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

My dear Mr. Davis:

Since my return to Anchorage, I have discussed with our Engineering Department the subject of the recent meeting between Colonel Noyes, Mr. Stoddart, and myself at Juneau.

It is my opinion that at Mile 72.5, the proposed railroad line is too close to the toe of the mountain to avoid the large snowslides that occur at this location. I have requested our Engineering Department to conduct a survey to determine the feasibility of using the present highway location as the future railroad line location and to determine whether this would eliminate the possibility of future snowslides that disrupt the operation of the railroad at this location. If the Railroad should deem it feasible to use the present highway location, then it will be necessary for us to build a new highway grade on the Turnagain Arm side paralleling the recently constructed highway. If it is deemed necessary to move the highway, the work will be our responsibility and all costs involved will be borne by the Railroad.

The final determination as to whether or not changes will be made at Mile 72.5 will be dependent upon the results of the survey and estimates now being made by our Engineering Department. It will be necessary, in any event, to relocate the railroad at this point, as such changes are required in our overall rehabilitation program to reduce the curvature and add to the safe operation of the line. By using the recently placed highway embankments for the railroad subgrade and train hauling in the material needed to alter the highway, the overall cost of both highway and railroad for this section will probably be less than if the highway were originally constructed at the proposed outer location. As soon as our engineers' studies are completed, they will be submitted to you with my recommendations.

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Any action taken by the Railroad will not result in increased cost to the Bureau of Public Roads, nor will it be necessary to make any changes or extensions in their present contract for the building of the highway through this area. You may rest assured that our final determination will be cleared with both Mr. Stoddart and Colonel Noyes so that complete agreement will be reached and no delay will result in this part of the highway program.

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Sincerely yours,

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

My dear Mr. Davis:

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Colonel Johnson asked me to write you in response to your letter of November 28 regarding the road and railway right-of-way -Turnagain.

During the recent meeting at Juneau, Colonel Noyes and Colonel Johnson got together in Tke Taylor's office and thoroughly discussed problems pertinent to the Turnagain Arm Project. As a result of these discussions, a complete understanding developed which was satisfactory both to Colonel Noyes and to Colonel Johnson.

Upon Colonel Johnson's return to Anchorage, he is to discuss this meeting with our Engineering Office and instruct them as to the actions to be taken by the Railroad in compliance with the understanding reached at Juneau.

Sincerely yours,

D. H. Nucker Asst. to the Gen. Mgr. (F&A)

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

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

Dear Mr. Davis:

Receipt is acknowledged of your memorandum sent jointly to the General Manager of The Alaska Railroad and myself on the subject of road and railroad rights-of-way on Turnagain Arm and also dealing with other phases of cooperation between the Alaska Road Commission and The Alaska Railroad.

We are cooperating as closely as we know how with The Alaska Railroad in all fields of endeavor. Since the visit of Mr. Lee to Alaska in July and his suggestions that we get together at frequent intervals, I have seen Colonel Johnson at least three times. We see each other as often as we can considering the fact that we live 600 miles apart and have to travel a good deal.

The contracts for road construction along Turnagain Arm in the region of Colonel Johnson's complaints were made and are administered by the Bureau of Public Roads. The Alaska Road Commission serves only as an agency to hold funds. Preliminary plans for the work were submitted by the Bureau of Public Roads to The Alaska Railroad for approval before the contracts were let.

It appears that the engineers of The Alaska Railroad did not carefully review the plans for the road in their relation to the Railroad; were not conversant with the location for the Railroad desired by Colonel Johnson; or did not properly inform Colonel Johnson of conflicts between the location of the road and the location desired for the Railroad.

At the time of Mr. Rex Lee's visit to Alaska, when Colonel Johnson expressed concern about the location of the road, I advised him that the Bureau of Public Roads was responsible for the design and location and that he should take the matter up immediately with the Bureau of Public Roads local representatives. Since the work was already under contract, a formal action leading up to a supplemental agreement was, of course, necessary.

It does not appear that The Alaska Railroad took any formal action. I did not hear any more of the matter and assumed it was settled until Colonel Johnson mentioned it to me at Spokane, Washington, on

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November 13th or 14th, 1949. At that time I immediately telephoned Mr. Taylor in Juneau and asked him to take the matter up again with Mr. Stoddart of the Bureau of Public Roads. Mr. Taylor informed me that nothing had been presented yet by The Alaska Railroad to the Bureau of Public Roads or ourselves upon which we could act. I so informed Colonel Johnson.

