

Anchorage Daily Times

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1950.

Recommend New Turnagain Arm Safety Rulings

An extensive list of safety rules to govern construction work on the Turnagain Arm highway-railroad project has been recommended to the Alaska Association of General Contractors by The Alaska Railroad, J. P. Johnson, railroad general manager, disclosed today.

Safety suggestions passed along to the contractors cover gas car and train operations in the construction area, the handling of explosives and prescribe the duties of construction company dispatchers and flagmen.

"These rules were worked out by qualified safety engineers and are in accordance with standard practices successfully adopted by railroad and construction organizations in the States," Johnson declared.

The Alaska Railroad general manager pointed out that the railroad was passing along the suggestions in the interest of fostering a stable safety program on the hazardous Turnagain Arm project.

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1950

Plan No Halt On Turnagain Arm Rail-Road Project

The Interior Department has rejected a request by Henry Benson, territorial commissioner of labor, to halt contract work on the Turnagain Arm railroad-highway project pending revision of the safety program.

Benson filed his plea with the Interior Department following a series of accidents on the big construction job.

The decision to reject Benson's request was announced today by James P. Davis, head of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions.

In a telegram to J. P. Johnson, general manager of The Alaska Railroad, and Larry Moore, of Associated General Contractors, Davis said "no action is contemplated that will result in work stoppage."

Meanwhile, The Alaska Railroad and Associated General Contractors announced jointly that working requirements on the project have been revised in the interest of fostering safety.

The disclosure came following conferences among Larry Moore, John Manley, assistant general manager of the railroad and Paul Shelmerdine, director of personnel and labor relations.

A plea to a sensible approach to the safety program without work stoppage, was made by Moore early this week on the heels of Benson's wire to Interior Secretary Oscar Chapman. The contractors representative expressed his approval of the Interior Department decision not to enforce a work stoppage on the vital railroad-highway project.

The new safety program is to be accelerated, Moore pointed out. Various modifications were incorporated to meet conditions peculiar to Turnagain Arm work.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of the Secretary

June 5, 1950

ORDER NO. 2565

Subject: Delegation of Authority--The Alaska Road Commission

The Commissioner of Roads for Alaska and the Chief Engineer of the Alaska Road Commission, severally, are authorized to acquire for the Alaska Road Commission rights-of-way by purchase or donation under any Interior Department appropriation act authorizing such acquisitions.

Quinn L. Chapman
Secretary of the Interior

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Memorandum

To: The Secretary

From: The Director

Subject: Delegation of Authority—The Alaska Road Commission

The Interior Department appropriation act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, permits the use of funds for the acquisition of rights-of-way in connection with the road-building program in Alaska. The Alaska Road Commission has been negotiating for several rights-away needed in connection with specific road projects and the Commissioner of Roads for Alaska has requested that a Secretarial order be issued delegating authority to the Commissioner and the Chief Engineer of the Alaska Road Commission in order that they may readily acquire these rights-away.

Accordingly, I have had prepared a draft of such a delegation of authority, and I recommend that it be issued.

(SGD) James P. Davis

James P. Davis

SEE FILE: 1 155 -ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION-ADMINISTRATIVE -GENERAL



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Col. J. P. Johnson
General Manager
The Alaska Railroad
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Colonel Johnson:

Attached is a copy of a letter from Gov. Gruening which I thought would be of interest to you. I was pleased to note that Gov. Gruening expresses confidence in your knowledge of conditions and your safety program.

Needless to say, Gov. Gruening's letter is not for publication.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) James P. Davis
James P. Davis
Director

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Mr. James P. Davis, Director
Division of Territories & Island Possessions
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Upon receiving your telegram transmitting Commissioner of Labor Benson's I tried to reach Colonel Johnson by 'phone. I found that he will not be available until tomorrow. Meanwhile I have forwarded him a copy of your telegram.

Without knowing just exactly what the circumstances which Benson refers to are, you must remember that we are now in a political campaign and Mr. Benson as a Republican candidate for Commissioner of Labor would not hesitate to do anything he could to discredit the present administration. It was he who a year or two ago made a public release referring to the condition of servitude under which the Pribilof Island natives were forced to exist by the Department of the Interior. The wording of this telegram has a strong political fragrance and may be no more justified than Commissioner Benson's previous blast concerning the Pribilof Islands.

