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Hon. E. L. Bartlett,
Secretary of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Bartlett:

Your letters of March 25 to the President and to the Secretary, transmitting copies of House Joint Memorial No. 21 passed by the 1941 Territorial Legislature concerning the use of the Copper River and Northwestern Railroad right-of-way as a highway between Cordova and Chitina have been referred to me for reply.

I enclose two copies of a bill S. 1289 introduced by Senator Tydings at the request of the Department which, if passed, will authorize the transfer of the Copper River and Northwestern Railway right-of-way to the United States to be used for highway or tramway purposes. If this transfer is effected, the Department will be in a position to develop transportation facilities over the right-of-way, in so far as conditions require, and in so far as Congress may appropriate funds for this purpose.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ A. J. Wirtz
Acting Secretary of the Interior

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