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ERNEST GREENING

Very sincerely yours,

Thanking you, I remain,

I realize that all this is very tentative and that these costs are approximate, but, for the moment, they are sufficient to our purpose.

I would like very much to have this list broken down so that the mileage in each case may be calculated. It is clear, for instance, that some of these projects -- the ones connecting the cities of southeastern Alaska with the continental highway system -- apply, of course, only to those portions of those highways within the boundaries of Alaska. Moreover, undertaking these projects would necessarily be dependent upon an understanding with the Canadian authorities that they would build their portion if we build ours. Therefore, it will be very helpful if you would give me the mileage on each of these, because clearly some of these will take precedence over others. It would also be useful if you could accompany your reply with a map indicating the routes that these roads would probably follow.

Office give me any additional suggestions along these lines. desirable for the development of our state. I would be happy to have your rate cost of the principal thruways which are among those which seem to be replying to my verbal request of Mr. B. D. Stewart, Jr., for the approximate cost of the principal thruways which are among those which seem to be replying to my verbal request of January 7th (File No. 23-10).

Dear Mr. Hoyster:

Mr. Paul F. Hoyster
Assistant to the
Federal Highway Administrator
Bureau of Public Roads
U. S. Department of Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

January 9, 1959

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ERNEST GREENING
ALASKA

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Honorable Ernest Gruening
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Gruening:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 9 requesting additional information with respect to additional highway routes in Alaska as listed in my letter of January 7.

Our regional engineer has been asked to promptly forward the mileage data also a map showing both the existing highway system and the roads you propose as extensions to the system. We will transmit this information to you without delay upon receipt from Juneau.

Sincerely yours,



Paul F. Royster
Assistant to the
Federal Highway Administrator

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Mr. Armstrong

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Mr. Royster - Room 814

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ERNEST GRUENING
ALASKA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 9, 1959

Mr. Paul F. Royster
Assistant to the
Federal Highway Administrator
Bureau of Public Roads
U. S. Department of Commerce
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Royster:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 7th (File No. 23-10), replying to my verbal request of Mr. B. D. Stewart, Jr., for the approximate cost of the principal thruways which are among those which seem to be desirable for the development of our State. I would be happy to have your office give me any additional suggestions along these lines.

I would like very much to have this list broken down so that the mileage in each case may be calculated. It is clear, for instance, that some of these projects -- the ones connecting the cities of Southeastern Alaska with the Continental highway system -- apply, of course, only to those portions of those highways within the boundaries of Alaska. Moreover, undertaking these projects would necessarily be dependent upon an understanding with the Canadian authorities that they would build their portion if we build ours. Therefore, it will be very helpful if you would give me the mileage on each of these, because clearly some of these will take precedence over others. It would also be useful if you could accompany your reply with a map indicating the routes that these roads would probably follow.

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(10-27-53)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DATE

12/29/58

TRANSMITTAL SLIP

TO: Royster

REF. NO. (If any)

FROM: Erhart W

REF. NO. (If any)

ACTION

- NOTE AND FILE
- NOTE AND RETURN TO ME
- RETURN WITH MORE DETAILS
- NOTE AND SEE ME ABOUT THIS
- PLEASE ANSWER
- FOR YOUR APPROVAL
- PER OUR CONVERSATION
- PREPARE REPLY FOR MY SIGNATURE
- TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION
- PER YOUR REQUEST
- SIGNATURE
- FOR YOUR INFORMATION
- INVESTIGATE AND REPORT

COMMENTS:

Swick mentioned her father
 & me in San Francisco.
 Since Stewart had indicated
 that the information would be
 provided I asked Swick
 to send it on her for
 transmittal to Gruening.
 Gruening, as I understand

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the situation has been
critical of Public Roads
policy of improving existing
roads before expanding
the system - You may wish
to discuss this w/ Mr. Turner
before you send this letter out.

JAN 7 1959

Honorable Ernest Gruening:
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Gruening:

During your recent visit to our regional office in Juneau, you discussed the subject of extending the network of highways in Alaska with Mr. B. D. Stewart, Jr., a member of the regional office staff. During your discussion of this subject you furnished a list of roads which you described as being necessary and desirable to the development of the State. You asked to be furnished an approximation of the cost of these roads. The roads mentioned were:

Kenana - McKinley Park	McKinley Park - Willow
Talkeetna - McGrath	McGrath - Ruby
McGrath - Flat	Flat - Bristol Bay
Chitina - McCarthy ✓	Chitina - Cordova
Chitina - Alaska ✓	Fairbanks - Nome
Highway	Circle - Eagle
Fairbanks - Chena	Circle - Uniat and
Hot Springs	Gubick
Unalakleet - Yukon	Juneau - Canadian Border
River	Ketchikan - Canadian
Wrangell & Petersburg -	Border
Canadian Border	Hydaburg - Craig
Skagway - Canadian	Eagle River - Echo Cove
Border	Craig & Klawock - Hollis

The above listing totals approximately 3,000 miles. Construction costs are estimated to average between \$75,000 and \$100,000 per mile for initial construction of this network with a pit run gravel surface, excluding major bridges such as would be required over the Tanana, Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers. On this basis, a total of \$225,000,000 to \$300,000,000 would be required to construct this expansion of the existing road net.

We trust that this information will be adequate for your needs. We would like to point out that mileage and cost figures are approximations only since only very meager information is available for many of the roads included in the list. The importance of the roads to the State is also unknown since economic and traffic studies are non-existent for most of the area involved.

We will be pleased to provide such additional information as is available to us upon receipt of your request.

Sincerely yours,



Paul F. Royster
Assistant to the
Federal Highway Administrator

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BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Paul F. Royster, Assistant Commissioner
 23-00 for Operations, Washington, D. C.
 ATTENTION Mr. E. E. Erhart
 FROM : E. H. Swick, Regional Engineer
 10-00.2 Juneau, Alaska

DATE: December 15, 1958

SUBJECT: Congressional Correspondence

In conformance with a discussion with Mr. Erhart, there is attached a suggested letter of reply to a verbal request presented to this office by Senator Gruening.

The Senator requested that he be furnished a rough approximation of the cost of constructing an expanded highway network in Alaska. He dictated a list of proposed roads and requested that we add to it any other trunk roads that may have been proposed.

He asked that the information be prepared at our convenience and forwarded to him at the Senate Office Building, marked "Hold".

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The Honorable Senator Ernest Gruening
The United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Gruening:

Referring to your recent conversation with Mr. B. D. Stewart, Jr., concerning extension of the Alaska highway network, there follows a list of the roads which you discussed with him as being necessary and desirable to the development of the state:

Nenana - McKinley Park

McKinley Park - Willow

Talkeetna - McGrath

McGrath - Ruby

McGrath - Flat

Flat - Bristol Bay

Chitina - McCarthy

Chitina - Cordova

Chitina - Alaska Highway

Fairbanks - Nome

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Fairbanks - Chena Hot Springs

Circle - Eagle

Circle - Umiat and Gubick

Unalakleet - Yukon River

— Skagway - Canadian Border

Juneau - Canadian Border

Wrangell & Petersburg - Canadian Border

Ketchikan - Canadian Border

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Craig & Klawock - Hollis

Hydaburg - Craig

Eagle River - Echo Cove

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Very truly yours,

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