks than in Anchorage) and the Statehood Committee could compensate us.

Sincerely yours,

RBA;dt



# Anchorage Daily Times

BOX 40, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

November 29, 1955

Mr. Thomas Stewart  
Constitutional Hall  
College, Alaska

Dear Tom:

I am enclosing two letters that came in response to the telegrams you sent to newspapers.

Any time you have suggestions I am sure it will be all right for you to send them direct to these men, or if you prefer I would be glad to relay them over my name.

I think you know Louis Huber and how he operates. I would expect that he will sit in Seattle, read the Alaska papers and do some kind of a compilation based on those sources.

I am sorry the printing of the pamphlet of Gruening's Colonialism speech will take so long. My only thought in connection with the job is that it ought to be first class, and not a piece of junk. When calling for bids a printer can frequently be low bidder by using the cheapest paper and sloppiest craftsmanship. In my conversation about the call this problem has been on my mind. It might be that the call for bids can specify the paper, such as marine enamel brook or equivalent. That would prevent anyone planning to use newsprint or something cheap. It would be well to also say that first class press work is also desired, in fact it could say that first class composition and press work.

Enclosed is a pamphlet we put out some time ago and Ernest Gruening thinks something like it would do for this job. It fits a standard #10 envelope. It is on good paper. It has ten point type on a twelve point body. It uses a 16 pica slug. I think the main criticism of it might be that it's not too attractively done. The mass of type is not inviting to the reader. If we could break down the Gruening talk with sub-heads and such, it might be more attractive than this.

Governor Gruening was here this week-end and he is quite anxious to get this pamphlet into circulation. He will undoubtedly be pressing you to get the bids out. I told him you had been very busy with the convention and all that.

I hope to come up there next Sunday (December 3rd) for a few days. Will see you then.

Sincerely yours,



RBA:dt  
Enclosures

*on Monday*

General

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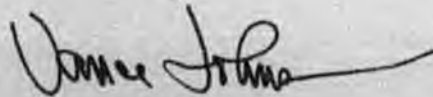
Mr. Robert B. Atwood  
Publisher, Anchorage Times  
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Atwood:

Thank you very much for your telegram to Mr. Smith inviting Collier's to be present at the Constitutional Convention in Fairbanks. I regret we did not have anyone available at the time to attend this most important undertaking.

We would be most interested in hearing from you any information you think we should have.

Sincerely,



Vance Johnson  
Assistant to the Editor-in-Chief

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General

*Louis R. Huber*

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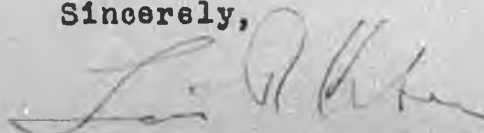
Mr. Robert B. Atwood, Chairman  
Alaska Statehood Committee  
c/o Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Atwood:

Your telegram to Mr. Erwin  
Canham, editor of the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR,  
inviting the MONITOR to send a representative to  
report the proceedings of the constitutional  
convention now being held in College, has been  
referred to me.

If you will send me the press releases issued  
in connection with the convention, I shall be glad  
to make use of them in my writing for the MONITOR.

Sincerely,



Louis R. Huber,  
Special Correspondent,  
THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

LRH/uu

General

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

Confidence - General

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

November 26, 1955

Mr. James Williams  
Territorial Mining Engineer  
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Jim:

The Committees wish to know the estimated acreage of all unpatented claims on which amendment work is apparently being done. (Amendment?)

The request came from the Committee on Resources, but I am not familiar with the exact use to be made of the information.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart  
Secretary  
Alaska Constitutional  
Convention

TBS:eh

General



Ketchikan Alaska  
25 November 1955

To the secretary constitutional convention, will request that you pass  
the accompanying sheet to the chairman of the committee on taxation  
thanking you in advance I remain yours very respectfully.

*Harry F. Godfrey*

Harry F. Godfrey  
P.O. Box 456  
Ketchikan Alaska

*Enclosure delivered on Nov. 30 - T. R. A.*

*General*

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

TBS:eh

Confidence - General



University of Alaska  
*College, Alaska*

November 25, 1955

Territorial Constitutional Convention  
Constitution Hall  
College, Alaska

Gentlemen:

The Drama Workshop of the Arts and Letters Department of the University of Alaska wishes to extend a cordial invitation to delegates and their wives to attend a performance of "Bell, Book and Candle" to be produced in arena style in the gymnasium on Friday and Saturday evenings, December 2nd and 3rd at 8:15 p.m.

