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Homer, Alaska, Jan 6,1939.

Dear Mr. Edmunds:

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Your letter dated Dec. 7 just got here on the last boat. In regard to the petition, I don't know half the men who signed same. The most of them are fellows from the hill and are more or less sore for some reason or other. As far as I know the persons who started the petition are Davies and Pollette, formerly of Palmer. They are sore because they could not get a job. Some are sore because the road was not on the hill. I dont think Jack Dietz had something to ao with it. Tom McCroskey has his faults same as the rest of us and it would not make much difference whe is foreman, there will always be a bunch to do some kicking. I hope this petition dont prejudice you against Homer as most of the people are all right. It dont take much to start any kind of a petition, as most people are like a buich of sheep, the follow a leader. We got the boat landing now on the Homer Dock, but need a road to same very badly. Anything that you could do towards same would be much appreciated. Hoping you are in the best of health,

I am, sincerely,

Chas Miller.

Retition for change of foreman for Homer, Alaska.

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We, the undersigned, residents of Homer, Alaska, herebu apply for change of road foreman for year 1939.

As the people of Homer are very much dissatisfied with the work of Mr. McCroskey as road foreman we are sending in this petition with the idea of getting someone elsekin his place next summer.

Harold Davis	Dave S. Jones
Lloyd Race	Karl Rosenberg
Mrs. I. Davis	Karl Nielsen
Erling Broaerson	Joyce Christian
Floyd Mauseth	Walter Christensen
George Dahlgren	A. 🗠 Mattox
O. S. Woodman	Mrs. Mary Price
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Wm A. Fletcher	Edward Slavin
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John Brandvold	Stanley Nielsen
Geo. D. Earl	James Faulk
Paul W. Parlette	Mrs. James Faulk
E. L. Bunnell	J.M. Huffman
Buster Goss	H. J. Hohler
Bill Prosser	Alex Mathesem
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Mrs. V. Parlette	M. M. Meyers
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# LASKA ROAD COMUSSION

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Anthorage November 15th, 1928

Br Bas Po Taylor Chief Tagineer

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I am forwarding a petition brought into the office by Mr C.F.Petersen, asking for the construction of a road up fixed Crock, which would be about operand a balf miles, long, and which would branch off the Archangel road about mile 2.5.

Archangel Greek is a tributary of Reed Greek, which mostice into the Little Sesitum river near mile Spane the Gold Mint road. In the carliest days of the samp, Reed Greek was one of the first creeks where prospectors found encouragement- at the present time there are tem satilite prospecting, and one small mill is operating.

Must of the operators nor working are without finds, they are built hundlenous or this account in getting supplies to their properties, as quart sizes require mining timbers, pester, compressers etc, is addition to easy supplies, provisions and quarters , and it is quite expensive getting interials as the ground above they have to be hanled by pash heres and real powers

percere There was an old track which was used in the early days during Invership conditions by hereos and vegone, but a new incation would have to be mds to juke ears of new days logeneutre

Thile no survey, has been made of this particular read, the average cost of similar reads in the mountains is approximately \$5,000.00 per mile

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## REQUEST FOR ROAD WORK

# Nov. 1, 1938.

Mr. G. M. Edmunds, Supt., Alaska Road Commission, Anchorage, Alaska.

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Respectfully yours,

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Thomas Johnson	Fish Hook Inn .
Ray C. Ferrín 🦂	Patsy Association
Bonnie Marrett	Bonnie Group
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#### ALASKA BOAD CONNISSION

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Lovember Sth, 1938

Mr Holo Anderson Ghribon Island Shilak Lake Alasha

## Dear Sire

In reference to your petition of October 15th, concerning, funds for the

Remeian River-Kenai trail, I sent a message to you last night by radio station NFW that you could spend \$200,00 on needed improvements as outlined in your letter.

With the changes in the mail service during recent years, the most for the uphony of winter trails has practically disappeared, and no provision was made doing further work on the Kenai trail.

Our funds for this year are practically all expended, and the amount montioned was all that was available at this time.

I am semiing down a time book for you to keep track of the time of the men whe will do the work- as mentioned over the radio all men employed much be citizens, am I am enclosing forms for each employee to fill out in reference to their status.

I am also sending down signature cards, these are to be signed in Emplicate by each man, they will show whether they have worked before for the Alaska Read Commission, and in addition a note should be shown as to winther the non are married or single- if the forms are not filled out properly they will have to be returned, so it is important that the items are all filled ins

Then the new sign their name they should sign the first same in fell, an give their middle initial, such an "Milliam C. Anderson" not "Bill Anderson" unless the forms are signed properly it will mean delay in payment.

Then you are thre with the work return the papers to this office, tegether with a short report showing the work that has been accomplished, for mar records.

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M.C.Edmonts Sup'te

Caribou Island, Skilak Lake, via Seward, Alaska. October 15, 1938.

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Mr. Edmunds, Supt. Alaska Road Commission, Fairbanks, Alaska, Dear Sir:

The recent flood has so damaged the trail from the lower end of the Kenai River Road, at Russian River to Skilak Lake, that it will be useless for travel unless some work is done on it.

The flood has also blocked the river in places so that it is dangerous to run with loads. I lost the last load in the river, and as there is now about three tens at Cooper's Landing to go down here, it must be transported with herses ever this trail.

Two bridges have been damaged, and a small part of the trail cut out. The work will consist of repairing the bridges, a little grading, and filling some of the worst mud holes. About six miles of this trail is part of the Kenai mail trail.

If we can get three or four hundred dellars to help repair this trail, it will help us considerably.

If you can do anything for us, please let me know as soon as possible by letter; or, better yet, send a message by KFQD. There are two or three beys here that will be available for work, so that the work could be started immediately if money can be raised.

Yours truly, 1 ina

We, the undersigned, residents of Skilak Lake, are very much interested in this trail:

Residents of Cooper's Landing:

#### ALASKA ROAD CONSISSION

Anchorage September 24th, 1938

Br Francis M. Henry et al. Falmer.

Dear Sira

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This admowledges receipt of a petition sont in to this office, signed by yourself and various other persons in the Matamuska valley, concerning the building of a read off the Mazilla-Matahuska read, near Ous Maller's homestead, along the section line between sections 8 and 17, themes Masterly to the dividing line between tract 9 and 10 to a read at Frank Veriens.

so that I will have our Kr King look into this matter, submitting a report so that I will know the amount of work involved, so that I may tall whether we will be able to de the work requested.