On November 30th, Colonel Johnson, Mr. Stoddart, and other representatives of The Alaska Railroad, Bureau of Public Roads, and Alaska Road Commission met on this subject. It was agreed that The Railroad and the Bureau of Public Roads would immediately look into the matter further and decide what could be done. I asked Mr. Stoddart to inform me if any increased costs or delay in completion would be involved. This appears to be as far as I can go in the matter, since the contracts are Bureau of Public Roads contracts, not ours.

It is my understanding that Colonel Johnson proposes to build a new fill for the road in some manner so that the existing contracts will not be disturbed. It appears that this method of handling the improvement would be acceptable to the Bureau of Public Roads and would satisfy requirements for The Railroad, insofar as future Railroad improvements conflict with the presently improved highway design.

Sincerely yours,

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John R. Noyes Commissioner of Roads for Alaska

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cc: Mr. H. A. Stoddart Bureau of Public Roads, Juneau Col. J. P. Johnson The Alaska Railroad, Anchorage

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY DIVISION OF TERRITORIES AND ISLAND POSSESSIONS WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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To:

Col. J. P. Johnson, General Manager, The Alaska Bailroad Col. John R. Noyes, Commissioner of Roads for Alaska

From: James P. Davis, Director

Subject: Road and Railway rights-of-way - Turnagain Arm

Last August when Nex Lee made an inspection of the Turnagain Arm Project with you, he was surprised to find that there were some unresolved conflicts between the new highway right-of-way and the proposed realignment right-of-way of The Alaska Hailroad.

At that time he asked the Public Roads officials and you to get together immediately to resolve these differences. Several days ago I heard that these difficulties had not been straightened out and that both the Public Roads Administration and the Railroad were going ahead on their individual plans without regard to the needs of each other. This is an extremely serious matter which, if not cleared up immediately, may cost the government thousands of dollars in the future.

I can see absolutely no excuse for your delay in resolving these problems and I am asking that you immediately get together and work out a mutually satisfactory solution. As Col. Noyes has fiscal control over the Turnagain Arm Road Project, I expect him to make the necessary arrangements with the Public Roads Administration and get together with the Alaska Railroad. I should like a report by December 15 on this matter.

I have called this matter to the attention of the Public Roads Administration here in Washington and am sending them a copy of this memorendum.

I understand that Mr. Lee suggested last summer that you get together once every month or two to go over mutual problems and to coordinate transportation problems in Alaska. One of the suggestions made was that you might do some work on standardizing equipment and equipment repair and to work out a system of equipment loans. I am sure there are many other ways in which you might assist each other. If such meetings had been held, it is likely that the above type of difficulties would have been avoided. I should like reports on the progress that you are making in this regard.

(Sgd.) James P. Davis

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C.C. Mr. Clark - Public Roads Adm. James P. Davis Rm. 6046 - General Director Services Building

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JAMES P DAVIS DIRECTOR

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Confirmation copy to: Col. Noyes c.c. Col. Johnson, c/o The Alaska Road Commission, Juneau, Alaska Col. Johnson, The Alaska Railroad, Anchorage, Alaska Mr. Clark, Room 6046, Public Roads Administration Col. Johnson - Baranof Hotel, 2nd & Franklin, Juneau, Alaska

GOVERNMENT IN THE TERRITORIES

Construction and Maintenance of Roads, Bridges, and Trails, Ala

On page 642 of the Budget, in column 1. under the above heading, increase the estimate in line 10 from "\$26,692,000" to "\$28,692,000," and increase the estimate for contract authorization in line 18 from "\$7,000,000" to "\$10,000,000." ۳.

Turnagain Arm Road

Purpose of Road

The development of the Kenai Peninsula has long been retarded by the lack of a road connection with the central road system of Alaska. As stated to the Congress in 1948, a road around Turnagain Arm connecting the Kenai Peninsula with Anchorage and the mainland of Alaska is considered essential to the development of this important area.

The Kenai Peninsula contains some 9,000 square miles of agricultural, timber, mining, fishing and recreational resources and is an area of great potentiality. Settlement and development of this area will be greatly accelerated by the completion of the Turnagain Arm Road and the Kenai Lake to Homer Road as these roads will provide easy access by automobile and truck to the areas of greatest promise on the peninsula.

