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August 27 1959

Honorable James E. Murray
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Murray:

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The study and investigation being conducted by the Alaska International Rail and Highway Commission will provide valuable data and information in connection with this matter. In the meantime, it is believed that the Alaska Highway is fairly adequate for the types

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I appreciate your interest in this matter, and wish to thank you again for bringing Mr. Sowerwine's letter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

FREDERICK H. MUELLER

Secretary of Commerce

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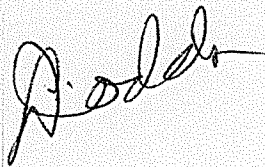
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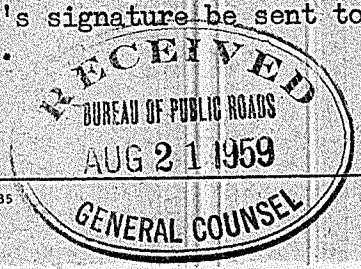
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COMMENTS:		
Attached is letter from Senator Murray in connection with Alaska highway which I discussed with you.		
I suggest that proposed reply for Secretary's signature be sent to Bob Dodds.		



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August 19, 1959

Department of Commerce will find informative
information from E. O. Sowerwine, Jr.,
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the position on S. 1125 that improve-
ment of only land access to Alaska,
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Sincerely yours,

James E. Murray
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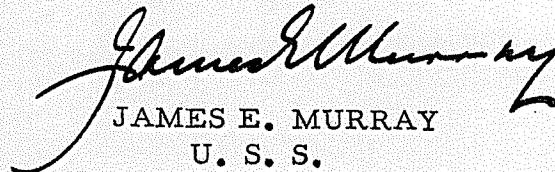
August 19, 1959

Honorable Frederick H. Mueller
Secretary
Department of Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mueller:

I believe the Department of Commerce will find informative the enclosed letter I have just received from E. O. Sowerwine, Jr., Director of the Montana State Planning Board, in which he points out in commenting on the Department's position on S. 1125 that improvement of the present highway, being our only land access to Alaska, should not be delayed until after the Alaska International Rail and Highway Commission has made its report on June 1, 1961.

Sincerely yours,


JAMES E. MURRAY
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Sam W. Mitchell Building, Helena, Montana

August 13, 1959

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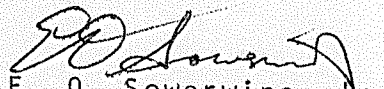
The Honorable James E. Murray
The United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Murray:

Thank you for the Thermofax copy of Frederick H. Mueller's letter of August 3, 1959, to the Committee on Public Works referring to S. 1125 for the improvement of the Alaska Highway.

We appreciate why the Department of Commerce feels that the improvement of the Alaska Highway should await recommendations by the Alaska International Rail and Highway Commission. However, the final report of said committee is not due until June 1, 1961. We feel that improvement of the present highway, being our only land access to Alaska, should not be delayed that long. As Montana is directly affected by the use or nonuse of the present highway, and since the amount of its use in the immediate future will undoubtedly have a bearing on the recommended location for additional land communication facilities, we feel that no time should be lost or facilities delayed which might decrease this use. We believe that the economy of Montana will be aided by any improvement which will encourage the use of the present highway.

Sincerely yours,


E. O. Sowerwine, Jr.
Director

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cc: Sen. Mike Mansfield
Rep. LeRoy H. Anderson
Rep. Lee Metcalf



THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE PLANNING BOARD IS TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF MONTANA FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

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AUGUST 11, 1959

WILLIAM J. NIEMI
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JUNEAU, ALASKA

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. C. W. Emfield, General Counsel

DATE: August 7, 1959

FROM : Arthur D. Goldstein

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26-21

SUBJECT: Conveyance to Alaska Pursuant to Alaska Omnibus Act

I should like to report on this subject as follows:

1. Regional Engineer advised by memorandum of July 9, 1959, that the listing of the road from Craig to Klawak-FAS 924 was inadvertently omitted from the road system described in Schedule A, Highways, part of Quitclaim Deed to State of Alaska. A supplementary deed to include such road will eventually be required.

2. Regional Engineer also advised by same memorandum that Route FAS-991 had been incorrectly described by reference to "Chilkat" River instead of to "Chilkoot" River. By memorandum of July 9, Regional Engineer advised that there are both Chilkat and Chilkoot rivers in close geographic proximity. This must be taken care of by corrected deed.

3. Notice re conveyance of property to Alaska appeared in the issue of Federal Register of July 25. From that date through August 7, no issue of the Federal Register has contained a notice by any Federal agency of a need for property transferred to Alaska.