Two complimentary tickets in envelopes individually marked for each delegate may be secured at the Convention Secretary's office anytime until Wednesday evening November 30th.

We hope as many delegates as possible will be able to fit this evening of relaxation and enjoyment into their already crowded schedules.

Very truly yours,

*Lee H. Salisbury*

Lee H. Salisbury  
Assistant Professor  
of Drama & Speech

LHS/hb

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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

TBS:eh

Correspondence - General

MEMORANDUM

November 23, 1955

TO: Secretary, Alaska Constitutional Convention

FROM: Ernest N. Patty, President of the University of Alaska

*E. N. P.*

There will be a special convocation in the University Gymnasium at 2:00 P.M. on November 29th to hear speeches by Senator Knowland and former Governor Gruening. At the conclusion of the ceremony, honorary degrees will be presented to these two outstanding men. There has been some delay in announcing Mr. Gruening's attendance because, due to the tragedy in his family, he was uncertain until a few days ago whether he could return to the University for this convocation.

Both Mrs. Knowland and Mrs. Gruening will be present. A special block of seats in front of the platform will be reserved for the delegates, and it is hoped that you can adjourn your meeting and attend in a body. Immediately behind this area there will be a special group of reserved seats for the wives of delegates.

This convocation is being held at this particular time in honor of the Constitutional Convention, and I trust you can all be present. Will you please advise?

ENP:mc

*General*

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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  
Convention

TBS:eh

Correspondence - General

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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Confidence - General

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 Con-  
vention, 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 Constitittional  
Convention

TBS:eh

General



ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
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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

TBS:eh

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

November 23, 1955

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

Dear Colonel Will:

During the early days of the Alaska Constitutional Convention copies of the Special Colonel Ben Nielson Edition of your base newspaper was placed on the desks of the delegates. It caused much favorable comment and was greatly appreciated by the delegates.

At the direction of the Convention, I wish to thank you for a job well done and for your thoughtfulness in making their paper available to us.

Very truly yours,

Thomas B. Stewart  
Secretary,  
Alaska Constitutional  
Convention

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General

**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**

**TBS:eh**

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION  
University of Alaska  
College, Alaska

November 23, 1955

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

Dear Mr. Retzlaf:

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  
Convention

TBS:eh

Confidence - General

Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska  
November 17, 1955

Mrs. Kurt Herzog, Chairman  
Constitution Study Group  
Anchorage Branch, American  
Association of University  
Women.

Dear Mrs. Herzog:

Under separate cover I am sending you the complete set of papers prepared by the Public Administration Service for the Delegates to the Constitutional Convention, bound in three volumes.

I am very sorry to be so tardy in sending them, as you requested in your letter of November 5, 1955. However, you can well imagine the tremendous volume of work that has been required these first few days in organizing the Convention so that substantive work on the Constitution itself could get under way.

The interest and study of your group is of utmost significance, and will further the successful writing and adoption of this document.

Yours very truly,

Thomas B. Stewart,  
Convention Secretary

General

Box 325, Star Route  
Spenard, Alaska  
Nov. 5, 1955

Mr. Thomas B. Stewart, Executive Officer  
Alaska Statehood Committee  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Since receipt of your letter dated Sept. 28, our group in the Anchorage Branch, American Association of University Women, studying what should be included in the constitution has arranged to concentrate primarily upon the Staff Papers prepared by the Public Administration Service. Although we did not expect Staff Papers II-XIII until late October, several delegates who spoke at our meeting Nov. 2 had their copies and we are quite concerned that we have not received material after Staff Paper I and the Bibliography.

Since we cannot continue our intensified study program during the convention without these materials, we would appreciate receiving a set of Staff Papers II-XIII. If distribution is being made now from Juneau, I trust our copies will arrive this week and will expect no reply from you when you are undoubtedly busy.

The release of the pamphlet series and other data in the tabloid size sheets certainly supplies valuable information in usable form. Our paste-up clippings from the earlier releases are ready for the discard and I'm sure other groups with a less intensive study program will benefit from this re-release!