Yours very traly

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Mr King.

Please lask into this and let me know what the situation is. Ascerding to our records it appears as the both the mem could be nerved by short spurs off the farm read near Ohnsteds place, althe there may be some reason, which does not show up on the map, why these short semmetions could not be made, on account of lakes an hills or swampso HCE.

Some of this ground is swampy- nothing could be done about it during 1938.

The main reason why it is requested is that it is very convenient for colonists to move equipment around - if it could be done it would probably save a lot of maintenance on the roads which now have to be used to drag the equipment around - it is intended to look into this further during 1939

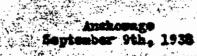
#### PETITION

# TO ALASKA ROAD CONNISSION:

We, The undersigned voters of the Matanuska Valley, hereby respectfully petition the Alaska Road Commission to construct a road from the Matanuska-Wasilla road at Gus Haller's to the section line between sections 8 and 17, thence easterly along said section line to the dividing line between Tract 9 and 10, thence northerly to road at Frank Worden's, approximately 3/4 of a mile;/thus making outlet for H. S. Grantham and Cecil Wells and also connect District 7 and 8.

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P. H. alten John G. Johnson August Swannon alaska Runal Rilghtiteten Conf. This road is being laid out and bulldozed at the present time by the Q. R. R. C. Perhaps the road commission would grade and gravel it.



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Mr Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineer Juneau

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#### Dear Sirs

In reference to your letter of August 20th, from Fairbanks, regarding a proposed read leading into the J.D. Weban . homestead, leasted about 3 miles out on the Anchorage Leop roads

While it was doubtful whether we could do much good on this road, I started a deser on it. figuring that the treator could areas some su ground, which was severed with a heavy growth of grass, and possibly remove some stumps on the drier grounds

However, the traster sank down a couple of times in the first two hundred yards, and it was evident that we could not accomplish anything of value, in fact we were making the present trail much werne by making large holes where the machine was stuck, so we stopped working and returned to tome والمجاور والمحاور والمسترك المتلكي المتحود الأشاب والمعود in the second second

While the work that would have been deno would not have encounted to mak expense, before any work is done on a location for a permanent read the reste should be surveyed so that some of the wet ground sould be anaided, and deeds would have to be obtained from interested parties who oun the land which the read would have to traverses A start the star 

Mr. Brban, like many sthers, has no idea of suitable ground on which a dezer can work to advantage the grading that has been done was don apparently, for a foot trail. 

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A letter englosing a petition for this read was forwarded from this office on January 22ml, 1937.

Tours very truly

E.C. Edwards Sup't-

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA August 29 1938

Mr.M.C.Edmunds, Supt.A.R.C. Anchorage,Alaska.

Dear Sir-

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J.D.Urban, a brakemen on the passenger train talked to me yesterday about a short road he wants into his place about three miles out on the loop road. He said they had graded about a quarter mile and cleared another quarter. That the stumping was not very heavy and that the road would serve two or three others. If his statements are correct it appears probably one or two days with the big dozer should rough out a road he could use. If this is the case it is requested you arrange to do the work for them preably when you are thru with the dozer on the Whitney cut off and before starting on the Spenard road. If after looking it over it is evident that it is a much bigger job than you think, wire me the actual situation.

I saw Hawley and Bill at Colerado. Told Bill about the location down Cache but didnt think to tell him about seeing Charley about getting Speck for the Park. Ghig tells me that he has also lost two motor patrol operators and didnt have anyone he could even break in on the big grader. I talked to Frank last night and he has no one available with any grader experience so I called Ghig this morning and told him to call you to see if you couldnt arrange with Charley to get Bob Speck to the Fark. It appears that is probably the most important graderwork right now and he could likely get down to Anchorage in time to do the final grading on the Spenard road.

I wred Skinner today to issue allotment forxis \$1800 for 46DA which Ghig thinks will be sufficient to cover all costs. If this proves to be short charge the overrrun to Miscl Roads allotment.

Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineer.

Wire Skinner the amount of the plane fare Ilianna to Dillingham to Anchorage for use on my travel voucher

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ADDRESS REPLY TO ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

> > January 5, 1938

Mr. Tom Caughlin Homer, Alaska

Dear Sirt

Petition signed by you and a number of other residents of Homer, sent to the Alaska Road Commission at Anchorage, has been forwarded to this office for consideration.

The superintendent at Anchorage advises that there is some doubt in his mind as to the best location for a road to serve the area described. At the first opportunity in the spring when the work at Homer starts the matter will be investigated and a survey made to determine the best route after discussion with the settlers concerned.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

CC Edmunds: When you go down to start work at Homer next spring it is requested that you have someone go down who will be able to make a survey as requested. The matter should be fully discussed with the settlers before finally determining the location—especially if the location is elsewhere than they think it should be—an effort being made to convince them of the desirability of the route finally selected as compared with others.

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Department of the Interior ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION -Anchorage, Alaska

June 21, 1938

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Mr. Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineer, L. R. Juneau, Alaska Sec. Sec.

Deer Sir:

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Reference is made to the footnote of your letter of January 5 to Mrs. Tom Caughlin of Homer in regard to a petition for a read to the Sensk at Homer to serve settlers on the high ground to the Sast. 