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Alaska

10-00 Mr. W. J. Niemi, Regional Engineer
Juneau, Alaska

July 24, 1959

24-40 D. M. Beach, Chief, Program Analysis Division
Washington, D. C.

Sliding Scale Rates in Public Lands States

Enactment of the "Alaska Omnibus Act" makes Alaska eligible for sliding scale rates of Federal-aid participation as a public lands State, for Federal-aid primary, secondary and urban apportionments subsequent to fiscal year 1960.

Attached is a copy of a memorandum dated August 28, 1958, setting forth these sliding scale rates now in effect. Rates for Alaska have been inserted for your information.

The rate stated for Alaska is based on information recently furnished by the Department of the Interior. A revised schedule will be issued in the near future. However, it is anticipated that there will be no material change in the 0.7352 ratio for Alaska.

Attachment

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Mr. D. M. Beach

Mr. W. L. Dye

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS
Washington 25, D. C.

August 28, 1958

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM TO: Regional Engineers
FROM: D. M. Beach, Chief, Program Analysis Division
SUBJECT: Sliding Scale Rates in Public Lands States

Herewith is a statement of sliding scale rates of Federal participation in Public Lands States. The 50-percent Federal, 50-percent State rates are applicable to projects financed from primary, secondary, and urban funds. The 66 2/3-percent Federal, 33 1/3-percent State rates are applicable to projects financed from the \$400 million of primary, secondary, and urban funds authorized by Sec. 2(a) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1958. The 60-percent Federal, 40-percent State rates are applicable to projects financed from Interstate (IN) funds authorized by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1954. The 90-percent Federal, 10-percent State rates apply to projects financed from interstate funds authorized by the Federal-Aid Highway Acts of 1956 and 1958.

The rates apply to the costs of Federal-aid projects financed from the respective funds except for (1) projects on class 1 or class 2 forest highways undertaken pursuant to Section 3(a) of the 1958 Act, and (2) grade crossing projects financed at greater than the regular participating ratio. For all such grade crossing projects the maximum participation of Federal-aid funds is 100 percent for preliminary engineering and for construction and 50 percent for rights-of-way.

These sliding scale rates are effective September 15, 1958.

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Sliding Scale rates of Federal-aid participation in Public Lands States

Effective September 15, 1958

State	Ratio of the area of unappropriated and unserved public lands and non-taxable Indian lands to the total area of the State ^{1/}	Percentage of cost of Federal-aid projects payable by the Federal Government			
		ABC Program		Interstate Program	
		50% Federal: 50% State	66 2/3% Federal: 33 1/3% State	60% Federal: 40% State	90% Federal: 10% State
Alaska	.7352	86.76 ^{2/}			
Ariz.	.4383	71.92	81.28	77.53	94.38
Calif.	.1650	58.25	72.17	66.60	91.65
Colo.	.1314	56.57	71.05	65.26	91.31
Idaho	.2294	61.47	74.31	69.18	92.29
Mont.	.1297	56.49	70.99	65.19	91.30
Nev.	.6640	83.20	88.80	86.56	95.00 ^{3/}
N. Mex.	.2518	62.59	75.06	70.07	92.52
Oreg.	.2371	61.86	74.57	69.48	92.37
S. Dak.	.1097	55.49	70.32	64.39	91.10
Utah	.4881	74.41	82.94	79.52	94.88
Wash.	.0697	53.49	68.99	62.79	90.70
Wyo.	.2875	64.38	76.25	71.50	92.88

^{1/} Area data as of June 30, 1958, furnished by Department of the Interior.

^{2/} Does not apply to apportionments for fiscal year 1960 and prior years.

^{3/} Maximum amount.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

Alaska

Mr. W. J. Niemi, Regional Engineer
Juneau, Alaska
Attention: Mr. M. Bales
W. H. O'Donoghue, Chief,
Property and Services Branch

August 3, 1959

24-62

Transfer of Property under the Alaska Omnibus Act

Since all real property not needed for the Bureau's new operation in Alaska was transferred to the State of Alaska on June 30, 1959, the Bureau's report to GSA on owned real property must document all transfers of property. On reviewing your schedules on the real property transferred to the State of Alaska a question has arisen regarding the McKinley Park Depot. Our records based on your previous reports indicate that this facility consisted of a building containing 1,800 square feet with an acquisition cost of \$6,000. Your report on the transfer of real property to Alaska carried this facility under Schedule C, Unimproved Real Property, did not include any reference to the building. Please explain the disposition of the building.