Very truly yours,

*Jane G. Herzog*  
(Mrs. Kurt) Jane G. Herzog, Chairman  
Constitution Study Group, Anchorage BR.  
American Ass. of University Women

General

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

November 16, 1955

The Honorable William F. Knowland  
U. S. Senator from California  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Knowland:

It is my pleasure, at the unanimous direction of the Alaska Constitutional Convention, to invite you to address the Convention, at a time suiting the mutual convenience of you and the Convention Delegates, during your forthcoming stay at the University of Alaska.

I shall look forward to the opportunity to meet with you on the occasion of your visit.

Very truly yours,

Wm. A. Egan  
President  
Alaska Constitutional  
Convention

WAE:eh  
cc: Oakland Tribune,  
Oakland, California

*Invitation accepted.  
Spoke to Convention Nov. 29 - see Journal*

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Thursday, November seventeenth  
Nineteen Hundred and Fifty Five

Constitution Convention  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Chairman, and Delegates

Concerning your proposed Constitution for the State of Alaska there are pertinent facts that must be adhered to for any LAWFUL and therefore moral state.

Since LAW is NOT made by man it is advisable for you and your members to RECOGNIZE God, The Supreme Lord of The Cosmos Universe as the source of All Law.

The LAW of God is the only ACCEPTABLE Law in the WORLD also and the LAW of God is NOT common nor practiced by the nations, states or peoples of THIS World.

The LAW of God is:

The Constitution of The Universe and of The World

This is The LAW of Holiness. It is:

The Single Standard LAW.

It is the ONE Law.

It is UPON The Single Standard LAW of God

2) That The TEN COMMANDMENTS of God RESTS.

Without a Recognition of this TOTAL Truth of God there will be NO acceptance of any State LAW for the proposed State of Alaska.

THUS. There CANNOT be allowed any form of GAMBLING in your State since it is Unholy, and NOT constant.

There cannot be DIVORCE once a man and a woman have pronounced their VOW before the ALTER of God

There cannot be Adultery or Prostitution in the form of divorce as described above or in any other form.

There cannot be MURDERS committed by the State pleading the EXCUSE of capital punishment FOR murderers nor by the EXCUSE for the common defense. Nor for the EXCUSE of making or waging WAR or mass violence.

There is NO excuse for the NON-Practices of Holy Recording and Holy Exchange in the Business affairs of men. Further is there an excuse for the practice of Evil Capitalism in any form.

3) If you will search diligently you may find a copy of "The Constitution of The Nations and of The World" "In The Name of God"

Without the complete acceptance of Jesus Christ as the WAY of your STATE your constitution will NOT be acceptable to God. Since there is NO Peace without the complete acceptance of Holy Christianity.

When FOOLS, cheats, hypocrites, gamblers, prostitutes, adulterers, murderers and MOCKERS of God and Jesus Christ are allowed by YOUR Constitution to own fire, or hold public office your constitution will NOT be acceptable to God; because LIKE Cain they will KILL the able, like ABEL and only the murderers will remain.

Further it will NOT be profitable to your State to imitate the murderous Romans, Latins, Italians or Greeks, nor to imitate the hypocritical murderers Jew. Nor to masquerade as (so-called) Christians to do the same, worse, mistakes and crimes.

4. of these DEVILS who flaunt their  
savagery, barbarity and ignorant conceit as  
CIVILIZATION to the rest of the World.

Use "The HOLY Bible" and this means  
the CHRISTIAN Holy Bible both Old Testament  
and NEW Testament as your constant and  
Total REFERENCE Book not only to  
check on the Holy Truth written in the  
"Constitution of the Universe and of the World"  
but also to study and understand the  
Holy Bible as an INTEGRAL part of your  
proposed Constitution for the State  
of Alaska.

Yours Truly

Alexander Opalek

General

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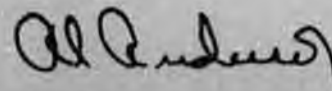
Mr. Thomas B. Stewart  
Secretary  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
Polaris Building  
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Tom:

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank you for sending this office a set of the Constitutional Studies prepared by the Public Administration Service. I am particularly interested in the resource section and intend to give it careful and complete study.

