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August 17, 1966

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Your Reference: 82-2506 Project No. S-0851(26) USS 702 Parcel No. 5
Our Reference: Alaska Mining Claims (K-21-1-3); Chitina, Alaska
Properties; Alaska Development and Mineral Company
(1-5-10)

Dear Mr. Stouder:

Since Mr. Snapp is no longer with the Corporation, your letters were directed to me for reply. We regret that our response is not as prompt as might have been possible, but we have been engaged in rearranging our files.

As you can see from the enclosed photostat, the Katalla Company quitclaimed U.S. Survey 702, Patent No. 512268, on January 6, 1919 to the Alaska Development and Mineral Company. We regret the poor quality of this copy but we have nothing more than a Thermo-Fax forwarded to us several years ago in connection with some difficulties which arose concerning this land. We assume that you will be able to obtain a better copy from the recording office shown on the second page, the U. S. Commissioner's office in the Cordova Precinct, which I believe is located at Copper Center, Alaska. Although we will not make any charge in connection with our examining our records of this matter and furnishing you with copies of the pertinent documents, we would appreciate it if you could furnish us with a good quality copy of this indenture for our records.

Mr. William H. Stouder

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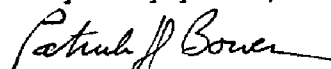
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AD&M was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kennecott Copper Corporation at the time of the transfer of U.S.S. 702 by the Katalla Company. On December 27, 1946, AD&M was dissolved and all of its assets, including U.S.S. 702 were transferred to Kennecott Copper Corporation. We have enclosed a copy of the instrument of transfer.

The conflict between the quitclaim grants to O. A. Nelson and Gordon N. Hizey was more than apparent. Our files indicate that late in 1959, successors in interest to O. A. Nelson retained legal counsel to arrange for the removal of the cloud on their title created by the quitclaim to Hizey. The dispute apparently continued for several years; but, unfortunately, our files do not indicate whether it was ever resolved. You can probably obtain information concerning the present status of the Nelson and Hizey claims by contacting the attorney for O. A. Nelson's grantees, John M. Stern, Jr., Esq., P. O. Box 1672, Anchorage, Alaska. His office is located at 845 Fifth Avenue.

If we can be of any further help to you in this matter, do not hesitate to call or write.

Very truly yours,



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