The House Committee on Government Operations has asked for a report of estimated present-day evaluation of acreage, owned by the Department of Commerce, which is presently listed at "no value" or recorded at \$1 for accounting purposes. The Committee desires the following information for each holding: Location; Acres; Estimated Evaluation; Present General Ledger Value; and Principal Use of Installation. This report should not include: acreage on permit from another Federal agency; acreage withdrawn from Public Domain as this information is furnished in a separate report to the Committee; and acreage reported at "no value" or zero on the current 1166 but which is carried in the General Ledger Account at the original acquisition cost of less than \$500.

After reviewing your reports of the Bureau-owned real property being retained in Alaska, it appears that the following installations meet the criteria listed in the preceding paragraph: Fairbanks Apartments - 0.4 acres; Ketchikan Depot - 0.4 acres; Petersburg Depot - 1.13 acres; Silvertip - 20.0 acres. At the time of the transfer of real property to Alaska you were not sure of the method of acquiring the 4.5 acres at Mile 12.3, Juneau. This facility may have to be included in the report. Please report on any other retained facilities you believe qualify under the criteria described in the preceding paragraph.

I would appreciate hearing from you by August 14.

WA
cc: Files ✓ Reader File Mr. W. H. O'Donoghue
WHO'Donoghue:ccc

8-4-59

Alaska

COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

The Under Secretary for Transportation

July 22, 1959

The Staff Director *151 J. Ferrin*

Your memo of July 17, 1959, to General Counsel, transmitting to me for filing 10 documents regarding "Transfer of Properties and Bureau of Public Roads Functions to the State of Alaska."

All of the documents listed have been received.

While these are not classified documents, they represent the divesting by BPR to the State of Alaska of certain property interests of BPR which were used by that agency to execute certain functions. Consequently, since they deal with management functions and property they will be filed in our lock-safe under Administration - Real and Personal Property - BPR.

JFFerrin:rab - 7/22/59

- cc: Signer
- Mr. Hupp
- Mr. Nash
- Mr. Mueller
- Public Roads Administrator
- Mr. Enfield, BPR

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Mr. William L. Stout, Regional Engineer
Fairbanks, Alaska

July 21, 1959

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C. W. Hoffman, District Engineer
Fairbanks

Henry E. Krevor

W. J. Murray, Acting Assistant District Engineer
Regional Office for Alaska Highway System

Reference is made to your memorandum of July 15, 1959, regarding the proposed route for the new road from Fairbanks to Alaska. The proposed route is generally correct and suitable for a road to Fairbanks from the Fairbanks area.

The proposed route will require the construction of a road through the Fairbanks area, with particular attention to the Fairbanks area. The proposed route is generally correct and suitable for a road to Fairbanks from the Fairbanks area.

It is noted that the proposed route for the new road from Fairbanks to Alaska is generally correct and suitable for a road to Fairbanks from the Fairbanks area. The proposed route is generally correct and suitable for a road to Fairbanks from the Fairbanks area.

In view of the fact that the construction of the proposed road from Fairbanks to Alaska is generally correct and suitable for a road to Fairbanks from the Fairbanks area.

WJ

Attest:

Mr. W. J. Murray, District Engineer
Mr. C. W. Hoffman

WJ
LWS

7-21-59

BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

*Mr Woolsey
Alaska*

Mr. W. J. Niemi, Regional Engineer
Juneau, Alaska

July 16, 1959

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26-32 C. W. Enfield, General Counsel
By (Signed) Joseph Guandolo
Joseph Guandolo, Assistant General Counsel
Alleged Fraud against the Government, Haines, Alaska

The attached copy of a report made to Mr. Woolsey dated April 23, 1959, should give you the background on the above-mentioned matter. Mr. Woolsey has agreed with the recommendation in the last paragraph of the April 23, 1959, memorandum and accordingly this memorandum is for the purpose of advising you of the situation and requesting advice as to whether there was a valid agreement between the city and Public Roads for this construction and, secondly, whether the agreement could cover Mr. Searcey's services as water commissioner on an hourly basis.

Your attention to this matter is respectfully requested and we will appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Attachment

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cc: Mr. Woolsey ✓
Mr. Alexander
Mr. Enfield (Alaska file)
Mr. McInerny
Mr. Guandolo

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BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

Alaska

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William J. Miami, Regional Engineer
Juneau, Alaska

July 16, 1959

26-11

C. W. Bufield, General Counsel, Washington, D. C.

By

S. K. Booth, Deputy General Counsel

S. K. Booth

Existing Maintenance Agreements Between Bureau of
Public Roads and Cities or Towns in Alaska

Reference is made to your letter of June 10, 1959, to Mr. Richard A. Downing, Commissioner, Alaska Highway and Public Works Department. It is indicated in that letter that existing maintenance agreements between the Bureau and cities or towns in Alaska for reimbursement for maintenance work performed by them on sections of the Federal-aid system within their corporate limits will become void after June 30, 1959, due to the repeal, effective July 1, 1959, of section 116(d) of title 23, United States Code, by the Alaska Omnibus Act.

