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February 16, 1956

The Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Eisenhower:

I have been instructed by the delegates to the recently concluded Alaska Constitutional Convention to forward to you the enclosed resolution relating to "Friendly Relations With Canada".

It is our hope that this resolution will further cement and make everlasting the friendship which we Alaskans have always had with our Canadian neighbors.

Very truly yours,

Wm. A. Egan
President

WAE:bjm
Encl.

Members of Congress, etc
The President, Members of Congress, etc

RESOLUTION

FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH CANADA

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Constitutional Convention:

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

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

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

William A. Egan President

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

Reference - The President, Members of Congress, etc

February 16, 1956

Mr. John Foster Dulles
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As President of the recently concluded Alaska Constitutional Convention, I have been instructed to forward the enclosed Resolution relating to "Friendly Relations With Canada".

We trust that your office might feel justified to comply with the request that copies be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada for the information of the people of the Dominion of Canada.

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The President, Members of Congress, etc

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CONVENTION - The President, Members of Congress, etc

Valdez, Alaska
February 15, 1956

Mr. Paul Butler, Chairman
Democratic National Committee
1001 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butler:

The delegates to Alaska's Constitutional Convention were pleased with the statements contained in your communication to us extending your best wishes and pledging your support for the early admission of Alaska to the Union of States.

The Convention has now adjourned. Out of our deliberations has come a document that we think is the finest of its kind ever written. We know that you will continue to give active support to our cause. We trust that the constitution which will be before the voters of Alaska for ratification on April 24, 1956 will give added impetus to you people who feel as we do that we are fully able and capable of taking our rightful place in the sisterhood of states.

It was a real pleasure to me personally to have been able to present your good wishes to the Convention. My kindest regards to you.

Sincerely yours,

WM. A. EGAN
President

WAE/cwt

Precedence - The President, Members of Congress, etc

Valdez, Alaska
February 15, 1956

The Honorable Estes Kefauver
U. S. Senator from Tennessee
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Kefauver:

The delegates to Alaska's Constitutional Convention were highly honored upon receiving your very good wishes for success in our endeavors. They were also very pleased with your expressions reiterating your continued active support for the Alaska statehood cause.

The Convention has now adjourned. We have come up with a document of which it is our feeling we and the government of the United States can be truly proud. It will be placed before the voters of Alaska for ratification on April 24, 1956. There is no doubt in our minds that the document will be ratified by an overwhelming majority.

We want you to know that we have sincerely appreciated your past efforts in our behalf and that we are honored to know that you plan to work just as whole-heartedly for us in the future.

My very good wishes to you for continuing success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

WM. A. EGAN
President

WAE/cwt

Members of Congress, etc
The President
Audience

Valdez, Alaska
February 16, 1956

The Honorable Warren G. Magnuson
U. S. Senator from Washington
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Magnuson:

The delegates to Alaska's Constitutional Convention were highly honored upon receiving the communications from you in which you expressed your wishes for our success. We have been aware of your great interest and standing support for the Alaska statehood cause for many years past. It was very fine of you to express your interest in our work, not once but on two different occasions, during the progress of our Convention.

The Convention has now adjourned. We have come up with a document that each of us feels is the best of its kind ever written. The proposed constitution will be before the voters of Alaska for ratification on April 24, 1956. We trust that this document will give to our great and good friends, such as yourself, added impetus for continuing active support of our cause in the Congress of the United States. If we had quite a few more friends such as yourself who were so sincerely imbued with the justness of our cause on the floor of the House and Senate of the Congress, we know that statehood would not be long in forthcoming.

Let me express the sincere appreciation of each of the delegates to Alaska's Constitutional Convention and indeed, of all Alaskans, to you for your never-ending labors in our behalf. My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

WM. A. EGAN
President

WAE/cwt

Confidence - The President, Members of Congress, etc.

Valdez, Alaska
February 15, 1956

The Honorable Clair Engle
Chairman, Committee on Insular and
Interior Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Engle:

We want you to know that we were very happy to receive your communication commending the recently concluded Alaska Constitutional Convention on the work that was being accomplished here. We have come up with a document that we feel is one of the finest of its kind ever written. We trust that when you and those in the government read it you will feel that your support for our cause has been completely justified.