However, I shall urge Colonel Johnson to go into the matter promptly and thoroughly and to take any steps and measures that are possible to improve safety conditions on the Alaska Railroad. I am sure that Colonel Johnson is fully aware of conditions that exist and I know that he has been working actively to improve safety conditions.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Gruening
Ernest Gruening
Governor

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AIR MAIL

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Col. J. P. Johnson
General Manager
The Alaska Railroad
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Colonel:

There is enclosed a copy of a radio sent Gov. Gruening regarding Benson's telegram to Secretary Chapman requesting stoppage of work on the Turnagain Arm project. The radio to Gov. Gruening is for your information only and not for publication. It is being sent you in conformity with Mr. Davis' radio to you concerning same subject.

Sincerely yours,

D. H. Mucker
Acting Administrative Officer

(Sgd.)

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May 26 1950

Mr. Jos. T. Flakne
Chief, Alaska Branch
Division of Territories & Island Possessions
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Joe:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of May 10, 1950, enclosing a copy of a report on an accident connected with the contract of the Max J. Kuney Company upon Section F of the Turnagain Arm Road. We were already aware of this accident, but in view of the fact that this contract is being engineered and supervised by the Bureau of Public Roads, we had taken no direct part in investigating it.

Pursuant to your suggestion, I discussed this matter with Mr. Hugh A. Stoddart, Division Engineer of the Bureau of Public Roads, Juneau, yesterday. The Bureau of Public Roads does not have a safety engineer in Alaska. It was agreed that I would send the Alaska Road Commission safety engineer to make a one time inspection of all of these Turnagain Arm contracts supervised by the Bureau of Public Roads and a report to me, which will then be turned over to Mr. Stoddart.

There is enclosed a copy of my letter to Mr. Stoddart on this subject.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John R. Noyes
John R. Noyes
Commissioner of
Roads for Alaska

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION
JUNEAU, ALASKA

May 26, 1950

Mr. H. A. Stoddart
Division Engineer
Bureau of Public Roads
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Mr. Stoddart:

Confirming our discussion of yesterday, we will instruct our Safety Engineer, Mr. Harry R. Bates, to visit the Farnagain Arm contracts in the very near future. The purpose of his trip will be to thoroughly investigate the safety precautions in effect on these projects and to make recommendations for any additional safety measures considered desirable.

The service of our Safety Engineer was offered for this project since it is understood that no other Safety Engineer has been specifically assigned to cover these contracts. The Division of Territories and Island Possessions has suggested such action since the repetition of accidents has come to their attention and has brought up the question concerning the proper precautionary measures being taken by the various contractors.

It is understood that Mr. Bates will prepare his report for our consideration and submission to you for whatever action you consider desirable.

Very truly yours,

John R. Noyes
Commissioner of
Roads for Alaska

cc:
Mr. Jos. T. Flakne
Chief, Alaska Branch
Division of Territories

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CROSS REFERENCE

To:

Subject:

Delegation of Authority to Alaska Road Commission
to Purchase Private Own Land for Rights-of-Away.

EXTRACT:

Reference is made to your radiogram requesting information as to the status of the request for the issuance of a Secretarial order delegating authority to the Commissioner of Roads, and the Chief Engineer to acquire rights of way. The Secretarial order has been drafted and is in process of being cleared in the Department. Upon its issuance, copies of the Secretarial order will be forwarded to you.

Signed:

James P. Davis, Director

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FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM HANSON LABOR COMMISSIONER quote
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 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH PRECAUTIONS HAVE NOT
 BEEN TAKEN PERIOD DEPARTMENT REQUESTS INFORMATION BY TECHNICAL OFFICIAL OF ALL
 CONDITIONS AND IMMEDIATE REMEDY WITHOUT FULL PERSONAL INVESTIGATION OF
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 AND REPRESENTATIVES OF CONTRACTORS TO INSURE HIMSELF OF ACTUAL CONDITIONS
 PERIOD FOR OBVIOUS REASONS OF PUBLIC INTEREST WORK ON RAILROAD WILL NOT BE
 STOPPED PERIOD

[(Sgd.)] James P. Davis

JAMES P DAVIS

Confirmation copy - Gov. Gruening

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- ~~1. Assistant Secretary Warner~~
- ~~2. Director Davis~~
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3. Mr. Nucker
Discuss with me.