The Alaska Railroad now connects Seward on the Kenai Peninsula with Anchorage and central Alaska. It has been the Interior Department's intention to abandon that portion of The Alaska Railroad between Seward and Portage because of its high operating cost, dangerous condition, and high cost of rehabilitation. Without the road connection now under construction the abandonment of the Seward line would have isolated the Kenai Peninsula.

Action by the Congress

The First Deficiency Appropriation Bill for 1948 made an appropriation of \$7,370,000 and provided additional contract authorization of \$4,000,000 for the construction of the subject road. This appropriation and contract authorization were based upon an estimated cost of \$11,373,000 for a road between mile 58 on the Forest Highway from Seward, and Potter where connection is made with the Anchorage road system--a distance of approximately 60° miles.

The estimated total cost of this road has increased to \$16,432,779, based on existing contracts, and detailed engineering estimates made within the past year for the work not yet under contract. This amendment provides for an increase of \$5,000,000 in the total estimated cost of this project, so that contracts can be entered into as promptly as possible and work on the final section of this road begun during the summer working season of calendar year 1949.

Statement of Contracts Awarded and Estimates for Remaining Work

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	Total available		11,370,000	
Add	itional funds required		\$5,062,779	**
A	dditional Cash requested	\$2,000,000		
A	dditional Contract Authority requested	<u>3,000,000</u>		
	Total increase requested	\$5,000,000		

* Under Contract ** Rounded off to \$5,000,000

Cost of Construction

The revised estimate for the entire project is approximately 40 percent above the original estimate. The following factors have been responsible for this increase:

- 1. The Public Roads Administration cost index for highway construction in the United States indicates an increase in costs of 23.5 percent from the time of the original estimate to the last quarter in 1948. The cost index for the period of the original estimate was 133.9; for the last quarter of 1948 it reached 165.3. This index reflects the high labor and equipment costs involved and indicates the major reason for the cost of construction exceeding the original estimate.
- 2. The uncertainties of construction schedules due to recent prolonged tie-ups between management and labor in the maritime industry have caused the contractors to increase their estimates. Economical construction requires planned scheduling. Major deviations from schedule are costly.
- 3. Pressure for immediate construction was exerted on contractors for that portion of the road from mile 58 (on the Forest Highway to Seward) to Portage. This was necessary to get a road through to Portage as soon as possible because of the possibility that the Seward line of the Railroad might have to be abandoned at any time due to its dangerous condition.
- 4. More yardage of rock and dirt has had to be moved than originally designed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY DIVISION OF TERRITORIES AND ISLAND POSSESSIONS WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Hon. Michael J. Kirwan Chairman Subcommittee in Charge of Interior Department Appropriations House of Representatives

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My dear Senator Kirwan:

This letter will confirm my testimony before you on June 16, 1949, on the reduction in cost of the Turnagain Arm project in Alaska.

In House Document 101, under Government in the Territories, the President submitted a supplemental estimate of \$5,000,000 to complete the Turnagain Arm road in Alaska. This estimate made a total of \$16,570,000 required to complete the road. As I indicated in our hearing after this supplemental was submitted, we received the final bids on this road. These bids are approximately \$2,000,000 lower than our supplemental estimate, thus making a total cost of \$14,570,000 in lieu of \$16,370,000. Our needs to complete this road are as follows:

- \$4,000,000 cash as requested in the regular Interior appropriation item to cover contracts entered into last year under our contract authority.
- 2. \$2,000,000 in cash as outlined in the supplemental estimate contained in House Document 101.
- 5. \$1,000,000 contract authorization in lieu of the \$5,000,000 contract authorization requested in House Document 101.

We now have contracts on all sections of the road but one, and on this section we have a firm bid. If the above amounts are granted, this important road can be completed during the next working season.

HRL:agh 6/22/49 Sincerely yours, ((Sgd.) James P. Davis

> James P. Davis Director

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Hon. Carl⁴Hayden Chairman, Interior Appropriations Subcommittee United States Senate

My dear Senator Mayden:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY DIVISION OF TERRITORIES AND ISLAND POSSESSIONS WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Air Mail

Mr. Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineer √Alaska Road Commission Juneau, Alaska

By dear Mr. Taylor:

This is in reply to your letter requesting our advice as to the procedure the Department requires in determining the value of I land to be acquired when it is not necessary to resort to condennation proceedings.