On his recent trip to Homer, Niewi discussed the matter of lecation with three of the new homestenders most interested in the project and made a further investigation of the route proposed by the Their idea, of course, is to have a new road constructed to the top of the bonch starting at the old road about half way between Killer Randing and the present Postoffice, or in the vicinity of the Shelin ionestead. The main argument seems to be that it would shorten the distance to the Valley as against extending the present road already constructed to the top of the bench at the West end of the Valley-A second argument, which was contradicted by eller residents, was to the effect that snow lass deep on top of the bench during the winter-

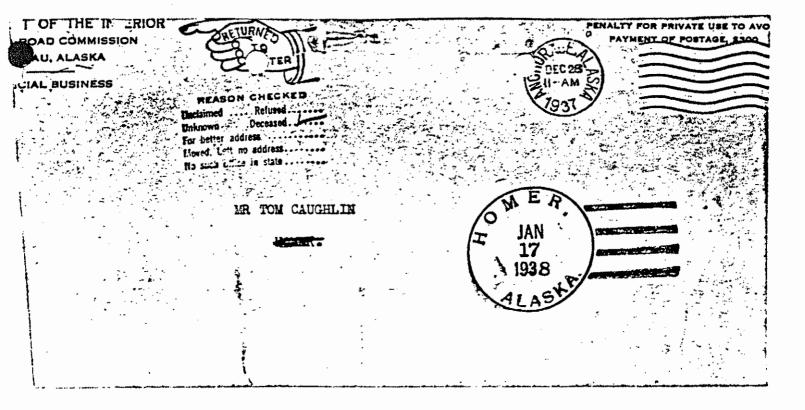
When MacDenald made the survey for the present road to the banch. he also invoctigated a route that would be more contral but found it impracticable on account of deep gullies and excessive grades. This was confirmed by Miemi this spring after walking over the route as suggested by the petitioners.

It is estimated that three miles of heavy construction would be required on this new route. It is still recommended that a read to connect with the present read to the beach would serve the purpose at less cost. The connection to the present road would be at a point about one half mile beyond the end of the present usuble roads. This section is already under construction by the CCC forces at Homory(that is the half wile extension to thepresent road.)

When funds are available a survey will be made, but it is estimated that the connection on top of the bench will be shorter than any new routs that could be selected.

Very truly yours,

. C. Edwards Superintendent



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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage December 27th, 1937

Mr Tom Caughlin Homer.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of December 8th, anclosing a petition asking that a survey be made to connect the settlers living in the vicinity of township 5 South, Range 13 West, from Section 35, with the existing road at Homer.

Your petition is being refer ed to cur Juneau office, who will no doubt reply to you direct.

Yours very truly Sup to



Accharact December 27th, 1937

#### Rr Vendell Thurston

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#### Dear Sirt

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For your information, this office has recommended that this work be down during the woming senser, but whether funds will be provided for this purpose us de not knew at this times.

I might also state that I made an investigation of the read needs at Homer " few years a go, during this time I walked over the East and to your homestand to see you, but found that you were not living there, and that there was no sign of the usual animals I expected to see , such as coust horse, chickens and so forth 

One of your neighbors was willing the space in front of the house for an garden, I am not positive new as to whether she was the one, but I was informed that you worked away from Homer most of the time, and did very little farming also that you had proved up on your ground make

Martin Contractor States - States At that time there was only one mue to the Next of you, and dirkpairiek between you and the road-

In reference to your statement that rounds are boing built for people who fust enne in to the Homer district, and not to the old settlerna production in the second

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There a everal people settle around a community, an attempt is made to someet then up with the read system, so that their children can go to school and they have means of getting supplies to their hemesteds, on the assurption that they are going to be active and develop the countrys There there are only a for persons concerned there is not so much need of a read, especially is this true where very little activity is going as, as were the man East of the present terminus of the read at the time I visited there

The greater part of the work done last year was confined to gravelling the min read, which cortainly benefitted the old settlers size no doubt you will agrees and new that this work is done it is heped that sufficient funds will be provided to take care of the read towards the sast, in edition to opening up reads for new settlems.

> M.C. Edmands Sastte

~ · ~ I eldonia alaska 10 m - 11 - 37 Mr. Edmons alaska Road Com. anchorage Dear dis -: I am writing you once more with regards to extending the east end of the Home road. We have made our home here since 1931. There are also two others homsteaders rubo have lined here for three years, It don't seam fair to us who have lined in a community for so long without a road, to see roads being hilt for fight people who have just come in. of the road could be extended for 300 yards it would fix up that part which is impainible to get over lefor friege up. There are other homsteads analiable that have been filled on and given up becaus of the need of a road. Then too Auch an extension will apen up the may good timber land arround Homes, Haping you will give this you mast sincere consideration ME Truly yours Vendell Thurston

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Yours very truly

N.G.Edmunds Sup't-

Home Claska Dec 8-37 Sec, Alaika Road Com. Unchorage Gentlemen & herewith hand In Petition for a road Survey this survey is badly needed as the now have twelve settlers on this proposed road. From the point mentioned in Sec. 35 Such a wood Can be Continued in a general northest direction all on day from to the head of Titz Creek, thence down this ciel to an intersection with the present Trighway at its East and your very respectfully Jom Canghlin

#### PETITION FCR SURVEY.

The Alaska Road Commission and the Engineering Dept. of the Territory of Alaska.

We beg leave to submit the following.

The settlers on the high land at the East Sied of the Homer Community, have constructed a readway, seginning at a point in Section 35-Twn 5 South , Rane 13 West(?) . all on high land in a general Westerly direction to a point in Section 9 Twn 6 South, Range 14 West - Here they have constructed a side cut on an easy grade several hundred feet to the first banch.

We desire to continue this grade along the face of the bluff in the same general direction, to a point in Sec. 17, thence in a Southerly direction to the present highway at or near the intersection of said highway and the Spit road.

Such a road will enable the settlers and others who are constructly coming in to open up a vast region of fertile land , thereby adding material benefit to the whole territory.

We therefore respectfully beg to petition that a survey of the proposed road be made as soon as possible to the end that any work donated by us may be done on the permanent highway to be built later.

TOM CAUGHLIN F.C .Nightenhelser Fred Harbinson Harold Davis Frank L. Tucker Philip Diedler

Im Fletcher Im G, Sanford John Brandrold Lloyd Race G.A.Romer Karl Rosenburg

The undersigned citizens of Homer heartily endorse the above project.

Francis L. Groth Roland Lee Mrs Grover Price E.W.Kirshh Mrs Harold Davis Thos L. Shelford Harris Gordon Mrs O.R.Russel L. Moore A.A.Mattox Alfred M. Anderson Lillian Walli Carl Sholin Mrs Paul Parlette

L. Forslund Anna Forsland Marie Moore Skii Lund Grover Price H.K.Allen Dal. Valley Lydia Shelford Frank L. Nemer R.M.Campbell Jim. Forsdahl Nels G. Svedlund R.B.Gray Phina Bowers Chas Miller Mary Jane Harrington

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#### ALASKA ROAD - CONNETSSICE

Ancherage December 27th, 1937

Mr Ike P. Taylor Ghief Angineer and the second sec

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I'me forwarding a petition from residents of Homer for a vevey of a read te connect settlery on the high bench with the present roads 

As far as a mervey is concerned, no doubt this would be advisable in case we have to will more roads on the higher benches , so that any work done by the parties interested would be of bemefit to the permanent locations. 