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HENRY A BENSON COMMISSIONER OF LABOR=..

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period COPY OF REPLY TO BUREAU AIRMAILED YOU TODAY period

(Sgd.) James P. Davis

JAMES P DAVIS

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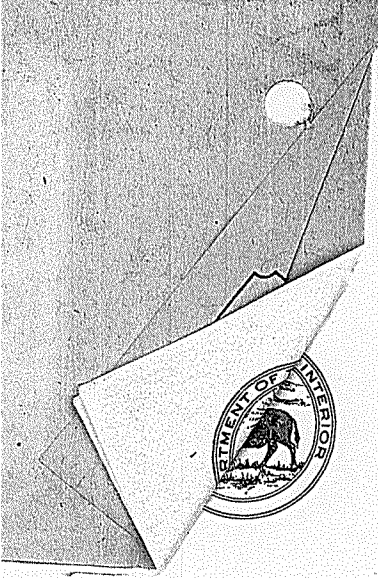
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MEASURES IN ALL THEIR CONTRACT WORK PERIOD THIS APPLIES TO
ALL CONTRACTORS WORKING FOR THE ALASKA RAILROAD PERIOD THE INTENT
OF THIS NEWS RELEASE IS TO HAVE ALL WORK STOPPED
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(Sgd.) James P. Davis

JAMES P DAVIS
DIRECTOR
DIV OF TERRITORIES & ISLAND POSSESSIONS

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GENERAL CONTRACTORS REPRESENTING
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ALASKA CHAPTER ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS REPRESENTING CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN THE TERRITORY RESPECTFULLY INVOKES YOUR CALM CONSIDERATION OF LABOR COMMISSIONER BENSONS REQUEST TO SUSPEND CONTRACTS ON RAILBELT PROJECTS ACCOUNT RECENT UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENTS PD ANY INTELLIGENT INVESTIGATION OF CONSTRUCTION WORK SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WHILE IN OPERATION AND NOT SHUT DOWN PD CONTRACTORS CONCERNED HAVE A COMBINED TOTAL OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF ENVIABLE SAFETY RECORDS AND COMPLETED LAST WORK SEASON WITH PRAISEWORTHY PERFORMANCES PD PRIOR TO BENSONS COMPLAINT TO YOU THIS ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH RAIL EXECUTIVES THEIR SAFETY DEPARTMENT AND INTERESTED LABOR GROUPS ENDEAVORING TO FORMULATE JOINT POLICIES TO AMPLIFY ACCIDENT PREVENTION EFFORTS AND PROGRESS IS NOW APPARENT PD ADDITIONALLY THIS CHAPTER IS PRESENTLY PROCESSING ENROLLMENT OF ALL ALASKAN CONTRACTOR MEMBERS IN AN INDUSTRY WIDE SAFETY CONTEST RECOGNIZED AS STANDARD THROUGHOUT THE NATION PD AN IMPARTIAL SAFETY ENGINEER IS BEING BROUGHT HERE TO INVESTIGATE WORKING CONDITIONS AND SAFETY PRACTICES IN THE RAINBOW AREA PD ALL MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION WELCOM

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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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Mr. Thomas H. MacDonald,
Commissioner
Bureau of Public Roads
Department of Commerce

My dear Mr. MacDonald:

Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of a self-explanatory letter, dated May 1, 1950, which we have received from Colonel J. P. Johnson, General Manager of The Alaska Railroad, concerning the explosion which occurred on April 15 at mile 78.2.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) James P. Davis

James P. Davis
Director

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THE ALASKA RAILROAD
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

May 1, 1950

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Mr. James P. Davis
Director
Division of Territories and
Island Possessions
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

In compliance with your request of April 18, 1950, below is report of our Safety Engineer Carl E. Steeves on the explosion at mile 78.2:

"Explosion occurred on North side of track at Alaska Railroad Mile Post 78.2 at 9:20 a.m., April 15, 1950.

Max J. Kuney Company contractor on the work.