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It is my understanding that there is no prescribed departmental procedure for determining the value of land to be However, the National Park Service has adopted a proacculred. cedure which has Secretarial approval and which the Alaska Road Commission may wish to adapt to its needs. This procedure calls for an appraisal of the land by a competent and qualified individual. If you have no such person in the employ of the Road Commission, perhaps the National Forest Service can make such a person available on a reimbursable basis. If such an arrangement does not appear to be feasible, perhaps a local and disinterested real estate man can behired to make the appraisal. In any case, the objective is to have available an appraisal which can serve as a basis for determining whether the value set by the prospective seller is a reasonable one, and also justify and support the price paid by the Alaska Road Commission in the event that the General Accounting Office questions the price paid in a post audit of the contract of sale.

As soon as the Interior Department Appropriation bill is enacted containing language which will make funds available to the Alaska Road Commission for acquisition of rights-of-way, a draft 9-1-68 - Hen . of a Secretarial order will be prepared which will delegate authority to the Commissioner or such officers as he may designate, to approve 1-55 apple ada tom 1-41 Rightry and accept options and offers to sell rights-of-way, and to accept deads of convergence. /I am enclosing a copy of a contract form deeds of conveyance. /I am enclosing a copy of a contract form which is currently used by the National Park Service in its acquisition work. Some of its provisions may not be pertinent, but the contract form can serve as a model and be adapted to the needs of the Alaska Road Commission.



Please feel free to call upon me if you require any additional information in this matter. Υ.

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Sincerely yours, (Sgd.) James P. Davis

> James P. Davis Director

Enclosure

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

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> Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In construction of the Turnagain Arm project it will be necessary to acquire right-of-way over privately-owned land on the Alaska Railroad near Indian, Mile Post 88.2. This land is owned by Mr. Delaney, of Anchorage, who is agreeable to deeding it to the Government for right-ofway purposes. Mr. Delaney prices his land at \$100 per acre and approximately 1.9 acres will be required. We have investigated the price at which land has recently sold in the vicinity and have consulted the Bureau of Land Management, and find that the price asked by Mr. Delaney is not unreasonable.

It appears that, if our pending appropriation is passed with the wording approved by the Budget in which we are authorized to acquire land by purchase, it will only be necessary to complete certain formalities as to title and as to the value of the land. Please therefore advise what procedure the Department requires in determining the value of land where it is not necessary to resort to condemnation proceedings. Will the method we have used in determining the value be sufficient, or will it be necessary to have it evaluated by a Board of Appraisers? We would like this information not only for the present case, but for any similar cases in the future.

We note from Section 61 of Order 2509 that we are authorized to enter into correspondence with the Attorney General concerning title to any area to be acquired. We are now in correspondence with the U.S. District Attorney for the Judicial Division in which the land is situated, he being the representative of the Attorney General in the locality (U.S. Code, Title 40, Section 256).

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor,/ Chief Engineer.

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May 18, 1949.

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Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

As requested in your telegram today, we are forwarding herewith a copy of our letter of April 6 concerning acquisition of right-of-way over privately-owned land on the Turnagain Arm project.

We will appreciate as prompt a reply as possible to the questions we raise.

Very truly yours,

G. H. Skinner

Chief, Administrative Division.

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> Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Will you please refer to our letter of April 6 concerning acquisition of privately-owned land necessary for right-of-way purposes on the north end of the Turnagain Arm project.

Bids for the construction of this section will be opened on May 11, and I would very much like to have the matter of right-of-way settled before the execution of contract and the authorizing of the contractor to proceed with the work. Can you expedite this matter to any extent?

Very truly yours,

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Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY

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In your reply please refer to File No. C-1.22

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May 2, 1949

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

My dear Mr. Davis:

There is enclosed a Standard Form 1080 voucher, our Bill No. 49-188A in the amount of \$563,198.00 requesting an additional advance of funds for financing the construction of Turnagain Arm project F3 - Bridges. The total billed represents the amount of the low bid, \$489,738,00, plus 15 percent for engineering and contingencies.

It will be appreciated if you will have this voucher approved and forwarded to the Alaska Road Commission for payment.

Very truly yours,

/s/ C. D. Curtiss C. D. Curtiss Deputy Cómmissioner <u>Public R</u>oads Administration

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Respectfully referred to the Alaska Road Commission, Juneau, Alaska.