Our proposed Constitution for the State of Alaska will be before the voters on April 24, 1956. Following the ratification election we here in Alaska plan to push harder than ever for statehood. We want you to know that the vigorous effort you have lent toward attainment of our final objective is deeply appreciated by all Alaskans. We are happy in the knowledge that you plan to just as vigorously support statehood for Alaska in the future.

If you are ever in Alaska I would consider it an honor and a great personal pleasure to make your acquaintance.

Sincerely yours,

WM. A. EGAN
President

WAE/cwt

CONVENTION
- The President, Members of Congress, etc

HARRY S. TRUMAN
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI

December 30, 1955

Dear Mr. Rivers:

I sincerely hope the
Constitutional Convention at the University
of Alaska will be a successful one. I have
always been in favor of Statehood for Alaska
and I am still in favor of it. If you have a
Constitution ready to present to the Congress
when that takes place, and it certainly will at
some time, you will be way ahead of things.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Victor C. Rivers
Member, Alaska Statehood Committee
P. O. Box 153
Juneau, Alaska

The President, Members of Congress, etc

TELEGRAM

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SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY
VALDEZ, ALASKA

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WILLIAM A EGAN

VALDEZ 292

SO MANY THANKS FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL TELEGRAM. UNHAPPILY MY
SCHEDULE IN JANUARY IS SO HOPELESSLY CROWDED THAT I SHALL
NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR INVITATION TO
SPEAK TO YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. HOPE YOU WILL
UNDERSTAND AND FORGIVE ME. WARMEST REGARDS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

ADLAI E STEVENSON

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Correspondence - The President, Members of Congress, etc

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EDWARD JARRETT, CHIEF CLERK

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

22 December 1955

Constitutional Convention
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

Dear Friends:

Knowing just what a tremendous task you face in drawing up the Constitution for the State of Alaska, whose formation I have urged for many years, I hope it will not be amiss to urge you to put every effort into wording it so it will be accepted as you write it.

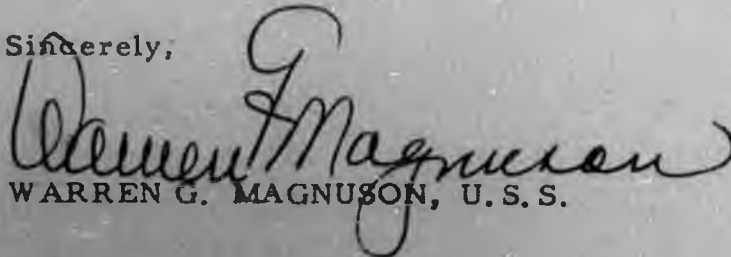
I hope the coming session of Congress will act on your bill to grant statehood to Alaska and if you have ready a constitution that is acceptable to Congress, it will shorten the time between passage of the bill and statehood.

I have fought for Statehood for Alaska for years and experienced the same disappointment as you did when the bills we have presented before did not pass. I hope it will be different next year.

I know the fifty five of you will make every effort to draw up a fair, sensible and acceptable document, one that will be just to Alaska and retains to you that part of your vast territory to which you believe the State should be entitled.

I believe in Alaska and want to see it become our 49th state. Let us not permit any lessening in our fight for it.

Sincerely,


WARREN G. MAGNUSON, U. S. S.

WGM:is

Members of Congress, etc

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

1001 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

PAUL M. BUTLER
CHAIRMAN

December 22, 1955

TELEPHONE
DISTRICT 7-1717

Constitutional Convention
University of Alaska
College, Alaska

My dear Friends:

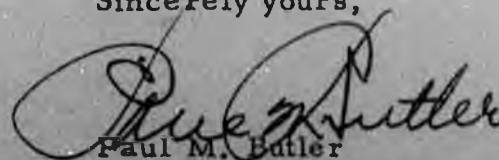
Last August, I had the pleasure of visiting your great Territory for the first time and meeting with many of your people. My trip through Alaska and my talks with so many of my fellow Americans there convinced me more than ever that both your Territory and our common Country cannot help but gain when Alaska statehood becomes a reality.

As Chairman of the Democratic Party, I want you to know that you have my full and active support in your fight for statehood, and I pledge that I will do all within my power to assure enactment of the Alaska statehood bill at the earliest possible date.

In your important Convention to draft a Constitution for the future state, you have the responsibility and the honor of establishing for future generations firm guidance in the democratic processes of government. It is an opportunity to dramatize for all people our faith in the greatest system of government on earth, the American democracy.

