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Now arise the questions:

a. On roads to be built by the Territory under the Federal-Aid Highway Act will the Territory have to have "express permission" from the Department of Interior to build such roads across the public domain?

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b. Will the United States extend to the Territory when building roads under the Federal-Aid Highway Act the same rights as the Alaska Road Commission (Bureau of Public Roads) as set forth in 48 USCA 321(d) wherein it is provided that in all patents and deeds by the United States issued for lands in Alaska there must be reserved therein rights of way "for roads... to be constructed under the authority of the United States or any State created out of the Territory of Alaska", or will the Territory have to use its condemnation proceedings to secure these rights of way?

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- . It seems to this office that the operation of scale houses for weighing indexs and other automotive equipment for overloads is part of highway an enance. As I understand it, in most states scale houses are operate by the state highway patrol which in turn is a part of the state highway department. In Alaska there is no highway patrol under a highway department but a territorial police which operates throughout the Territory irrespective of the highways. In the past the operation of the scale houses has been a wint venture between the Territory and the Alaska Road Commission. alaska koad Commission construct and furnished, except for minor items, the scale houses, the Territory paying a greater part of the operafor s salaries and running expenses. In the present blennium (1955-1956) the Intritory has operated the scale houses, the operators being given the status of deputy police officers. Expenses are paid from the Highway Fund from an appropriated amount upon vouchers approved by the Territorial Highway Engineer. In other words the Territorial Legislature recognized that scale houses and their operation are part of road maintenance but also wished to have the authority of the Territorial Police supporting the. This rather peculiar set-up could be changed by very simple legislation specifying that scale house operators should be screened by the Territorial Police and would have deputy police powers.

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- a. Can scale houses for weighing trucks and other automotive equipment / for overloads be constructed and operated from Federal Aid Funds as part of road maintenance by the Territory and/or by the Bureau of Rublic Roads, with scale house operators screened by the Territorial Police and given the powers of arrest?
- b. Why is it that, since scale houses may be constructed as part of highway

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maintenance, the operation of such scale houses is not part of said maintenance? This last interpretation of the status of scale houses has been specified by the Alaska Road Commission during the last biennium.

7. The Territorial Board of Road Commissioners, under Section 50-1-4(b) ACLA 1949, has the power "To erect and maintain upon the public highways such signs and other devices as it shall deem necessary and advisable".

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Now comes the questions:

- a. Will the Bureau of Public Roads, as has been done in the past by both sugar the Bureau of Public Roads and the Alaska Road Commission, erect and maintain directional signs such as railroad crossing, U. S. route markings, destination and distance information, etc. on highways or will the Territory do so with Federal-Aid Highway funds?
- b. Will the aforesaid Board designate and furnish speed limits and other special signs as now, and formerly erected by the Alaska Road Commission, or will the Bureau of Public Roads take over this function with Federal-Aid Highway Funds?

At no time has there been any formal agreement between the Territory and the former Alaska Road Commission or the Bureau of Public Roads as to responsibility for road signs. It was tacitly agreed, and so recognized by the courts, that the Territory, through its Board of Road Commissioners, should designate speed limits and furnish speed limit and special signs. A formal agreement between the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners and the Bureau of Public Roads on road signs under the new Federal-Aid Highway Act for Alaska should be entered into.

8. Is it possible for the Territory to receive credit on Federal-Aid matching funds. Public Law 627, Section 107(a), in fiscal year 1957 for funds contributed to the Bureau of Public Roads after July 1, 1956 on the farm (and access) road program for which Congress did not appropriate funds to the Alaska Road Commission and which the Territory was forced to take over. This matter was tentatively breached at the October 22 conference but the idea was so quickly repudiated by the Bureau of Public Roads officials present that the idea was not pressed farther. I can find no legal reason why the Territory should not be thus credited. It seems to me to be a matter of administrative decision.

Perhaps at this time a further word on the farm (and access) road program

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is in order. For a great many years the heads of the Alaska Road Commission had presented to the Alaska Territorial Legislature that, if the motor fuel tax were raised above Z¢ per gallon, Congress could be persuaded to raise the appropriation to the Alaska Road Commission for the construction of roads in Alaska. I personally heard such a presentation to the 1953 (Twenty-first) Legislature. Acceding to the aforesaid presentation the 1955 (Twenty-second) Legislature raised the motor fuel tax on highway using vehicles to 5¢ per gallon. Then in the summer of 1,955 the Office of Territories. Department of Interior, announced that since the Territory had raised the motor fuel tax and now would have more funds available for road construction, Congress would not be asked to provide an appropriation for the farm (and access) road program but such, a program would be turned over to the Territory -- which action of course contravened the original concept of the Legislature and in a sense was an allocation of Territorial funds by a Federal agency. I therefore believe that in all justice to the Territory the funds advanced on the aforesaid farm (and access) road program should be credited to Territorial matching funds under the Federal Aid Highway Act for the fiscal year 1957.

9. Must all the Territorial matching funds under the Federal-Aid Highway Act be paid as of July 1 of each year in order to obtain Federal matching funds? This question is probably covered by existing regulations but these are not known to this office.

In closing I must say again how very disappointed I was in the conferences held on October 22 and 25. The difficulty seems to be in assigning the roads in Alaska on primary and secondary systems. Why this should take so long or be so mysteriously hard to do is beyond my understanding. The old Alaska Road Commission had data covering the condition, length and status of every road that had been constructed under their jurisdiction in Alaska. Copies of these are in my office. Personally I have been over almost every road in Alaska even to most of the short farm and access roads and believe I am qualified to judge the condition of the greater part of them. If the very liberal decisions arrived at at the conference in Denver held September 13, 1956 hetween yourself, the Honorable B. Frank Heintzelman, Covernor of Alaska, and Mr. Frank Turner of the Eureau of Public Roads, are followed it does not seem to me that there should be any difficulty in assigning the roads in Alaska to three classes as specified in the Federal-Aid Highway Act, namely urban, primary and secondary.

As to the proportion of funds to be spent on each road, the Territorial Highway Engineer for Alaska and the Governor of Alaska can only recommend

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to the Secretary of Commerce how these funds are to be divided. The final decision as to this master rests with the Secretary, as I understand the law.

As a final word, it seems to me that the Territorial Highway Engineer should be appointed by a strong Territorial Board of Road Commissioners ather than be an elected political official. The terrific political pressure put on the office would not then tend to warp the judgement of the Highway Engineer. I hope the coming Territorial Legislature will correct this matter.

Sincerely yours,

IRVING REED Highway Engineer

cc: Governor Heintzelman

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Mr. C. W. Enfield

December 10, 1956

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Excess property for Alaska

Prior to the transfer of the Alaska Road Commission to the Bureau of Public Roads, a local GSA official in Seattle informed the ARC that after the transfer excess property would not be available gratis under section 108 of Public Law 470, 82d Congress, 2d Session (66 Stat. 445 at 460). Mr. Allen turned the problem over to me on his return from Alaska and I reached the conclusion that legally the GSA local man had misconstrued the statute in the light of section 107(b) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956. Accordingly I took the matter up informally with Mr. Charles Gasque, Assistant General Counsel of GSA, who after checking the authorities agreed with the legal position of the Bureau.

We then held a conference with Mr. Tuttle, the GSA official here in charge of property disposition. Today I have been informed that Mr. Tuttle wrote to Seattle for an explanation and that the reply was unsatisfactory. Mr. Tuttle left for Seattle yesterday and plans to straighten out the matter while he is there.

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cc: Mr. J. C. Allen

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Charles D. Curtiss
Commissioner of Public Roads
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