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TO : Director

DATE: January 12, 1971

FROM : SD, Alaska

In reply refer to:
2300 (930) (PLO 4582)
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SUBJECT: Highway, Yukon River to Prudhoe Bay

Your reference:
(322)

On January 8, 1971, the State of Alaska filed request for a RS 2477 right-of-way between the Yukon River and Prudhoe Bay. The alignment is essentially the same as the access road for the Trans Alaska Pipeline System.

In order for the State to obtain the advantages of RS 2477, it is necessary that Public Land Orders No. 4502 and No. 3520 be modified. PLO 4582 of January 17, 1969, as amended, is the "land freeze" and PLO 3520 of January 5, 1965 is the Rampart Power Site Classification 445.

Consideration must also be given to modification of PLO 4582 to allow for disposition of mineral material. It is our understanding that PLO 4988 of January 5, 1971, modifies PLO 4582 only for free use permits in connection with airports. The RS 2477 right-of-way will be of little use if mineral material cannot be obtained by the State.

The environmental impact of such a road is covered in the Department's report on the Trans Alaska Pipeline System.

There are Native protests covering the land involved in the proposed right-of-way and the various proposed material sites. We have not queried these groups in connection with this request by the State. It is anticipated that the Arctic Slope Native Association will oppose a modification of PLO 4582 and the granting of a right-of-way or free use material permits. They are presently on record in opposition to our sale or other disposal of mineral material prior to legislative settlement of the claims issue.

One set of maps and a copy of the State's letter application are enclosed for your information. We will withhold any action here pending your advice.

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Enclosures 2
Encl. 1 - Letter
Encl. 2 - Maps



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