You have my best wishes and my fervent hope and support for outstanding success in the drafting of a Constitution for the New State of Alaska and for early admission to the Union of States.

Sincerely yours,


Paul M. Butler

The President, Members of Congress, etc

TELEGRAM

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WILLIAM EGAN PRESIDENT CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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VALDEZ

MY THOUGHTS ARE VERY MUCH WITH ALASKA AS YOUR
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION MEETS. PERHAPS YOU WILL
PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS ONCE AGAIN MY CONVICTION THAT THE
RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SELF-RULE, OF STATEHOOD
IF YOU PLEASE, CAN GIVE IMPETUS TO THE GREATER GROWTH OF
WHICH ALASKA IS SO MANIFESTLY CAPABLE. YOUR DELIBERATIONS
ARE BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY BECAUSE AS I SAID WHEN I WAS
WITH YOU NOT LONG AGO, THE FUTURE BELONGS TO ALL OF US
OR NONE OF US AND THAT US INCLUDES THE WARM, STOUT HEARTS
AND THE BREATHLESS MAJESTY OF ALASKA

ADALAI E STEVENSON

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93 Correspondence - The President, Members of Congress, etc

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

January 17, 1956

The Honorable William A. Egan
President
Alaska Constitution Convention
Constitution Hall
College, Alaska

Dear Mr. Egan:

I would like to take this opportunity to greet you and your 54 fellow delegates as the Alaska Constitutional Convention moves toward a conclusion. At the same time I would like to congratulate all the people of Alaska for having the vision to bring the Convention into being, through the legislative assembly, in a progressive step toward Statehood.

It is my misfortune that my recent return from abroad which took me through Alaska could not be scheduled so that I might have been in Fairbanks during, rather than before, the Constitutional Convention. I know it would have been a most stimulating and enjoyable experience to be with you, for, from the reports I am receiving, I am greatly impressed by the intelligence and exceptional devotion of the 49 men and 6 women gathered in Constitution Hall at the University of Alaska to take part in this historic undertaking.

With all the other friends of Alaska statehood, I am deeply saddened by the repeated failures of this Administration to unequivocally support the entry of this very worthy group into the Union. However, it is my deep and sincere belief that the Convention will write a constitution in conformity with our American ideals and institutions and one which will meet the requirements and match the aspirations of the Alaskans of the future State and that this noble undertaking will convince all who now oppose Statehood to reconsider their actions.

I cannot advise you when statehood will come for Alaska, but I can tell you, definitely, that it will inevitably come, and that regardless of what office I may hold, this cause which I have long embraced will not only have my support, but my active support.

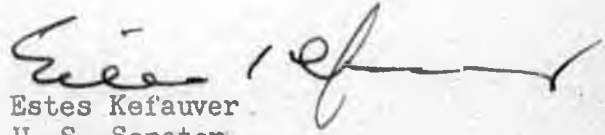
In conclusion I believe the approval of a Constitution by the delegates

Reference - The President, Members of Congress, etc

to the Constitutional Convention and later acceptance by the people of Alaska will be the signal that further progress has been made toward the grant of Statehood. However difficult that goal may be in attainment there must be no diminishment in enthusiasm. The final victory will be sufficient reward for Alaska's long years of toil and for the setbacks which have come from time to time. No American can do less than to seek every privilege of American citizenship. Alaskans will not enjoy all those privileges until they are citizens of the State of Alaska. Again, I pledge you my everlasting support until we win.

With best wishes to all of you, I am

Sincerely,



Estes Kefauver
U. S. Senator

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Source - The President, Members of Congress, etc

EIGHTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

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COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

House of Representatives, U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 3, 1956

AIRMAIL

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

Dear Mr. Egan:

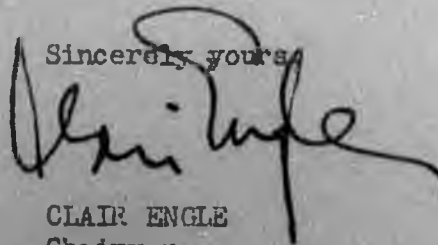
I am informed that you and fifty-four other Alaskans, elected by the people of the Territory, are now meeting in Constitutional Convention at the University of Alaska and are actively engaged in drafting the Constitution for the State of Alaska.

