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Honorable E. L. Bertlett Hones of Representatives Weshington, D. G.

Dear Mr. Bertlett:

Mr. Bertram D. Tellamy has maked me to reply to your letter of October 27 relative to the clearing of snow from Cateway Lodge at Glonellan, Aleska as requested by Mrs. Blanche C. Dykes of that address.

Approximately a year ago, at the close of the construction season, the Eureau of Public Roads amounted through newspapers in Alaska, that because of various circumstances Public Roads practice of clearing drivway entrances of windrows of snow would be discontinued after the 1957-1958 winter season, and that residents must make other appearaments for resoval of the snow likely to be encountered during the 1958-1959 winter season. This action because necessary because of the greatly increased maker of drivways, the time required for such snow removal and the necessity for devoting more time to removal of snow from the main traveled routes. Other equipment was also becoming svallable in the area to perform snow removal operations on a commercial basis, and we did not wish to compete with this operation. Juring the transition period, however, through the 1957-1958 winter season, the Eureau of Public Roads advised that it would remove snow from areas other than on approved system routes on a reimbursable basis and then only when it could be shown that no other facilities for snow removal were evailable.

Upon our receipt of your letter of October 27, we promptly contacted our regional engineer in Alaska in regard to Mrs. Dykes' problem in comparison with that of other similar establishments in the area. In response to our inquiry, we were savised that eight lodges in this general area have made their own arrangements for removal

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We appreciate Mrs. Dykes' concern in regard to the snow removal problem, however, in view of the apparent availability of local snow-removal services, and the cooperation shown by at least eight other lodges in com-plying with the previously ennounced change in policy, we do not believe that removal of snow from Mrs. Dykes' lodge area by the Surems of Public Roads forces would be in the best interest of the community. To perform this service for one would be unfair to those who have complied with our previous request. On the basis of Information furnished this office, we consider it appro-priate to suggest that Mrs. Dykes attempt to make arrangements locally for show-removal services.

We trust that the above explanation clearly advises of the situation in the Gienalien area, and of our policy in this regard. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, we shall be pleased to do so upon receipt of your request.

Sincerely yours.

raul F. Royster Assistant to the Fodoral Highway Administrator

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

October 27, 1958

Hon. Bertram D. Tallamy, Federal Highway Administrator, Bureau of Public Roads, Matomic Building, 1717 H Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tallamy:

Quoted here is a radiogram which I have received from Mrs. Blanche C. Dykes, Gateway Lodge, Glenallen, Alaska:

"REQUEST BUREAU PUBLIC ROADS CONTINUE SNOW REMOVAL FOR BUSINESSES SERVING PUBLIC ALONG ALASKA HIGHWAYS. OTHERWISE WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE MY BUSINESS. NO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AVAILABLE. BPR NOW PLOWING BIG BURM CLOSING US IN. TIME REQUIRED TO PLOW EACH BUSINESS ABOUT TEN MINUTES".

I am hopeful that special circumstances which could well be involved at Glenallen would permit a relaxation of the policy announced this spring about clearing of snow in Alaska. Mrs. Dykes' radiogram indicates that there is no private source for assistance and, in addition, that BPR clearing or plowing now taking place is making the situation worse. Mrs. Bykes' business serves the public, and I am anxious that the matter be investigated looking toward possible favorable action. Your advice in this connection would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

E. L. Bartlett

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Mr. F. H. Swick, Regional Engineer Juneau, Alaska

October 30, 1957

Paul F. Royster, Assistant Commissioner Vashington 25, D. C.

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Paul F. Royster

Your memorandum of October 14 covered the subject of snow removal on driveway entrances serving private homes and public establishments in your region. You furnished background information concerning the activities of the Alaska Road Commission in this field, also the policy adopted some years ago by Public Roads in the old Juneau district.

The matter of snow removal on driveway entrances was discussed briefly during my visit to Alaska. It is understood that you also described the situation in some detail to Mr. Erhart during his inspection trip.

Your proposal to discontinue, beginning with the coming winter, all snow clearance on private driveway entrances appears reasonable. Your plan to continue through this winter only the clearance, on a reimbursable basis, of driveways to public establishments where commercial facilities for this work are not available is also considered satisfactory. This would hold true for driveways serving establishments within which post offices are located.

