

September 11, 1967

Re: 82-2506
FAS 851
Copper River Highway

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Kennecott Copper Corporation
161 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Sometime between 1907 and 1914 the Copper River and Northwestern Railway Company, a corporation which existed under the laws of the State of Nevada, constructed a single tract line some 190 miles long between the seaport city of Cordova, Alaska, via Chitina, Alaska, to the Kennecott Mines near McCarthy, Alaska. The Railroad Location Map, we are told, was approved by the United States of America on or about April 30, 1914, pursuant to an Act of Congress dated April 14, 1898 (30 Stat. 409).

Subsequently, pursuant to Public Law 176, Chapter 300, approved on July 15, 1941, the Secretary of the Interior was authorized to accept the railroad right of way for use as a public highway, tramroad, and for other purposes. Formal relinquishment by the Corporation, we understand, was consummated on March 31, 1945. The Company was later dissolved on December 11, 1945.

The Department of Commerce, Bureau of Public Roads exercised jurisdiction over the subject railway right of way until Alaska achieved statehood in 1959. Subsequently, by Quitclaim Deed pursuant to the Alaska Omnibus Act under the date of June 30, 1959, the State of Alaska assumed jurisdiction over the 200 foot right of way.

To date, we have been unable to locate a legible set of Location Maps and/or "As-built" maps showing the alignment from Cordova to Chitina, Alaska.

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We would appreciate any information you could give us as to where we might procure a legible set of plans of the railway alignment.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

William R. Whitnall
District Highway Engineer



William H. Stouder
District Right of Way Agent

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