I wish to commend your Convention on the necessary and important work that it is doing. The drafting of the Constitution and the approval of that Constitution by the people of the Territory of Alaska will be a further step forward toward Statehood. This work is important because the provisions of the Constitution will reflect the political maturity and the capabilities of self-government of the people of Alaska.

The action of the people of Alaska in adopting the Constitution will again give emphatic evidence of their desire for Statehood and a termination of the intermediate stage of Territorial development which has continued for more than half a century.

You have all my good wishes in your labors and my most sincere and vigorous support toward your final objective, Statehood for Alaska.

Sincerely yours,



CLAIR ENGLE
Chairman

Enclosed - The President, Members of Congress, etc

TELEGRAM

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WILLIAM A EGAN, PRESIDENT

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ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION: FBK

THANK YOU FOR YOUR RADIOGRAM CONCERNING THE WORK OF THE
ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

IF THE EVENT THAT THE PROPOSED ALASKA CONSTITUTION
IS RATIFIED BY THE VOTERS IN APRIL, I AM CERTAIN THAT
CONGRESS WILL TAKE DUE COGNIZANCE OF IT IN CONNECTION WITH
ITS CONSIDERATION OF ANY STATEHOOD LEGISLATION FOR THE
TERRITORY. IN THE MEANTIME I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE
RATIFIED CONSTITUTION WILL RECEIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION
BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

DWIGHT D EISENHOWER

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13 Correspondence - The President, Members of Congress, etc

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COMMITTEE ON
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January 11, 1956

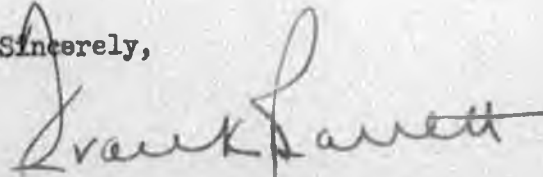
Honorable E. L. Bartlett
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Your letter of January 10th enclosing
a copy of the message which President Egan
sent President Eisenhower, is received. Thank
you for your thoughtfulness in providing me with
a copy of this message.

With all good wishes for the New Year,
I am,

Sincerely,



Frank A. Barrett, U.S.S.

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The President, Members of Congress, etc

JOHN L. MCCLELLAN, ARK., CHAIRMAN
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

January 12, 1956

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

Dear Bob:

I appreciate having a copy of the message
forwarded to President Eisenhower by William Egan,
President of the Alaska Constitutional Convention
regarding Alaska Statehood.

Please be sure of my interest and with
warmest regards, I am

Cordially,



GEORGE H. BENDER,
United States Senator

GHB/nam

The President, Members of Congress, etc

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COMMITTEE ON
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January 13, 1956

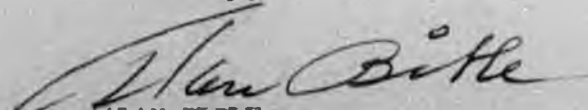
Hon. E. L. Bartlett
House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter with the attached copy of the telegram relative to Alaska statehood, which I received yesterday.

I appreciate having this information made available to me and will include it in my file. As you know, I favor statehood for Alaska, and I sincerely trust the progress referred to in the President's message comes about this session.

Cordially,


ALAN BIBLE

The President, Members of Congress, etc

J. EDGAR CHENOWETH
30 DISTRICT, COLORADO

HOME ADDRESS:
TRINIDAD, COLORADO

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

January 12, 1956

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

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th enclosing
a copy of the wire to the President sent by Mr. William A.
Egan, President, Alaska Constitutional Convention.

I am aware of the interest in this Convention and
am following developments with great interest.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Cordially,



J. Edgar Chenoweth, M.C.

The President, Members of Congress, etc

Clair Engle
2D DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

HOME ADDRESS:
RED BLUFF, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE ADDRESS:
1033 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

Chairman
COMMITTEE:
**Interior and Insular
Affairs**

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

January 13, 1956

Hon. E. L. Bartlett
Delegate From Alaska
House of Representatives
Room 1029 House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Thank you for your letter of January 10th
and the enclosed copy of the message sent to the
President by Mr. Egan, which will be brought to
Mr. Engle's attention when he returns from California.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Matteson
JACK MATTESON
Secretary

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The President, Members of Congress, etc

MRS. JOSEPH R. FARRINGTON
DELEGATE FROM HAWAII

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

January 12, 1956

The Honorable E. L. Bartlett
House of Representatives
1029 House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Thank you for sending me a copy of
the radiogram from President William A. Egan
of the Alaska Constitutional Convention.