In order to avoid unfavorable criticism, your district engineers will be required to issue careful instructions to their maintenance crews. Individual situations will no doubt arise where undue hardship might result without some assistance from our forces. On the other hand we must avoid any indication of discrimination or favoritism.

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Mr. E.H.Swick

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ell to Erlart -FORM **CD-14** (10-27-53) DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DATE TRANSMITTAL SLIP Office Mei 10/18/57 VERNMENT Mr. Paul F. Royster REF. NO. (If any) Room 6019 FROM:Eric E. Erhart : Mr. Paul ctober 14, 1957 EF. No. (If any) Room 6036 Operat ACTION NOTE AND FILE FROM : E. H. Swi PREPARE REPLY FOR MY SIGNATURE NOTE AND RETURN TO ME Juneau TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION RETURN WITH MORE DETAILS PER YOUR REQUEST ONOTE AND SEE ME ABOUT THIS SIGNATURE SUBJECT: Alaska M PLEASE ANSWER FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOR YOUR APPROVAL INVESTIGATE AND REPORT PER OUR CONVERSATION T the main-The matter of snow removal on driveways tenance the coming winter a to private and public establishments in bility of Public F Alaska needs to be resolved. I think Mr. located Swick has taken a reasonable approach to along th the subject and suggest that he be advised to proceed as outlined in the press las performed mainten release. However, since there can be nd roadhouses repercussions and adverse criticism, you (hotels f-way. To a may feel that a more liberal course of lesser "isolated" private action is justified. was performed because ot readily availat asked to "donate" the co: egislation which COMM-DC-3822 permitted such donarro... to private homes which were blocked by our operations were creared ...out charge to the owner. It has been necessary of late to modify this policy to some extent because the private homes in the vicinity of the cities became

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TO: Mr. Paul F. Royster, Assistant Commissioner for DATE: October 14, 1957 Operations, Washington, D. C.

FROM : E. H. Swick, Regional Engineer)

Juneau, Alaska

SUBJECT: Alaska Maintenance

This is written to solicit your advice concerning the maintenance problem which promises to become troublesome over the coming winter and those which follow. It involves the responsibility of Public Roads to clear driveways to private installations located along the roads.

Since its beginning, the Alaska Road Commission has performed maintenance to such installations as service stations and roadhouses (hotels and restaurants) located off the public right-of-way. To a lesser extent they have cleared snow from driveways at "isolated" private dwellings. In the former case the work usually was performed because commercial facilities to do the clearing were not readily available and the operators of the establishments were asked to "donate" the cost of rental of equipment and driver, under the legislation which permitted such donations. The entrances of driveways to private homes which were blocked by our operations were cleared without charge to the owner. It has been necessary of late to modify this policy to some extent because the private homes in the vicinity of the cities became so numerous that there was difficulty in plowing both the highways and the driveway entrances. Also, there were complaints from operators of private equipment and it became necessary to halt the use of public equipment where private equipment suitable for the work was available.

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of the filling station pump and other services afforded by the postoffice operator. We propose to insist that there is no fundamental right of a postoffice, per se, to have its driveway cleared at public expense unless the postoffice is a bonafide one operated by the government itself and not in leased space or as a part of a commercial establishment. We desire your advice on this policy.

A problem which invokes a sharp difference of opinion between our own people is that of doing any private snow removal even on a reimbursable basis. The old Juneau District of Public Roads ceased the practice entirely several years ago, and reports that while there was a lot of complaining during the first year, by the time the next year came around the owners of the commercial establishments had in each case made arrangements for providing the services to themselves just as they had arranged to provide electricity, water and all of the other things needed to provide a successful operation. The former ARC employees here state just as strongly that we do the people of the Territory a disservice when we fail to assist the isolated commercial establishments through snow removal at a nominal cost. They feel that the traveling public is entitled to a driveway into a place to purchase gasoline and food, and that if we don't clear the driveway, the public will be unable to get to the places of business. The writer, on the basis of very limited experience, is inclined to agree with the position of the Juneau District and to feel that the day for such special treatment in most of Alaska is about over.

Your early advice, particularly concerning our responsibility for plowing without charge of driveways to postoffices located in commercial establishments will be appreciated.