While some of the settlers have done considerable work to date. most of the work dens is wasted as far as a permanent location is concerned, as grades are excessive

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The petition call for a road to join in with the present road near the Intersection with the Spit road- we looked into this proposition at the time we were considering the extension of the road to the higher bench, finding that we obtained a better location by connecting with the read thre the Malli hemested which is about three miles to the Vestward of the junction with the Spit roade. 

The grade on the road we constructed is about a 7 per cent, while the grade on the road constructed by the settlers is many betweens fifteen and a twenty per

It would appear to me that the read already constructed should be extended to the Sast to take care of settlers, instead of building a new read on an excessive ernie in order to make a short out to the main rook.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

December 9, 1937

Mr. James L. Simpson Palmer, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of a petition signed by you and a number of residents in your vicinity for the construction of a road from Goose Bay to the Richardson Highway.

An additional copy of this petition was received thru the Road Commission office at Anchorage.

While a road from Palmer to some point on the Richardson Highway is included in our general plan, construction of this project will necessarily await increased appropriations. The present outlook is that it will be a number of years before such a project can be started.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

CC Edmunds

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#### ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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Anchorage December 21st, 1937

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I as forwarding a letter received in the last mail from the

Seward Chamber of Commerce, and a copy of my reply thereto, for your 

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ALASKA ROAD CORITSSION

<u>Anchoracs</u> December 21st, 1937

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Your letter of December 15th, in reference to the proposed road between Kensi, and the road at Ansaian River, was received in the last mail.

Se fare while we have a winter trail from Kenni to Russian River, no funds have been allotted for a survey to locate a wagon or automobile read, as the funds provided for the Alaska Road Commission during the past few years provide for maintemnes of our existing system only, and are not sufficent to take care of construction on any major projects

While district Superintendents make recommendations to the main office in reference to read requirements in their districts, the determination of where funds will be spent is made by our Juneau office.

Tool projects on which the C.C.C. ferroes are now working, the surveying of a road from Zenai to Russian river would have to be authorized, and funds provided for that purpose, by our Juneau office.

If the C.C.C. desire a read survey made , I would suggest that HP Burdick communicate with Mr Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer, Alaska Road Commission, at Juneau in reference to projects they wish to work one

At the present time it would be impossible to make a location for a permanent road- the snow would have to be off the ground so that the engineer could determine where the location should or should not go, and this could not be done intelligently during the winter months.

Trusting that this gives you the information you require

Tours wery truly

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

December 6, 1937

Mr. Thos. L. Shelford Homer, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Petition to the Governor, signed by you and several other residents of Homer, has been referred to this office for consideration.

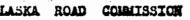
It is not possible to advise definitely at this time the extent of the work which the Alaska Road Commission can undertake at Homer next season. This will depend entirely on the amount of money made available by appropriation in the forthcoming session of Congress.

Your request will be kept in mind in preparing our program for next season and you may be assured that your community will be given equal consideration with others.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

CC Governor's Office Mr. Edmunds IPT:IW



Anchorage, Alaska December 2nd. 1937

Mr Jamos L. Simpson Palmer.

Dear Sirs

This a chnowledges receipt of your letter of October 5th, forwarding a petition for the construction of a read from Goose Bay to the Richardson Highways

This petition is being referred to the Juneau office.

However, a survey will be necessary before construction work would start on this project, funds would also have to be provided, and as it would take several years to make the connection I do not think it advisable for you to figure on buying a truck for use on this project, at this time.

I do not understand why the petition call<sup>5</sup> for a road from Goose Bay, when the logical place to connect the Palmer system of roads is to connect with the Hoese Greek road .

> E.C.Edmunds Sup'te

Ancherage December 2nd, 1937

hr Ike P. Taylor Chief Ingineer Juneau

Dear Sire

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I am forwarding a petition received in the last mail from various residents of the Palmer district for a road from Gooss Bay to the Alchardson Highways

Just why they should must to connect the highway with Goose Bay is

N.C.Edmunds Sup'te Palmer, Alaska, October 5,1937.

We, the undersigned citizens of Alaska do hereby ask the Road Commission to put a truck road through from Goose Bay to the Richardson Highway about 114 mile post so we can put our produce on the market and for such relief from the Road Commission.

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

April 19, 1937

Nr. Almer J. Peterson Legal and Land Department Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation Palmer, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Petition for the construction of a mile of road serving homesteads in Section 32 Township 18 North Range 2 East forwarded by you to Mr. Edmunds has been referred to this office.

All the funds available for the Nasilla-Palmer-Matanuska area for this season are programmed for use in improving the main traveled roads. This is considered necessary in view of the large increase in travel over these roads and it is felt should take precedence over the construction of new roads to serve recently located homesteads. While the necessity for these new roads is recognized, it will not be possible to undertake their construction this season. As soon as the main roads are sufficiently improved consideration will be given to the construction of additional branch roads.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

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April 14th , 1937

Mr Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineer Jumeau

## Dear Sirt

The forwarding a petition received from various residents of the Falmer District , thro Mr Almer Feterson, of the Gorperation, for the construction of a read to the Scott and Thompson homesteads.

These homesteads are located adjacent to that portion of the Falmer-Fisheok road which we abandened several years age, when we constructed the road which at that time was called the "Serner cut off" and which has since been included as a portion of the main read between Palmer and Fishcok.

At that time no one was living in this section, and there was necessity of keeping the read opene

Since the corporation was forwad, however. the land is all taken up, and the two farmers enumerated are unable to get to the main roads except by travelling over their neighbors land.

While I have not gone over the route suggested, it is estimated: that this mile of road , which is in heavily timbered country, would compto 4,500.00 to construct.

While it is realised that funds are not available for new construction, the petition is being forwarded for your consideration as a matter of record.

Yours very truly

M.C.Edmunds Sup't.

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# Palmer, Alaska. March 22nd 1937.

Alaska Road Commission, - Anchorage, Alaska.