(Sgd.) T. W. Taylor

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T. W. Taylor Administrative Officer

PUBLIC ROADS ADMINISTRATION FEDERAL WORKS AGENCY WASHINGTON 25

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO.________

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

My dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed is a copy of Bid Tabulation on Alaska, Turnagain Arm Bridges, Project F3, Peterson Creek to Indian.

We have received word from Mr. Stoddart that Colonel Noyes has concurred in award to the low bidder and Mr. Stoddart has been instructed to advise the low bidder to execute the formal

contract.

Very truly yours rac

Commissioner of Public Roads

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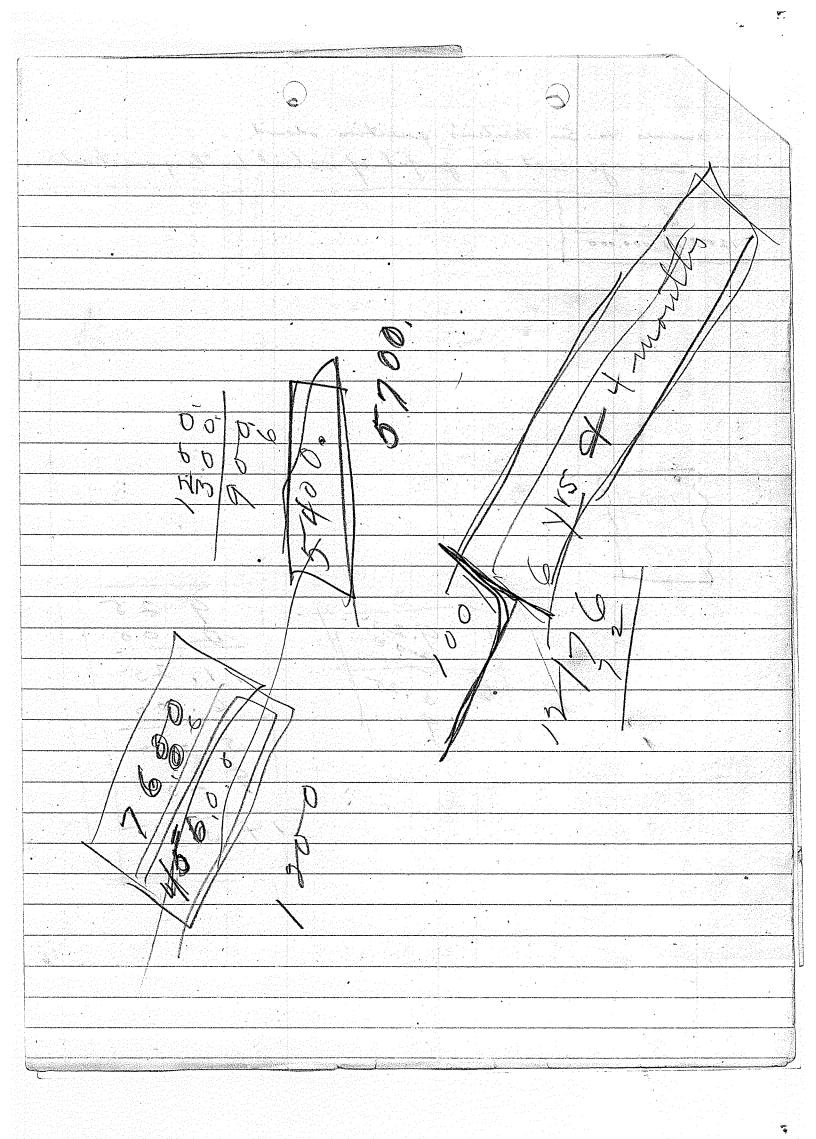
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Mr. H. A. Stoddart, Division Engineer, Public Roads Administration, Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Stoddart:

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> I have reviewed the tabulation of bids received for Section F-3, Bridges on the Turnagain Arm Project. You are authorized to proceed with award on this work to J. J. Bradraun, the low bidder, at \$488,738. Advance funds will be made when requested.

Very truly yours,

John R. Noyes, Commissioner of Roads for Alaska,

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Mr. Thomas N. MacDonald Commissioner of Public Roads Public Roads Administration Federal Works Agency Washington 25, D. G.

Ny dear Mr. MacDonald:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter addressed to Colonel Noyes requesting his to pass upon the matter of making award to the low bidder on Turnegain Arm Project F3-Bridges.