I shall be very much interested in
seeing the constitution prepared by your Con-
vention for the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington
Delegate from Hawaii

The President, Members of Congress, etc

A. FERNÓS-ISERN
RESIDENT COMMISSIONER
COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO

ORVILLE WATKINS
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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

January 13, 1956

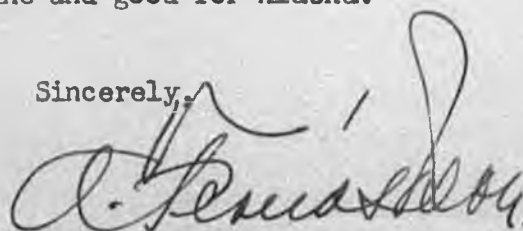
Hon. E. L. Bartlett
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Upon my return from Puerto Rico, I found your letter of January 10, 1956 with which you included a radiogram from President William A. Egan of the Alaska Constitutional Convention, quoting a message wired to the President regarding Alaska Statehood.

You know how interested I am in your fight for statehood and in all facets of the struggle. Having myself served as President of the Puerto Rico Constitutional Convention, I have some feeling of what your people are now going through and I know that this will evolve something fine and good for Alaska.

Sincerely,



A. Fernos-Isern
Resident Commissioner

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January 11, 1956

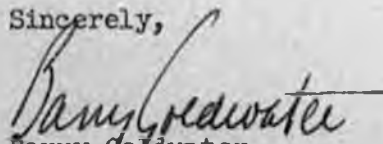
Honorable E. L. Bartlett
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Thank you for your letter of January 10, with which you enclosed a copy of the communication sent to President Eisenhower from William A. Egan, President of the Alaska Constitutional Convention.

I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in making this information available to me, and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely,


Barry Goldwater

The President, Members of Congress, etc

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7TH DIST., FLORIDA

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

January 12, 1956

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

Dear Bob:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of
the radiogram from the Alaska Constitutional Convention
in session to President Eisenhower on Alaska statehood.
I am glad to have this.

Most sincerely,


JAMES A. HALEY, M.C.

JAH:mbm

The President, Members of Congress, etc

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United States Senate

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January 12, 1956

Honorable E. L. Bartlett
Delegate from Alaska
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Delegate Bartlett:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me, in your letter of January 10, a copy of a message wired to President Eisenhower regarding Alaskan Statehood.

I am glad to have this information for my file.

With kind regards, I remain

Yours faithfully,

Spesard L. Holland
SPESARD L. HOLLAND

SLH/r

The President, Members of Congress, etc

CRAIG HOSMER
18TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

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January 11, 1956

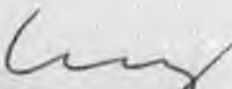
Honorable E. L. Bartlett
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for sending along the quotation
from Mr. Egan's wire to the President.

Best regards for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,


Craig Hosmer, M. C.

The President, Members of Congress, etc

LYNDON B. JOHNSON
TEXAS

United States Senate
Office of the Democratic Leader
Washington, D. C.

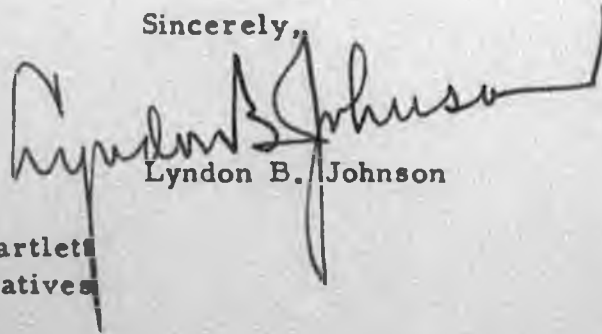
January 13, 1956

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Thank you for your letter of January 10, transmitting copy of Mr. Egan's telegram to President Eisenhower, advising him of the meeting of the Alaska Constitutional Convention for the purpose of ratifying the Constitution. I appreciate this information.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable E. L. Bartlett
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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COMMITTEE ON
INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

January 14, 1956

The Honorable E. L. Bartlett
Delegate for Alaska
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Thank you for sending me a
copy of the radiogram you received from Mr.
William A. Egan, President of the Alaska
Constitutional Convention, quoting his message
to President Eisenhower.