Kindest personal regards.

Cordially,



Al Anderson

dm

Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska  
November 16, 1955

National Municipal League  
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

Would you please send to the Alaska Constitutional Convention one copy each of your Model City Charter and your Model Council-Manager Charter, and either bill the Alaska Constitutional Convention or send them C.O.D. In all events, please send them air mail or they will not arrive for several weeks.

Yours very truly,

Thomas B. Stewart,  
Convention Secretary

TBS/lg

*Fairbanks*

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST TRADE ASS'N

November 15, 1955

TO ALL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES:

You are all cordially invited as guests of the Chamber of Commerce membership to attend the dinner honoring the Constitutional Convention at the Rendezvous Club, 7:30 p.m., tomorrow, Wednesday, November 16. Delegates wives are also to be our guests. Dinner is semi-formal.

The speaker will be R. A. "Dutch" Derr. We can guarantee an interesting and entertaining evening as Mr. Derr is the finest after-dinner speaker in the Territory and pointed humor is his specialty.

We hope to see you all at the dinner.

Yours very truly,

*John W. Titus*

For  
HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

*Confidence - General*

*Fairbanks***CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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November 14, 1955

Mr. Thomas B. Stewart, Secretary  
Alaska Constitutional Convention  
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Stewart:

We extend a cordial invitation to you, the members of your staff, and representatives of the Public Administration Service to attend the dinner honoring the Constitutional Convention to be held at the Rendezvous Club, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 16.

The featured speaker will be R. A. Derr. We can guarantee an interesting and entertaining evening as Mr. Derr is the finest after-dinner speaker in the Territory and pointed humor is his specialty.

Reservations should be made through the Chamber of Commerce office, telephone 2065, and tickets will be available there or at the Rendezvous Club at \$5 per person.

It would be appreciated if you would incorporate an announcement of the dinner in the proceedings of the Convention at next Wednesday's sessions. Delegates to the Convention will attend as guests of the Chamber membership.

Yours very truly,

*John W. Ittus*  
For HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

JWT/c



SENATOR J. H. WERNER  
THIRD DIVISION

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RESIDENCE  
BOX 234  
SEWARD, ALASKA

Senate  
ALASKA LEGISLATURE

TWENTY SECOND SESSION



JUNEAU, ALASKA

Nov. 14 1955

Senator Wm. Egan,  
Pres. Constitutional Convention,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Bill;

Please accept my sincerest congratulations on your good fortune--the top job in the Convention. I know that you will turn out a top rate job. Give my best regards to the other persons we worked with in Juneau.

I read in the newspapers where you had said that you thought that you had spent your last session in Juneau. My thought is that you got along there very well and that you would really be missed by the party if your guiding hand were not there. Although I haven't mentioned it very much I'm very sure that I will not be a candidate again at least for several years.

When I attended the Divisional Convention in Anchorage a short time ago Irene Ryan dropped several hints that she wanted to run for the Senate. She was one of the persons in Anch. who couldn't get too hot about the Districting Bill and they tried to give me the old bursh-off. I'm going to keep trying for this just legislation and I know that you feel the same about this.

The Seward Chamber plans to go to Valdez this Thursday and I'll look forward to seeing your family. I put this store of ours on a cash basis the first week in September and the results have really startled me to date. Volume is staying up as good as ever and the money is in the till every night. We have contracted out the delivery service to a



RESIDENCE  
BOX 234  
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SENATOR J. H. WERNER  
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TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

JUNEAU, ALASKA

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- \* CHAIRMAN

young fellow and this load is off of my mind.

When I got back from Juneau the place was pretty well run down and there was an awful lot of work to do to get the place back into shape. We have been working every day now to make the present store larger and to utilize all of the space we can. I'd sure like to get the volume up around \$50,000 and I'm really out to try to get it.

If you should ever have the opportunity to get to Seward please drop me a line a little ahead of time so we can have some time together.

The most startling news that I can think of is that I hav'nt had a drink of anything since April 7th and I do not think I'll work at it very hard any more.