Caused by premature dynamite explosion. Reason unknown.

Four men fatally injured:

John K. Skoglund, Powder Foreman, 61 years old, about 30 years powder experience.

Benjamin F. Wilson, Powderman helper, 55 years old.

Daniel Stabenow, Wagon drill operator, 35 years old.

Ed O. Bumgarner, Wagon drill helper, 46 years old.

Due to the fact the only men in close proximity to the explosion were killed, the cause of this explosion is unknown.

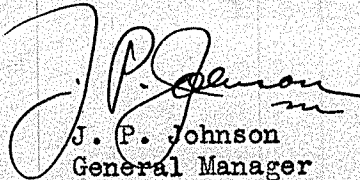
Holes had been drilled over an area approximately 200 feet long by 20 feet wide. The four men fatally injured were in the process of charging these holes. At the time of the accident there were approximately 35 holes charged with about 50 pounds of 60 per cent dynamite per hole.

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The railroad track was covered for a distance of 100 feet with approximately 10 feet of debris by the blast. Train service was delayed for about $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Neither the contractor nor the Bureau of Public Roads had a Safety Engineer on this job."

Sincerely yours,


J. P. Johnson
General Manager

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J.P.

copy to: B.P. Roads - 5/12/50



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

My dear Colonel Noyes:

Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of a report on the explosion that occurred on the road project near Anchorage on April 15.

It occurred to me that you might want to discuss this matter with Colonel Johnson to determine whether the Alaska Road Commission and The Alaska Railroad might wish to suggest to the contractors that they have safety engineers on hazardous projects of this kind. It may be impractical to do this and that service might be rendered by safety engineers of the Railroad or Road Commission. I am offering these suggestions to you for your consideration.

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Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Jos. T. Flakne

Jos. T. Flakne
Chief, Alaska Branch

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May 10

**No report enclosed
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Colonel J. P. Johnson
General Manager, The Alaska Railroad
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Colonel Johnson:

Thank you for your radiogram advising us of the explosion at Mile 78. When your Safety Engineer has completed his report on this, we should appreciate receiving a copy. We should also like to be advised if the Public Roads Administration or the Max J. Kuney Company has a Safety Engineer on the job.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) James P. Davis

James P. Davis
Director

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THAT AN EXPLOSION OCCURED AT MILE SEVENTY EIGHT POINT TWO

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MAX J P R A

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CLEARED THREE THIRTY PM ALL TRAINS WERE DELAYED THIS PERIOD HOWEVER
RAILROAD IS IN NO WAY TO BLAME FOR THIS EXPLOSION WAS
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April 17, 1950

*No further
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. T. W. Taylor, Administrative Officer, Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

FROM: Mr. D. H. Miller, Chief, Administrative Division, Alaska Road Commission, Juneau, Alaska

SUBJECT: Acquisition of the Delaney Property

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I am enclosing copy of a memo addressed to our district engineer at Anchorage with regard to the acquisition of the Delaney property at Anchorage. In this connection, it is noted that the Attorney General's letter addressed to Secretary Chapman has not been acknowledged. We will keep you informed of the progress of this matter so that you may take whatever action you deem advisable in Washington

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(Sgt.) T. W. Taylor

T. W. TAYLOR

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Identical radio sent to Col. Noyes

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. W. J. Niemi, District Engineer, ARC-Anchorage DATE: April 17, 1950
FROM : Mr. D. H. Miller, Chief, Admin. Div., ARC-Juneau
SUBJECT: Acquisition of Delaney Property

I am sending the complete file covering acquisition of the Delaney property with a carbon copy of a letter addressed to Secretary Chapman by the Attorney General, and a letter to this office from the Director of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions.

Although the request for specific clearance was directed to Secretary Chapman by the Attorney General, you will note that Mr. Davis indicates that an informal contact with the Department of Justice advised against this procedure. It is suggested that this subject be discussed with the U. S. District Attorney at Anchorage and that a satisfactory handling of the matter be arranged with him. When this has been done, please advise me so that we may answer the letter from Mr. Davis, Director of the Division of Territories and Island Possessions.

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(Sgd.) T. W. Taylor
T. W. TAYLOR

Public Roads Admin.