I join you in the hope that
statehood for Alaska will soon become a reality.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



Thomas H. Kuchel

CONFIDENTIAL - The President, Members of Congress, etc

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THOMAS V. BRUNKARD
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 13, 1956

Honorable E. L. Bartlett
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the telegram which President William A. Egan of the Alaska Constitutional Convention sent to President Eisenhower. The message is a strong one.

It is my hope the work of the convention will be highly successful and that when your constitution is submitted to the Congress, your application will be acted upon favorably.

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman

once - The President, Members of Congress, etc.

RUSSELL B. LONG
LOUISIANA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

January 11, 1956

Hon. E. L. Bartlett
Delegate from Alaska
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

This will acknowledge your letter of
January 10 enclosing a copy of Mr. Egan's
telegram to President Eisenhower.

Although I am not very hopeful, I
certainly join in hoping that we can make
progress on this matter in this session of
Congress.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Russell

The President, Members of Congress, etc

JOHN W. McCORMACK
12TH DIST., MASSACHUSETTS

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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SECRETARY

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

January 12, 1956

Honorable E. L. Bartlett
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 10th, with a copy of the telegram which President William A. Egan of the Alaska Constitutional Convention sent to President Eisenhower. I have read the same with special interest.

I am aware of the history of several states in the past who employed the same method of dramatizing their admission into the Union, and they did it very effectively as history records. I know it is unnecessary for me to tell you of the fact that I am and always have been a strong supporter of Alaska's admission into the Union as a State.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

the President, Members of Congress, etc

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

January 11, 1956

Honorable E. L. Bartlett
Delegate from Alaska
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Thanks very much for your letter of
January 10 and the copy of the telegram which the
President of the Alaska Constitutional Convention
sent to the President on January 9th.

I do appreciate your thoughtfulness in
sending me a copy of Mr. Egan's message and hope
you will have an opportunity to convey my thanks
to him.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,



George W. Malone

The President, Members of Congress, etc

LEE METCALF
1ST DIST., MONTANA

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

12 January 1956

Honorable E.L. (Bob) Bartlett
Delegate from Alaska
Suite 1029 New House Office Building
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Delegate Bartlett:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter together with the text of the message wired President Eisenhower from the Alaska Constitutional Convention in connection with statehood for Alaska.

It has arrived in the absence of Congressman Metcalf, who is in the field attending flood control hearings, but will be called to his attention upon his return.

Very truly yours,



Merrill Englund
Executive Secretary

The President, Members of Congress, etc

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

January 11, 1956

Honorable E. L. Bartlett
Delegate from Alaska
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Delegate Bartlett:

Thank you for your letter of January 10 and the copy of the radiogram from the President of the Alaska Constitution Convention.

I share your hope that progress can be made in this session for Alaskan statehood. Of course, the differentiation made by the President in his State of the Union message between Alaska and Hawaii indicates the continued opposition of the Administration to Alaskan statehood. However, every effort must be made to overcome this roadblock.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Wayne Morse

Wayne Morse

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JOSEPH C. O'MAHONEY
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 12, 1956

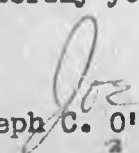
Honorable E. L. Bartlett
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Just a hasty note to thank you for your
courtesy in sending me a copy of the radiogram
sent President Eisenhower by President William
A. Egan of the Alaska Constitutional Convention.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


Joseph C. O'Mahoney

MK

The President, Members of Congress, etc

SAM RAYBURN
4TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

The Speaker's Rooms
House of Representatives U. S.
Washington, D. C.

January 27, 1956

Honorable E. L. Bartlett
Delegate from Alaska
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

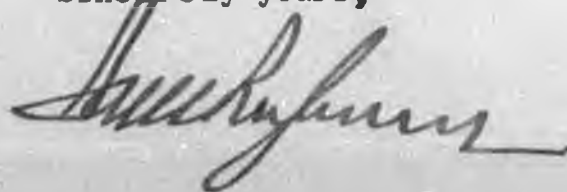
Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of recent date enclosing a copy of the telegram sent you by President William A. Egan, with reference to the Alaska Constitutional Convention.