In connection with the matters raised in your letter, we have given consideration to the following provisions of the law:

1. Section 21(b) of the Alaska Omnibus Act, P. L. 86-70, approved June 25, 1959, provides that any contract entered into by the Federal Government in connection with the activities of the Bureau of Public Roads in Alaska, which has not been completed on the date of the transfer, may be completed in accordance with its terms.
2. Section 21(c) (2) of the Alaska Omnibus Act provides that Federal-aid funds apportioned to Alaska for fiscal year 1960 and prior fiscal years, unobligated on the date of the enactment, may be used for maintenance of highways on the Federal-aid systems in Alaska.

In view of these provisions of the Alaska Omnibus Act, we are of the opinion that such existing agreements concerning maintenance could be carried out according to their terms and that they will not become void solely by reason of the repeal of said section 116(d). As long as funds are available for maintenance to make payments under contracts in existence for maintenance work by cities or towns, there would seem to be no question as to their legality and effectiveness.

We wish to point out, however, that the existence of these agreements would in no way preclude the State from making any arrangements with cities or towns for maintenance work as the State may consider desirable.

E. K. BOOPY

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It is requested that Mr. Downing be advised in accordance with this memorandum.

M. Nicholas

- cc: Files (2)
- Mr. Cunningham, Western Counsel
- Mr. Turner
- Mr. Guandolo
- Mr. Krever
- Mr. Hatfield
- Gen Counsel
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AM 7-20-59

BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

Alaska

10-00 Mr. W. J. Niemi, Regional Engineer
Juneau, Alaska

July 14, 1959

23-10 Paul F. Royster, Assistant Commissioner
Washington 25, D. C.

Paul F. Royster

Data Requested by Senator Gruening

Reference is made to your memorandum of July 7, furnishing highway mileage and other statistical data for Alaska. A copy of your report, as submitted, was furnished immediately to Senator Gruening, in order to satisfy his urgent needs. It was agreed that a review would be made in this office of the complete report and discrepancies, if any, would be explained in a subsequent letter.

Important from our view point at this time is the data furnished on the route totals of Secondary and Primary mileage of unconstructed roads, reported on pages 10 and 11. We are unable to correlate these totals with your summary presented on page one. Please explain, also, why "unnecessary mileages" were reported, inasmuch, as they did not appear relevant to this report.

Under the pressing circumstances of the original request, it is urged that an immediate reply be forwarded on the questioned items so as to facilitate an early followup letter to the Senator.

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cc: Files (2)
Federal Hwy. Projs. Div.
Mr. Royster - Room 814

John
7-14-59

BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

Alaska

Robert J. Hudd, Jr., General Counsel
Department of Commerce

July 13, 1959

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Reports pertaining to Alaska property

Transmitted herewith are three copies each of the following reports pertaining to Alaska property:

1. Recap of Operating Supplies
2. Personal Property Retained by BPR
3. Personal Property Retained by BPR (Forest Highway)
4. Real Property Retained by Bureau of Public Roads

Classification

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**CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO ALASKA PURSUANT TO SECTION 21
OF THE ACT APPROVED JUNE 25, 1959 (73 STAT. 141)**

Pursuant to the authority contained in section 21 of the act approved by the President June 25, 1959 (73 Stat. 141), the Secretary of Commerce by quitclaim deed on June 30, 1959, transferred to the State of Alaska all rights, title and interest of the Department of Commerce in all real properties owned, held, administered, or used by the Secretary of Commerce in connection with the activities of the Bureau of Public Roads in Alaska, except such real properties as the Secretary has determined are needed for the operations, activities, and functions of the Bureau of Public Roads in Alaska after such transfer. This transfer was subject to the condition that if the Secretary of Commerce or the head of any other Federal agency determines and publishes notice thereof in the Federal Register within 120 days next following June 30, 1959, that all or any part of these premises or any interests therein are needed for continued retention in Federal ownership for purposes other than or in addition to road purposes, the Secretary of Commerce may enter and terminate the estate quitclaimed in those portions of the premises concerning which said determinations are made, by notifying the Governor of the State of Alaska of such termination by registered letter or letters mailed by June 30, 1960. The State of Alaska has accepted the property transferred without waiving any rights it might otherwise have to refer any dispute to the Claims Commission authorized by section 46 of the aforesaid act approved June 25, 1959.

