

Written at ARC  
July, 1949

Mr. Frank Roach  
Dist. Engineer  
Alaska Road Comm.

Dear Sir:

The village of Iktli has been receiving their freight from trucks at the Tanana Bridge, mile 1308, Alaska Highway. This is freight for the Iktli Native Store and the Alaska Native Service. There is a sand bar along the right bank of the river which makes loading of the river boat very difficult. The water is sometimes too shallow for the boat and too deep to permit packing the freight to the boat from the river bank.

about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile north of the bridge there is a hill on the left side of the highway (south). It would be easily possible to build a road along the N.W. side of this hill to the bank of the river, a distance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile. At this point the river current is on the near side and it would make an ideal and permanent place for the loading of this freight - convenient for the boat and the truckers.



ADDRESS REPLY TO  
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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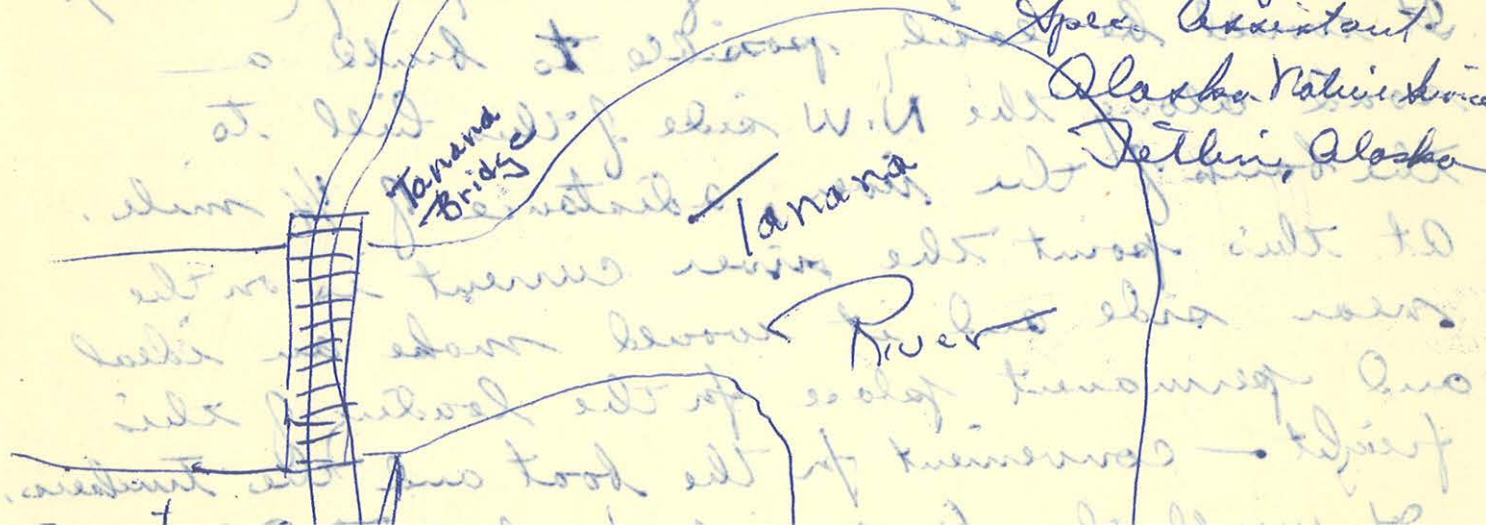
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We would like to know if the  
ARC could assist us by building this  
road. It would merely be a matter  
of dozing out the road, removing trees  
and leveling off the gravel and sand  
present. There would make a  
good, solid road.

We would like to know if the ARC  
can help us, either on a contract basis or as  
a service.

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Spec. Assistant  
Alaska Native Service  
Bethel, Alaska





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Tetlin, Alaska  
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MEMORANDUM

General Superintendent  
Alaska Native Service  
Juneau, Alaska

Subject: Construction of Road by ARC at Mile 1308.3 Alaska Highway.

The Village of Tetlin receives its freight at the Tanana Bridge Mile 1308 Alaska Highway. During the low water season, which is usually most of the summer, a sand bar exists along the river at the bridge on the right limit making loading of freight onto the store boat very difficult. During high water it is impossible to get the boat near enough to the shore to permit loading. The area of the old construction camp, where no buildings remain, is covered with nails and the truckers do not like to back their trucks into this area.

About one-fourth mile north of the bridge and on the south side of the road there is a small hill. During construction fill was removed from this hill by the builders of the highway. The Tanana River bounds the opposite side of this hill with the current permanently on the near side. The distance from the highway to the river along the base of this hill is less than 1/4 mile. This would be on the North or NW side of the hill.

The village of Tetlin proposes that a road be built along the base of this hill from the highway to the bank of the river and that an area approximately 200 ft. square be cleared and possibly filled where needed to provide a turning place and as a possible location for a warehouse. The job would involve merely clearing away the small timber and levelling off a road. There would be no filling necessary and the whole job would be a very minor operation.

I had occasion, recently, to discuss this project briefly with Mr. Frank Nash, District Engineer and Mr. Frank Metcalfe, Territorial Highway Commissioner. Both received the idea favorably and suggested that the idea be taken up with the Bureau of the