Don Chapman

ATTENTION MR. EDMUNDS:

We the undersigned, reidents of farms in the Matanuska Valley, Territory of Alaska, do respectfully petition for a road to be constructed as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the SE corner of NW4 of NW4 in section 32, Township 18N, Range 2 East, S.M. thence west 4 mile, thence north 4 mile, thence west 1 mile on section line between section 30 & 31. This road will open up a territory now occupied by homesteaders; they have at the present time no outlet, and have to cross over two forty acre tracts now being occupied by Fred Rotz and Frank Ring.

It makes it impossible to fence in these 40 acre tracts, except by shutting out Mr. Scptt and Mr. Thompson, whom have homesteads in sections 30 and 31, Twp. 18N, R2E, S.M.

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Alaska Road Commission Anchorage, Alaska.

April 12, 1937.

Mr. Almar J. Paterson, Palmar, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 8th with the petition for the extension of the first form road north of Palmer running west from the Palmer-Fishhook road.

This petition is being forwarded to our Juneau office for their consideration.

Yours very truly

M. C. Edmunds Septe

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

April 10, 1937

Nr. R. S. Bragaw Secretary, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Petition for relocation of a part of the Anchorage-Palmer Road forwarded by you to Mr. Edmunds has been referred to this office for consideration.

You are advised that it has been planned at some future time to construct a cut-off from the end of the so-called "Oil Well Road" to connect with the main road above Whitney. The matter of exact location of this route has not been determined.

It is planned to expend the funds available for the present season on additional surfacing and improvement of the main road and it is believed this is of primary importance and should be done in advance of any extensive relocations.

It is not possible to state at this time definitely when this relocation can be constructed but it will be considered in preparing future programs.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

IFT:IN CC Hr. Edmunds

ASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage April 5th, 1937

Hr Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineer Juneau.

Dear Sirt

I am forwarding a letter received from the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce in reference to the extension of the Oilwell read, route 75-I, to connect up with the main Anchorage-Palmer Read.

This road was extended about 3/4 of a mile last fall, reaching the homestead of J.Lindley Green.

By extending this road due North a distance of 1-1/2 miles it would connect with the Loop road East of the railroad, at Whitney Station, and eliminate the present main road thro the Alaska Railroad yards, including two railroad crossings.

The petition, however, calls for the location of the proposed extension for a distance of about one and a half miles to the East , before running North to connect with the main road.

There are several homesteaders to the East who would benefit by the construction of a road , as stated in the petition, but if the main road were to follow to the East it would mean abandoning amile and a half of good read between Whitney Station and the Fransmitting station of the Signal Corps.

There is the alternative of building the 1-1/2 miles of read North from Greens homestead, to connect with the main road, and build a narrower road as a farm read which could later on be extended.

It is questionable whether the route proposed would interfere with the Signal Corps Station at Whitney- if a connection were made it would have to be at least 1/4 of a mile from the station.

As far as is known the land to the East has been burned over and should be good grading ground , similar to the Oilwell road, the it is probable we run into timber in the vicinity of Ship Greek, the same as at the lower crossing due North from Green's homestead.

According to scaling off a map the distance of the road called for in the petition would be about 3 miles.

The extension of the Oilwell road made last fall of 3/4 of a mile consisted of grading only, so it appears as the this portion is included in the 4 miles asked for.

It is estimated that it would cost \$10,000.00 to build the 1-1/2 miles of road to Whitney station, including bridging Ship Creek and surfacing, so it is believed that the amount asked for would be about half the amount required to build the road wherev requested in the petition.

> Yours very truly M.C.Edmunds, Sup't.

Petition enclosed

#### ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage Rpril 5th, 1937

Mr R.S.Bragaw Secretary Ancherage Chamber of Commerce.

#### Dear Mr. Bragawa

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of March 24th, forwarding three copies of a petition for the extension of the Fifth

Avenue Road towards the East and North to connect with the present

main road between Anchorage and Palmer-

The petitions are being forwarded to the main office

of the Alaska Hond Commission at Juneau, and no doubt you will hear

from them in due course.

Yours very truly

M.C.Edmunds Sup't.

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J. LINDLEY GREEN Attorney at Law ANCHORAGE, ALASKA March 24th.1937.

Mr. William Hesse, Teritorial Engineer, Juneau Alaska. Dear Mr. Hesse:-

There has been a petition filed addressed to the Alaska Road Commission and yourself which will be referred to you by the Alaska Road Commission, there are over five hundred signers to this petation, the petation is saif explanitory and for this reason it is unnecessary for me to give a detailed discription of the pro-posed route but I will say that it will eliminate two miles of very crocked and dangerous road and eliminate two very heavy grades.

The petetion calls for the construction of about four miles of auto roadbut it will open up and make a valable a large area of the best homestead land arround Anchorage and will make avaiable large areas of medow lands near and on the foot hills of the Chugak mountains back of Anchorage that will be of great value for hay and pasture, at the point where the propose route will cross Ship Greek there is no steep hill but a gradual slope on each side of the creek rendering an easy grade from the platau to the creek on both sides.

We are ashing you to allow the Commission to use ten thousand dollars in the construction of the road, we do this for the reason that The Commission can by constructing a mile and a haif of road eliminate the railroad tracks and the dangerous road refered to in the petetion saving the construction of about two miles and one half of road, but the construction of that mile and shalf of road. will not open up any new country and be np benefit to the presant settlers or render the area of homestead lands and grass lands avalable, and for this reason we are petetioning you to alow the commission to use ten thousand dollars of the territioies money so that the road can be constructed as outlined in the petetion.

On account of the small appropriation made by the Government for the construction of roads in Alaska the commission does not feel that it can spare the money to construct the additional two miles and onehalf without getting assistance from the territioy and as you have the final say in these matters I do sincerely hope you cangrant this small favor. Mr. Hesse I have never asked you for any thing and would not be writion you at this time if it were not for the fact that it is a matter of vital importance to the city of Anchorage adopen up an area that is at present inaxcessable and unless it is done now it will probably be years before there will be another oportunity.

The Anchorage Chamber of commerce is behind the movement an d sponcering the petetion.