*RG 30, Bur. of Public Roads
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In order to give Federal agencies an opportunity to determine whether any of the real property so transferred is needed for continued retention in Federal ownership for purposes other than or in addition to road purposes, the following procedure will be used:

(a) Any Federal agency which determines that any of such real property is needed for continued retention in Federal ownership shall publish notice of such determination in the Federal Register within 60 days from the date of this publication.

(b) Such notice shall set forth a determination that there is either a firm requirement or a tentative requirement for retention of the properties concerned.

(c) If the notice sets forth a tentative requirement, the agency concerned shall determine whether a firm requirement for the property exists and, if so, shall publish notice of such determination within 30 days after publication of notice of the tentative requirement.

(d) It will be considered that none of the lands or interests in lands so transferred are needed for retention in Federal ownership for purposes other than or in addition to road purposes, unless a notice or notices with respect thereto are published in the Federal Register as provided in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) herein.

(e) After notice has been published in the Federal Register that a firm requirement exists for the retention in Federal ownership of any real property transferred as above described, the Federal agency concerned shall, within 120 days after publication of such notice, submit a formal request to the Secretary of Commerce for the Secretary to enter and terminate the estate quit-claimed to the State of Alaska to the extent of the agency's request. Failure of a Federal agency to make such formal request to the Secretary of Commerce will be deemed a waiver of any right to have the property retained.

Real property retained in Federal ownership as provided herein which is not needed or required for any purpose by the Department of Commerce shall be reported as excess by the Secretary of Commerce to the General Services Administration, in accordance with applicable regulations and procedures, and the General Services Administration will be advised of the determinations of the Federal agencies.

A detailed list of individual parcels of land which have been transferred to the State of Alaska pursuant to section 21 of the act approved by the President June 25, 1959 (73 Stat. 141), is on file for inspection at the offices of the Bureau of Public

Roads, U. S. Department of Commerce, 1717 H Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C., Room 865, and at the Regional Office, Bureau
of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Commerce, Federal Building,
Juneau, Alaska.

Recommended:

Federal Highway Administrator

Issued:

Secretary of Commerce

Alaska

Under Secretary for Transportation
Department of Commerce

JUL 13 1959

R. D. Tallamy, Federal Highway Administrator

26-11

Conveyance to Alaska pursuant to the Alaska Omnibus Act
Publication of notice in Federal Register

Submitted herewith for the signature of the Secretary and for publication in the Federal Register are an original and five copies of a proposed notice concerning the conveyance of property to the State of Alaska pursuant to the act approved June 25, 1959 (73 Stat. 141).

The Secretary of Commerce by quitclaim deed on June 30, 1959, has transferred to the State of Alaska all rights, title and interest of the Department of Commerce in all real properties owned, held, administered, or used by the Secretary of Commerce in connection with the activities of the Bureau of Public Roads in Alaska, except such real property as the Secretary has determined is needed for the operations, activities and functions of the Bureau in Alaska after the transfer. The transfer was subject to the condition that if the Secretary of Commerce or the head of any other Federal agency determines that all or any part of the property or interest therein are needed for continued retention in Federal ownership, and publishes notice thereof in the Federal Register within 120 days next following June 30, 1959, the Secretary may terminate the estate quitclaimed by notifying the Governor of the State of such termination by June 30, 1960.

The purpose of the proposed notice is to give Federal agencies an opportunity to determine whether any of the real property so transferred is needed for retention in Federal ownership. The procedure to be followed is clearly set forth in said notice.

In order that the prescribed procedure may be carried out within the 120 days next following June 30, 1959, the date of the property transfer, it will be necessary that publication be made in the Federal Register not later than July 30, 1959. Your assistance in the expeditious handling of this matter will be appreciated.

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Alaska

BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

23-00

Paul F. Royster, Assistant Commissioner
for Operations

July 9, 1959

26-00

C. W. Enfield, General Counsel

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Copies of Property Conveyance Instruments and Contract
Relative to Alaska

Transmitted herewith is a conformed copy of the quitclaim deed, together with Schedules A, B, and C attached. Also attached is a conformed copy of the transfer of personal property with attachments Schedules D and E.

Also transmitted herewith is a conformed copy of the contract between the Bureau of Public Roads and the State of Alaska for the performance of certain highway construction and maintenance services by Public Roads for Alaska.

Also attached hereto is a conformed copy of Acting Secretary of Commerce, Frederick H. Mueller's letter of July 1, 1959, to the Governor of Alaska transmitting copies of the property conveyance instruments and the contract.

Attachments

- CC: Mr. B. D. Tallamy ✓
- Mr. Wm. J. Niemi
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