I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending this to me.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



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January 23, 1956

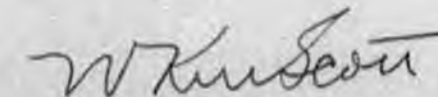
The Honorable E. L. Bartlett
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

I appreciate very much your courtesy in sending me a copy of President Egan's radiogram to President Eisenhower. It is a good sound approach to the question of statehood for Alaska, and I am confident it will go a long way toward bringing this about.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,



W. Kerr Scott
Senator

WKS:mhc

The President, Members of Congress, etc

GEORGE A. SHUFORD
12TH DISTRICT
NORTH CAROLINA

J. RICHARD QUEEN
SECRETARY

Congress of the United States
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Washington, D. C.

January 12, 1956

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Honorable E. L. Bartlett
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Thanks very much for your letter of January 10, enclosing
copy of a radiogram from President William A. Egan of the
Alaska Constitutional Convention. I am glad to have the
information.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



George A. Shuford, M.C.

GAS:vrl

The President, Members of Congress, etc

B. F. SISK
12TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA
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House of Representatives
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DISTRICT OFFICE
228 BLACKSTONE AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE: 6-1760

January 18, 1956

Hon. E. L. Bartlett
Delegate from Alaska
House Office Building

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of January 10th and the enclosed copy of the radiogram sent to the President by Mr. William A. Egan. I am glad to have this material.

May I offer my congratulations to you and to the people of Alaska upon the convening of the Alaska Constitutional Convention, and to express my feeling that this is a substantial step toward the statehood Alaska so richly deserves.

With my best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Bernie Sisk
B. F. SISK, M. C.

BFS:j/e

The President, Members of Congress, etc

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January 11, 1956

Honorable E. L. Bartlett
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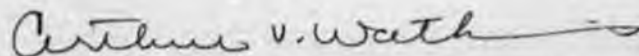
Dear Delegate Bartlett:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 10, enclosing copy of text of message forwarded to President Eisenhower by William A. Egan, President of the Alaska Constitutional Convention, now in session in College, Alaska, relative to admission of Alaska to the Union.

I want to thank you for your courtesy in furnishing me with this information.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur V. Watkins

The President, Members of Congress, etc

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January 11, 1956

Honorable E. L. Bartlett
Delegate from Alaska
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

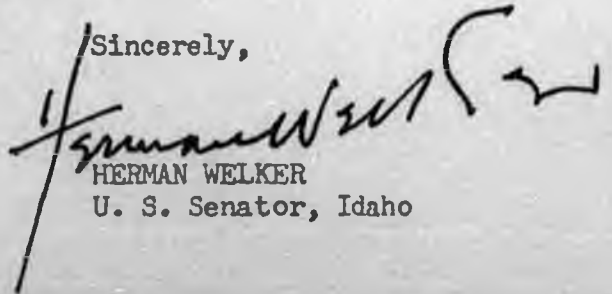
Dear Mr. Bartlett:

Thank you so much for your letter of
January 10th, containing the text of the message
of Mr. William A. Egan to President Eisenhower.

I am happy to know that such satis-
factory progress is being made and I do hope it
will be possible for you to keep me informed on
this matter.

With warm good wishes, I am

Sincerely,



HERMAN WELKER
U. S. Senator, Idaho

HW:jl

The President, Members of Congress, etc

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WILLIAM A EGAN PRESIDENT CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

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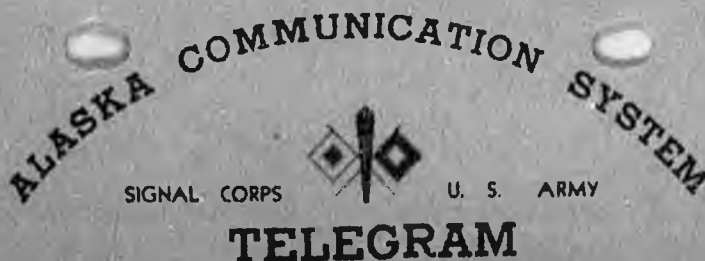
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PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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 SHORT PERIOD. 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 HOPE FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

Alaska Constitutional Convention
William A. Egan, President

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~~President D. Eisenhower,~~
President of the United States
White House, Washington DC

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WE SHALL HOPE FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS ENDEAVOR

ALASKA CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION
WILLIAM A EGAN, PRESIDENT

Senator Lyndon Johnson
Senator Richard Neuberger

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Senator Magnuson
Senator Knowland
Congressman Engle
and such others as have a direct interest in the subject

presented on the floor January ~~XXX~~ 1956

The President, Members of Congress, etc