I hope I have not bored you with this long letter but I feel so deeply the necesity of this appropriation or rather allowance of the money for this work that I cannot refrain from being very insistant Respectfully tour frien,

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#### -PETITION -

O THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION.

and

WILLIAM HESSE, TERRITORIAL HIGHWAY ENGINEER, Juneau, Alaska..

WE YOUR PETIONERS respectfully request that a wagon and auto road be constructed from the east terminus of the present Fifth Avenue road in Anchorage, at the intersection of Section 9-10 and 15-16 due east on the section line between Sections 10 and 15 about a quarter of a mile to the brow of the hill, thence in a north easterly direction following the brow of the hill until it reaches the section line between sections 10 and 11, thence north along the section line between section 10 and 11 to the monument marking the middle of said section line, thence east in the middle of section 11 a and 12 to the center of said section 12, thence north through the middle of section 12 and 1 to the township line in the middle of the north line of section (1) there connecting with the main Falmer-Anchorage Highway on the north line of Township 15 North 3 West and the South line of Township 14 North 3 West.

The construction of this road would eliminate the present crocked and unsafe highway paralleling, and crossing, the railroad between Anchorage and the Whitney Railroad Crossing. The present steep grades would be eliminated.

This proposed road would make easily accessable a large homestead and grazing area - said area will be the most desirable lands found in the vicinity of Anchorage and if made available to homestead will greatly aid in the development of this section.

WE THEREFORE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST that the Alaska Road Commission, and the Territorial Highway Engineer, shall allot the sum of \$10,000.00 beloved nocessary for the above requested two and one balf miles of connecting highway:

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

March 18, 1937

Mr. B. H. Hayfield et al Talkestna, Alaska

Dear Sir:

A petition signed by you and numerous other residents of Talkeetna District for the improvement of the route from Peters Creek to Cache Creek has been forwarded from our Anchorage Office.

The need for the improvement of this route is recognized but, in view of the limited funds available for road work all over Alaska this season, it will be impossible to undertake the improvement of this route to tractor road at this time. The funds allotted to the Talkeetna section this season will be largely used in renewing bridges on the route from Talkeetna to Peters Creek. It is obvious that this portion of the route must be kept in serviceable condition, for it would be useless to neglect this section and use the available funds in improving the route between Peters Creek and Cache Creek.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

99 Edmunds, Anchorage



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

March 18, 1937

Mr. Francis L. Groth, Secretary Civic League, Homer, Alaska

Dear Sir:

A petition for the construction of a landing field, signed by the residents of Homer and forwarded by you to the Alaska Road Commission at Anchorage, has been referred to this office.

The Alaska Road Commission at the present time has no funds for airplane landing field construction. Your petition is being referred to the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners for their consideration.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

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Mr. Hesse Petition and letter from Edmunds are enclosed herewith. These may be kept in your files.

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CC Edmunds

Department of the Interior Alaska Road Commission Anchorage, Alaska.

March 10, 1937.

Mr. Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer, A.R.C., Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter of February 18th to which was attached a petition for the construction of a road from Peters Creek to Cache Creek, known as the sled road portion of Route 51, I have just received supplementary petitions on the same subject and which I attach hereto.

Altho many of these signatures are from people in and near Talkeetna, there are many names in the lists of Wasilla and Anchorage residents.

Yours very truly

supt.

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# COPY OF PETITION

We, the undersigned, respectfully request that the Alaska Road Commission construct a road from Peters Creek up Black Creek to Cache Creek, a distance of approximately twenty miles. From the Cache Creek Mining Section there has already been taken in excess of Two Million Dollars (\$2.000,000.00) in gold, and the country has scarcely been scratched. Without question it is a mining district of a nature in which mining will continue indefinitely.

At the present time there is a pack trail along this route but the same cannot be used for trucks. This trail was constructed years ago and the bridges over the creeks along the same have now broken down so that passage is very difficult. There are nine (9) hydraulic outfits working along this trail besides a number of small outfits.

The construction of this proposed road will not only materially aid the work that is now being done, but will increase the prespecting in this region. We believe that the activities along this proposed road clearly warrant its construction and that the same should be constructed during the summer of 1937.

May we have your cooperation in this matter?

Signatures follow:

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#### Department of the Interior Alaska Road Commission Anchorage, Alaska

March 10, 1937.

Alaska Road Commission, Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sirs:

Attached hereto is a petition for a new Aviation Field for Homer, Alaska as transmitted by Mr. Francis L. Groth, secretary of the Homer Civic League, and 66 other signers.

field they had at Homer and altho winter landing with skiis is usually good, there is no place to land with wheels in the summer time and landing on pontoons is possible only at certain times and then is always hazardous.

Romer is developing into a good farming settlement and growing rapidly in population and I recommend that an investigation be made toward a more feasible site for a field rather than improve the old one, also that an appropriation be set up for the construction of a new field.

Yours very truly

C. Edmunds

supt.

To Mr. MC.Edmunds, Alaska Road Commission.

Whereas the community of Homer is so isolated both for mail service and passenger service as well as all other modes of transportation, We the people of Homer do petition the Alaska Road Commission to construct an airplane landing field at Homer.

At present the people of Seldovia come to Homer for airplane service in the winter time, but present facilities make landing and taking off extremely hazardous for airplanes. During the past season there have been at least five

emergency calls for planes for urgent hospitalization. (signed) Francis L. Groth

Sec. Civic League

SIGNATURES

Alex Mathesen
Guy Waddell Peter Nielsen
Peter Nielsen
Chas. Miller
W. J. Frazier
Laura Frazier
Karl Nielsen
Mrs. M. Nielsen
Stanley Nielsen
Lloyd Forslund
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Department of the Interior Alaska Road Commission Anchorage, Alaska,

March 9, 1937

Mr. Francis L. Groth, Sec. Civic League, Homer, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of a petition for a new airplane landing field at Homer which has just reached this office from you and it is being forwarded to the Juneau office with my recommendations. As you probably know, practically all the money spent on Aviation Fields in Alaska, is appropriated by the Territory so this petition will ultimately go to the Territorial Board for approval and funds. As soon as we are advised as to the outcome of this, you will be notified.

Yours very truly

supt.