PRESS RELEASE

The summer construction season has now ended and crows of the Bureau of Public Roads are rapidly changing over from construction and summer maintenance activities to winter maintenance assignments.

This change results in the ennual closure of such secondary routes as the Taylor Highway to Eagle, the Steese Highway between Chatanika and Circle, and the Elliott Highway between Olnes and Livengood, effective October 13, 1957.

All primary routes will be kept open for year-round travel except the Denzii Highway, which is already closed, and that portion of the Richardson Highway between Guikana Junction, Mile 126, and Big Delta, Mile 265. This portion will be maintained until December 15, 1957, then will be closed for the three most severe winter souths. Every effort will be made to reopen it to traffic not later than April 1, 1958.

The Heines Cut-off will be kept open from Heines to Mile 48 throughout the winter but the remaining section between Mile 48 and Heines Junction will be closed by Canadian authorities on November II, 1957.

The Fairbanks-Menana Road will be kept open for winter travel to the town of Menana throughout the winter months and should be in good condition, as grading has now been completed on 30 miles of the total new-road length of 50 miles between Ester and Menana. Travel into the town of Menana must necessarily await the freezewo of the Tanana River to the point where vehicles can cross on its frozen surface.

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Due to various circumstances, a major change in winter maintenance operations by the Bureau will become effective throughout the Territory this winter. The practice of clearing driveway entrances of windrows of snow deposited by the plows, a procedure followed in some areas during recent years, will be discontinued. Snow removal from areas other than the traveled way on approved system routes will be performed only on a reimbursable basis when it can be shown that no other facilities are available, and then only as time of the maintenance crows permits. Funds received for such reimbursable work must be deposited by the Bureau to Miscellaneous Receipts in the U.S. Treasury and thus are lost to Aleaka. While snow removal will be performed on a reimbursable basis in locations where no other facilities are svallable during the coming winter, this practice will be discontinued after the current winter season, and residents are notified that they must make other arrangements for the 1958-1959 season.

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May 1, 1959

Donald J. Belcher & Associates, Incorporated 130 Forest Home Drive Ithaca, New York

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are a ribbon copy and a carbon copy of the proposed contract with your firm covering laboratory analysis of contact prints of photographic material concerning proposed road locations on Kodiak Island in Alaska.

Please sign both copies and return them for execution by the Government.

We have been informed by the United States Geological Survey that the photographic material here involved will be furnished to you within approximately three weeks.

Further information concerning the performance of this contract will be forth coming from our Region 10 office in Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. ENFIELD General Counsel

By: (Signed) Joseph Guandolo

Joseph Guandolo Assistant General Counsel

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MINERAL EXPLORATION NATURAL RESOURCES ENGINEERING AGRICULTURE SITE ANALYSIS

April 28, 1959

Mr. Joseph Guandolo Assistant General Consul Bureau of Public Roads 852 Matomic Building 1717 H Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Guandolo:

You requested, during our telephone conversation of April 27th that I send you a copy of the letter we received as clearance for obtaining photography of part of Kodiak Island necessary for performance of our contract, #59-223 and addenda I and 2, Bureau of Public Roads, from Adm.A. W. McKechnie.

We will look forward to the return of our contract in the near future. If there is any other information we may furnish, please do not hesitate to call us.

Very truly yours,

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Juneau, Alaska
ERIC E. ERHART

April 10, 1959

Eric E. Erhart, Chief, Federal Hwy. Projs. Div. Washington 25, D. C.

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. Mr. Paul F. Royster, Assistant Commissioner for DATE: April 7, 1959

Operations, Washington, D. C.

Ref: S-0391(2)

ATTENTION: Mr. E. E. Erhart FROM : Wm. J. Niemi, Regional Engineer

Juneau, Alaska

SUBJECT: Mill Bay-Otmeloi Point Road north of Kodiak

Reference is made to our memorandum to you on the above subject, dated March 10, 1959. You will note by reference to this memorandum that we had decided to accept a proposal by Donald J. Belcher & Associates to give us a photoanalysis study of the proposed route north of Kodiak, so that this information could be given at an early date to our location party. We did not send the signed contract directly to Mr. Belcher as we believed that it should be reviewed by your office in Washington. Thus, with our memorandum of March 10, we enclosed signed copies of the contract and addenda for your transmittal to Mr. Belcher if terms of the contract were satisfactory. A telephone call from Mr. Erhart to Mr. Swick on March 17 indicated that the signed contract did not reach Washington with our memorandum which, however, did contain as a part of the memorandum copies of the proposals made by Mr. Belcher. Our understanding from Mr. Swick was that Washington would immediately revise the contract wording and send the documents to Belcher & Associates for signature and action. At the same time Washington would send us a copy of the revised con-