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

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My dear Colonel Noyes:

Transmitted herewith is a self-explanatory letter dated March 16 from the Attorney General to the Secretary of the Interior, together with attached papers concerning the proposed purchase by the Alaska Road Commission of 2.185 acres of land from James J. Delaney and Nancy M. Delaney.

I am informally advised by the Department of Justice that this letter and material should have been sent to the United States District Attorney in Alaska, in the first place, who had apparently submitted the title question to the Department of Justice.

I suggest that you refer the enclosed letter and attachments to the United States District Attorney and provide any assistance he may require in getting the title question cleared up.

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Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) James P. Davis
 James P. Davis
 Director

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March 16, 1950

Honorable Oscar L. Chapman
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

An examination has been made of the title data relating to 2.165 acres of land, more or less, Alaska Road Commission Project, in Anchorage Recording District, Third Judicial Division, Territory of Alaska. This land is to be acquired for a consideration of \$190.00 by authority of existing legislation. The file number of this Department is 33-2-130.

The land is described in the enclosed deed dated November 23, 1949, executed by James J. Delaney and Nancy M. Delaney, husband and wife, to the United States of America.

The abstract, consisting of 9 pages, was last satisfactorily certified as of November 25, 1949, by Davis & Kenfrew, Abstracters.

The abstract and accompanying data disclose the title to be vested in James J. Delaney and Nancy M. Delaney, subject to:

1. All taxes and assessments.
2. Rights or claims of persons in possession, if any, not shown of record.
3. Mechanics' liens, if any, not shown of record.
4. Easements for roads, highways and public utilities, if any, not shown of record.
5. Rights of the United States and third persons, if any, under reservations contained in the patent shown at page 1 of the abstract.

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6. Easements, if any, used by third persons in connection with vested and accrued water rights.
7. Rights of the United States under the enclosed deed.
8. The registration of the land with the Territorial Assessor for the Third Division, Territory of Alaska, under the 1949 Session Laws of Alaska.

As a copy of the option was not submitted to this Department, the consideration for the purchase is not stated herein.

Prior to the consummation of this purchase it should be determined that the deed to the United States and the caption to the abstract include all the land described in the option.

When the above requirement and objections numbered 1, 2, 3 and 8 have been met, the enclosed deed to the United States, properly stamped, has been recorded, the purchase price has been paid, the abstract has been continued and certified to a date subsequent to the recordation of the deed, disclosing that nothing has occurred since the date of the present certificate to affect the title adversely, and showing the vesting of a valid title in the United States of America, and this Department has been informed in writing that objections 4, 5 and 6 will not interfere with the contemplated use of the land, the title will be approved subject to the rights and easements referred to in objections 4, 5 and 6.

The abstract and related papers are enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Attorney General

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REURAD TURNAGAIN ARM ESTIMATE COMPLETION ONE WAY THROUGH ROAD WITH
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(Sgd.) H. Rex Lee

H. REX LEE
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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AIR MAIL

FEB 28 1950

Mr. D. H. Nucker
Assistant to General Manager
The Alaska Railroad
Anchorage, Alaska

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Turnagain
Arm Project

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to funds advanced to the Alaska Railroad by the Alaska Road Commission for payment of contracts on the Turnagain Arm Project.

It has been noted that to date the sums advanced have all been deposited to the receipt account "116700" with the exception of \$1,000,000 which was deposited to "11X6700." All of these advances should have been deposited directly to "11X6700" and it is suggested that you request the Treasury Department, Division of Bookkeeping and Warrants, to process the necessary adjustment warrant to effect the correction. This adjustment is necessary in order to keep your "operating revenues" separate from other funds available to the railroad for purposes such as the Turnagain Arm project.

In your letter requesting this adjustment, Certificate of Deposit numbers, dates, and amounts should be given.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) T. W. Taylor

T. W. Taylor
Administrative Officer

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Colonel J. P. Johnson
General Manager
The Alaska Railroad
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Colonel Johnson:

We are pleased to know of your plans to study railroad locations in the Turnagain Arm section. It is extremely important that a location be found which would be suitable for the most efficient railroad and highway operation.

Sincerely yours,
((Sgd.)) H. Rex Lee

H. Rex Lee
Assistant Director

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