M. C. Edmunds

#### ALASKA ROAD. COMMISSION

Ancherson March 5th. 1937

Mr. J.D. Urban Anchorast

Dear SIT:

Firsterence to the petition sent in to this office asking for the construction of a road off the Anchorage Loop road , near mile three , dated January 13th, 1937 , to your and other homesteads in Sections 29 , 38, and 32. · · · ·

The petition was forwarded to our main office, and recommended by this office.

The following reply has been received, and is quoted for your information.

Reference is made to your letter of January 22nd enclosing a petition and the second second from certain homesteaders near Anchorage. Due to the limited funds available it is not probable that this work: can be invluded in our program.

The potition is being referred to the Territorall Board of Road Commissioners for its consideration."

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signed

Tours very truly

Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineers

It appears as the funds for reads for this summer inxgoing to be very small- after the large appropriations we have had for the past two years it will be very noticable in this district.

Sec. 1 I am sorry we will not be able to do anything for you this summers unless the Territory furnishes funds.

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Yours very truly

E.C. Edmunds Sup!t.

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

February 6, 1937

Mr. M. C. Edmunds Superintendent, A. R. C. Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 22 enclosing a petition from certain homesteaders near Anchorage. Due to the limited funds available it is not probable that this work can be included in our program.

The petition is being referred to the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners for its consideration.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor

Chief Engineer.

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

#### February 24, 1937

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Mr. R. S. Bragaw Secretary, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Peccipt is acknowledged of petition indorsed by your Chamber for the improvement of the Peters Creek-Cache Creek Trail to road standard.

It now appears that Federal funds to be available for the coming sesson's work will be sufficient only for maintenance and some minor improvements to the existing roads. For this reason it will not be possible to undertake the construction of a road to Cache Greek. It is planned to make some improvements, however, on this route to that it will be usable as a tractor road. The funds available for this particular section will largely be used in replacing bridges on the section of the road from Talkeetna to Peters Greek. It is of course necessary to maintain this portion of the road so that any traffic destined for points either up Cache Greek or Peters Greek can be assured of getting over the routs.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

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

May 26, 1936

Mr. M. C. Edmunds Superintendent, A. R. C. Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your letter regarding the extension of the road around Lake Spenard is acknowledged. Under our present program we are unable to undertake any new work.

However, copy of your letter together with petition is being sent to Mr. Hesse who may be interested. It is suggested that should he visit Anchorage you apprise him of the petition. He may be willing to allot a small amount. Mr. Hesse left by airplane for Fairbanks and Nome today.

Very truly yours,

Hawley Sterling,

Assistant Chief Engineer.

CC Mr. Hesse with copy of Edmunds' letter & petition

#### ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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#### Chief Engineer

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#### Dear Sire

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I am forwarding a letter and petition received in the last mail from the Anchorage Chamber of Connerce relative to the read leading from the Peters Greek readhouse to Cache Greek.

Ancherage February 18th: 1937

As you are aware, the route followed from the end of the wagow road at Peters Greek, to Oache Greek, during the summer, follows up Black Greek, crossing the black Greek summit, and drope down inte-Gache Greek at Mindy Greeke

This route was built as a pack trail in the first place, and numerous wooden culverts and bridges were built to take care of drainage. These wooden structures are now, generally speaking, unsafe, and, Sinds tractors have been freightingover the route , are continually breaking down-

During the past for years a minimum amount of work has been done upon this route so that traffic may keep moving ; both to the upper part of Gache Greek, where a number of small outfits are mining, and to lower Cache Greek, where the Morgan interests have had a crow of about 15 mm working during the past two years.

Tours very truly

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

January 28, 1937

Mr. Herman Reft Karluk, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 21 with regard to a bridge across the Marluk River.

A potition was sent to this office in November 1934 signed by a number of residents of Karluk and vicinity requesting this bridge. The matter has been delayed pending a report from our district superintendent at Anchorage, who was requested to visit Karluk and investigate the conditions. We now have a report from Mr. Edmunds giving us the information required. While the amount of funds to be available for next season is not yet definitely known, it is believed that favorable consideration can be given to this project in preparing a program for next season's work. The matter is being referred to the Territorial Board of Road Commissioners for its consideration.

It is noted that you refer to a section of two miles across the spit but nothing is said as to what is required on this section. For your information, the Alaska Road Commission has never had a project at Karluk and for that reason I am at a loss to understand your statement that this section of trail across the spit is supposed to be kept up by us.

Very truly yours,

Ike P Taylor, Chief Engineer.

IPT:IN CC Mr. Hesse Edmunds

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

January 5, 1937

Mr. M. C. Edmunds Superintendent, A. R. C. Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Foss together with my reply.

In writing Foss last summer I did not think it policy to tell him that Severson was the one from whom we had gotten the information regarding the trail.

The petition he sent in was signed by some 22 so-called "residents of Iliamna Village and Pedro Bay."

It is requested that you have whoever goes to Iliamna next summer look into this matter and if it is found the trail would be used and even \$500 would do the work we will make an allotment.

Very truly yours,

Chief Engineer

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Pedro Bay, Alaska November 12, 1936

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Mr. Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineer Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a petition signed by the resident who live on this end of the lake or east end of lake.

I dont recall anyone making any inquiry about the proposed winter trail, and there is no need for a winter trail at Iliamna Bay as stated in your letter of August 19, 1936.

Now we dont ask for much and it will do good as stated I know you have been mininformed in this, and hope you will reconsider.

Yours truly

(s) Samuel B. Foss

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

January 5, 1937

Mr. Samuel B. Foss Pedro Bay via Ilianna Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 12 enclosing a petition signed by yourself and others for a trail from Ilianna Village to Knutsen Bay, as requested by you last summer.

My letter of August 19, 1936 was in error in mentioning Ilianna Eay as Ilianna Lake was intended. I know the general location of the trails you request. I still can not see how even \$300, as mentioned in your last request, can accomplish the work desired as your petition indicates at least 20 miles of the trail would be thru timber.

Since no funds are available at this time, your request will be given consideration in preparing next season's program and an investigation will be made on the ground at the first opportunity.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer. - こうどんないれた

IPT:IW CC Edmunds Anchorage, Alaska, January 14, 1937.

Mr. M. C. Edmunds, Supt. A. R. C., Anchorsge, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

We, the undersigned, apply for an auto road to be built to our homesteads, a distance of about three quarters of a mile on Sections 31, 32 and 29. We can not improve our land as it is now for the lack of a road. This road will benefit five homes and cross the land of all five applicants.