Since this telephone call, we have heard nothing in regard to this contract. We would appreciate knowing whether your office has contacted Belcher & Associates and if so, what the status of the proposed contract is at this time. We would appreciate an early answer as we are much interested in getting this information to our field party at as early a date as possible.

A verifax copy of Mr. Swick's memorandum to the file on the telephone conversation with Mr. Erhart is enclosed for your information.

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DATE: March 17, 1959

FROM : Wm. J. Niemi, /ssistant Regional Engineer W (10-00.01 Juneau, Alaska

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SUBJECT: Telephone Call from Mr. Erhart - Kodiak to Ouzinki Survey

Mr. Swick talked to Mr. Erhart regarding a proposed contract for photo interpretation by Belcher & Associates on subject survey between Mill Bay road and Ormeloi Point. The proposed form of contract was sent to Mr. Royster's office for their review of adequacy and completeness prior to forwarding to Belcher & Associates.

Washington-merely an unsigned copy of the proposed contract was received. In any event the legal department did not concur in our form of contract. Eashington office will work over the document and then send it to Belcher & Associates for signature. In the meantime they will send us a copy and will hold up the final execution of the contract until we agree to the modifications. No further action is needed in Region 10 until we receive the copy of the new contract.

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Mr. Wm. J. Niemi, Regional Engineer

Juneau, Alaska

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BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS April 20, 1959 Mr. G. M. Williams Paul F. Royster Paul F. Royster We have been advised by Regional Engineer Niemi that a considerable amount of photogrammetric work is anticipated in connection with the development of plans for highway work in Alaska during the next several years. In view of this we suggested that a short course in photogrammetry under the direction of Mr. Pryor might be beneficial. Mr. Niemi has indicated in his reply that instruction of this nature is considered very desirable. He also suggested that before scheduling a regular training course, a trip to Alaska by Mr. Pryor to evaluate the program of work in the region might prove worthwhile.

It will be appreciated if you will study this situation and determine whether or not Mr. Pryor's schedule can be adjusted to permit a trip to Region 10.

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Mr. E. H. Swick, Regional Engineer Juneau, Alaska

April 2, 1959

ERIC E. ERHART

Eric E. Erhart, Chief, Federal Hwy. Projs. Div.

Washington 25, D. C.

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Anticipating that there will be increasing demand for merial surveys and associated photogrammetric work in Alaska in the future it may be desirable to arrange for a short course on photogrammetry in the State, conducted by Mr. Pryor of the Office of Engineering. You are no doubt aware that such courses have been held in a number of areas during the past several years for attendance by both State and Public Roads personnel. These are usually for about three weeks duration and I believe that the benefits derived have been warry worthbelieve that the benefits derived have been very worthwhile.

Perhaps you have already acted to initiate such a school in Alaska. If not please let me have your thoughts on the subject. I will be glad to do what I can to make arrangements with the Office of Engineering.

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April 6, 1959

Honorable John Hershall Butler United States Sonste Washington 25, D. C.

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in reply to your letter of March 31 to Mr. Tallamy, we know of no study being made as to the possible construction of a new Federal highway to Alaska through Seattle, Washington; Juneau, Alaska; and the southern punhandle of Alaska; ending at Anchoregs, Alaska.

Some information of a general nature is being assembled by the Alaska International Reil and Highway Commission created by Congressional action (Public Law 85-601). Senator Magnuson is Acting Chairman of this Commission, and the Executive Director is Mr. Carl L. Junge, with offices at 718 Jackson Place.

Senator Neuberger has introduced a bill, S. 1125, authorising the paving of the present Alaska Highway between Fort Saint John, British Columbia, and the Yukon-Alaska border as a cooperative project with Canada.

We do not know of any other activity in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

F. C. Turner Deputy Commissioner and Chief Engineer

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Courtesy

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