I am sure that you will hear promptly from Colonel Noyes on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) James P. Davis

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY DIVISION OF TERRITORIES AND ISLAND POSSESSIONS WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Col. John R. Noyes Counterioner of Boads for Alaska Alaska Road Countesion Juneau, Alaska

Ny dear Colonel Neves:

We have received the enclosed latter and attachment from Thomas H. HacDonald, Commissioner of Public Roads. I am informing him that approval from this Department will come from you. If you have not already done so, please indicate to Mr. Steddart your concurrence or non-concurrence in the proposed sward to the low bidder.

I on forwarding a copy of this letter to Commissioner MacDonald.

Sincerely yours.

(Sgd.) James P. Davis

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

My dear Mr. Davis:

There is attached a copy of Mr. Stoddart's wire concerning bids taken on Turnagain Arm Project F3-Bridges, Peterson Creek to Indian.

The low bid of \$489,738 exceeds the engineer's estimate by 5.6 percent and your concurrence in award to the low bidder is requested.

We will forward copies of the bid tabulations as soon as they are received from the Juneau office.

Request for advance of funds to cover the proposed contract amount plus the usual 15 percent for engineering and contingencies will be forwarded within a few days, in accordance with past procedures.

Very truly yours,

Quar Donald

Commissioner of Public Roads

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AIR MAIL

Mr. Ike P. Taylor. Chief Engineer, Alaska Road Commission, Juncau, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Taylor:

Responding to your radio of February 28, the supplemental estimate for Turnagain Arm is now before the Bureau of the Budget. Colonel Noyes was at the Budget hearing.

The supplemental is for addition of contract authority and cash for Turnagain Arm to the 1950 estimate of the Alaska Road Commission. It is the Bureau of the Budget's thinking as well as this Division's that no obligations should be entered into until at least one house of Congress has acted upon it. If there is any question, we may have to wait until both houses have passed the appropriation. The supplemental will be forwarded to the Senate, we believe, and the Senate hearing will probably be around April 1. It may be the end of April before we know the Senate's action on the supplemental.

Sincerely yours.

(Sgd.) T. W. Taylor

T. W. Taylor, Administrative Officer.

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Fursuant to an agreement between the Alaska Road Commission, The Alaska Sailroad, and the Fublic Roads Administration, approved by the Secretary of the Interior on 12 July, 1948, The Alaska Sailroad prepared surveys, plans, designs, and estimates for 122 miles of read from Indian to Fotter, Alaska, which is the only section of the Turnagain Arm Boad not yet constructed or under contract. These data were the subject of a conference in Anchorage on 5 October, 1948, when the Consissioner of Hoads for Alaska, Colonel John B. Noyes, and the Division Engineer, Public Roads Administration, Janeau, Mr. H. A. Stoddart, felt that the estimates were excessive and that new surveys would be needed. The plan propared at this time by The Alaska Railroad provided for a new line for the Railroad below or seaward of the present line, with six degree maximum curvature and negligible rise and fall, together with a location for the highway adjacent to and forming a part of the same right-of-way as the Maliroad. The estimate on this ran to HEARTH hone than \$12,000,000.

It was then agreed that further surveys, plans and estimates would be prepared by The Alaska Hailroad for two alternative locations. The first of these was to follow a high line along the acuntain side above and entirely separate from the Hailroad route. The second was to provide for a new line for the Hailroad with the Highway to eccupy

Mr. T.W. Taylor <u>Copy</u>.

the old Railroad right-of-way. To these was later added another survey, plan and estimate for a highway outside of and independent of the present railroad right-of-way. The first and third of these plans would not disturb the present location of the Hailroad in any manner. **9**

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2.	28' Highway on Highline above Railroad	\$5,430,720.00	\$543,072.00	\$5,973,792.00
3.	Original Combined Section (34' Highway, 6° Hailroad Curve)	\$9,274,278.00	\$927,427.8 0	\$10,201,705.80
4.	New 6° Line for Rail- road and 28' Highway on abandoned Sailroad Grade	\$6,871,635.50	\$697,183.55	\$ 7,559,019.05
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To Plan No. 3 should be added the sum of \$1,146,282.50 for Bailroad costs and to Plan No. 4 should be added \$995,637.50 for Bailroad costs. These include the furnishing of new ties and rails and the laying of truck, costs which are not chargeable to the highway and which it was agreed should be handled entirely by The Alaska Bailroad with Sailroad funds.

As a result of further conferences participated in by the Cosmissioner of Roads for Alaska, the Division Engineer of the Public Roads

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