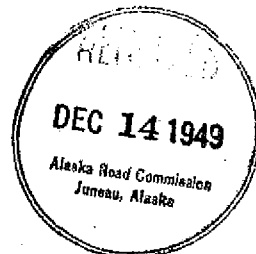




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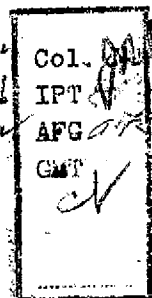
December 12, 1949

Colonel John R. Noyes
Commissioner of Roads
Alaska Road Commission
Juneau, Alaska



Dear Mr. Noyes:

Attached is a copy of a memorandum, the last paragraph of which, I believe, is of interest to you. I am not familiar with the contents of the telegram and letter to which reference is made in the first part of Secretary Chapman's correspondence, but apparently they are concerned with mineral rights within highway rights-of-way. However, as stated above, it is the final paragraph of the letter which drew my attention. I am not entirely certain as to its meaning, but it does appear to give some hope that withdrawals as such may be not used for highway purposes, indefinitely.



Very truly yours,

Lowell M. Puckett
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Regional Administrator

Encl.

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