Drop me a line sometime if you have time as I'd sure like to hear from you

sincerely,

President Wm. Egan  
Constitutional Convention  
College Alaska

Leonard W Peck  
Box 5  
Mt View Alaska  
November 12 1955

Dear Sir: -

In regard to local option on the liquor question for residential areas of cities and unincorporated areas which has not been satisfactorily handled by past legislatures. I suggest that the convention follow the example of the several states who have relegated this troublesome matter to the ballot box of the respective geographic areas and require that when voted wet or dry these districts remain so for at least one year before the liquor question could come up again. This change would relieve overcrowded court dockets of a lot of their nonessential detail work besides doing the job much better.

Presently people are subject to the harassment of getting out petitions against all liquor applicants even though in the very same district they were able to defeat him or someone else a week before. For a specific example the area known as Mt View recently annexed to Anchorage has defeated all the liquor interests in the past. Now again we have 7 applicants trying to get in on the ground floor since Anchorage adopted a new ordinance permitting liquor in all business districts. Annexation has resulted in passing the buck from the Federal judge to the city council.

I would appreciate your answer after this has been taken up by the Convention.

Sincerely  
Leonard W Peck

Also attention  
Delegate Mrs Fischen

# National Congress of American Indians

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The Constitutional Convention  
Territory of Alaska  
P.O. Box 4003  
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 defence, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty for all.

Sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth Peratrovich*

ELIZABETH PERATROVICH,  
Alaska Representative  
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National Congress of American Indians

## To The People Who Have Settled These UNITED STATES:

We offer greetings.

Ours is a weak voice these days, but Indians never confused friendship with numbers. In the days when the strength was ours to offer friendship or withhold it, we never hesitated or made it conditional. Therefore we can speak of friendship now and feel no abashment.

Perhaps you will recall that fathers of ours were on the Massachusetts Coast, watching that First Ship. They were there looking curiously, then advancing under a peaceful sign. Not that one time only. Off the coast of Virginia. Off Florida. Off Mexico. Off the Jewel islands of the Caribbean. Our Indian forefathers asked nothing for what they gave, and indeed what they gave was often beyond price.

Let it not be thought that they held in cheap esteem the meadow shores, the planted fields and timbered slopes which they offered to share. The time would come when their eyes would sicken with longing for what they could no longer see. They shared what was dearest of all to them and never questioned their wisdom, not in those first days.

Need we recite what was in that sharing? Passamaquoddy. Okeechobee. Monogahela. Susquehanna. Tombigbee. Shenadoah. Water and green hills. Hardwood leaves flashing the sun. Cove waters startled by waterfowl rising at dawn. Big eyed deer at edge of a glade. Depths of humus in the river bottoms.

Not an untouched land. Not a misprized land. A million people had their plantings here. They knew the uses of forest and stream. Their commerce knew the farthest traces eastward and westward, north and south. They mined and quarried. They left their monuments in many liveable valleys.

Not on untouched land, but unspoiled.

Now, it has seemed to us many times that the land has not been cherished as we cherished it. We have not minded the scars that came inevitably in making room for a greater body of people. We understood the crowding necessity out of which these people were pressed upon us. We saw the forests felled, the waters diverted, the meadows crushed under the weight of cities. We saw the purpose in that. What we could not understand, and have never forgiven, is the carelessness, or foolishness, which traded beauty for ugliness. Which destroyed a forest to leave an emptiness. Which turned a green mountain valley into a slag pile. We have hated to see mud silted streams. We have been sickened by the sight of lands in which the gift of fertility has been killed.

These are grievous injuries, but the greatest hurt we have had to bear, we who offered the first peace and asylum, is the hardness of heart which grows of late years. We made no condition, claimed no reverter. Ours were dark skins, but we desired no preference for other dark skins. Even less would we have placed one paleface before another on account of variations of belief. Our fathers lived close to holy things but never argued systems.

Our greeting, as you will gather now, is spoken in part out of sadness. In the name of our fathers we ask, who among us conveyed any right to adulterate the feelings which ought to lie between man and man as brothers? If it was not our conveyancing, then he was a shameless guest who first came here bagged with intolerance.

We are a small people now and no longer hold the keys to these shores of promise, but we have never left off honoring the land. As did our fathers before us, we honor the land by living in beauty and sharing with the stranger. May you never honor America less.

NATIONAL CONGRESS of AMERICAN INDIANS