Map will show exact location of said road. We would like to have this road built this spring as we intend to do extensive improvements on our land this year.

Yours truly,

J. D. Urban
Geo. Rosenbohm
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LOAD CONTESTOR

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January 22nd, 1937

Mr Iks P. Taylor Chief Engineer Juneau

#### Dear Sirt

I am ferwarding a petition signed by five interested parties for the senstruction of a road leading from mile 3. on the Anchorage-Leop read, in a North Easterly direction , to the homesteads of J.D. Urban and Ges.Resembahn.

While the petition is wigned by C. Kerhenen and Werner Chis , the read in question would be of no particular bonefit to either of these nen , but would benefit two other homesteaders in this visinity, whose names do not appear on the petition. Se far as I am able to determine, none of the signers have done much farming to date, but all have substantial buildings on their property, and have taken up homestende, and will no doubt have to farm in order to prove up on their Land. At the present time it is hard to get into these properties, the locality is heavily timbered, and a narrow road has been slashed so that a wagon can get It is estimated that it would cost \$3,500.00 to build a 24 ft read as requested , including clearing, grabbing grading, culverts and some gravelling in mail places. The land adjacent to the proposed road is being taken up by settlers and it is believed that this is a meritorius project. الجزا ميشا يتحتج وأشتع معتريا Two of the signers are married , and the Urbans have several children. + 18: 2st of school ages ( At present they live in town during the school terms.

Tours very truly

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Ancherage Nevember 24th, 1936

Mr Hawley Sterling Ass't Chief Engineer Juneaus

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I am enclosing a petitian signed by 37 residents of the Homer district, in reference to gravelling the roads in that locality , and, astenishingly, appreciating the work done in that district during

the past seasons

Tours very truly

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The first signer of the petitize, Mr Francis L. Groth , represents the Jours Lee home in their extension project at Hemore

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### Mr H.C.Edminds Alaska Read Commission

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the summer of 1937. We wish to thank the Gefminislengeed work dons on our reads during the past season and hepe that it will continue under the same or similar

administration. The fellowing signatures represent the people of Hamer in this Matter

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Received Nevember 20th, 1936

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

December 17, 1936

Mr. J. J. Doyle 1227 Bank of America Building Seventh and Spring Streets Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 24 in regard to the road from the Gold Bullion to the Marion-Twin Gold Mine property. It is realized that this piece of road requires improvement. In fact, very little money has been spent on it and it is really nothing more than a track.

We have no information as yet regarding the amount of our appropriation for next year. Whether or not any work can be done on this project will depend entirely on the sufficiency of funds available.

The project will be kept in mind in preparing our next year's program and if at all possible an effort will be made to provide some improvement to this route.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer. 5-1-2

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

December 17, 1936

Mr. Francis L. Groth et al. Homer, Alaska

Dear Mr. Groth:

Receipt is acknowledged of a petition signed by yourself and 36 other residents of Homer requesting additional surfacing of the road in that locality.

While it is probable our funces will be quite limited again next year, it is planned to continue surfacing operations, in a small way at least.

We appreciate your statement that the work done last year was beneficial and well done.

Very truly yours,

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Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer. -- ----

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NGE EVJN Department of the Interior ALASKA ROAD COLSIISSION Anchorage, Alaska.

August 12, 1936

Mr. Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineer, A. R. C. Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition signed by various residents of Kodiak concerning the improvement of the road from Kanatak to the Fish Village.

Ascording to the petition, these men are mostly fishermen who go to Bristol Bay during the summer months for the fishing season.

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Very truly yours,

M. C. Edminds, Superintendent.

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#### Kodiak, Alaska

Mr. M. C. Edmunds, Supt. Alaska Road Commission Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In behalf of the residents of Kodiak, Alaska, Third Division Territory of Alaska concerning the construction of the right-of-way and road from Kanatak up to and including the Fish Village, and now known as the Fish Village Trail, and used by the undersigned, all of whom are engaged in the fishing industry in the Bering Sea district, and who individually use this trail in coming and going from the place of their occupation to their homes and We herewith respectfully request that you favorably consider the herein petition, which is unanimously indersed by the undersigned.

Dated this 5th day of August, 1936.

Heino Schneck John Paulson Cliff Sumcelin Bill Sargent Ed MacKenzie Arnie Vogen Allan Petrie Fred Mahle Alfred Torgramsen Thos. Swanson Henry Neseth George Moe Knut Thievik Claudia Walker Jake Amucknuck Glenn Palmer Mrs. C. Leite Allen Guest Anton Kvas George Dolsbo Fred Noren Louis Jensen Wm. Englehart CENTER OF BIG GAME HUNTING

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES

#### SELDOVIA, ALASKA

Office of the Secretory

#### -- HOMER, ALASKA --

<u>REPORT</u>:- Setting forth the reason and requirement for the construction a mile and one half of roadway, leading back from Homer sea level low land country up on to the highland country, and the plateau, which ranges immediately back of Homer and extends for miles in open rolling land.

DATE OF REPORT: Soldovia, Alaska April 18, 1936

SKETCH MAP: Roughly indicating terrain and elevations of this short piece of readwork that will open up and make accessable many thousands of acres of choice land to settlement and homesteaders. (attached hereto)

LIST ENUMERATING THE POPULATION of Homer as of present date. (attached)

LIST OF PERSONS with names and addresses who have written during the <u>past two</u> <u>months</u>, March and April, for all information concerning Homer, Alaska. A number write to say that they are arriving here during May and June. They are financing themselves entirely. This list is attached to indicate the amount of interest actually taken in this Homer country, by persons over a wide range of the United States.

HOMER, ALASKA, compromises an agricultural community ranging around the base of Homer Spit, a natural breakwater extending some 5 miles across the entrance of Kachemak Bay that leads off Cook Inlet waters. HOMER is an area in which the entire population are land settlers and farming minded. This district extends along the shoreline of Nachemak Bay and also adjacent to Cook Inlet. It is a comparatively narrow strip of land extending back from the water edge to an average of from one mile to one and a half miles. There at that point, occurs a very sharp rise and elevation of the land. It continues to a point where the land is some 700 fest above sea level. From thence on the entire country constitutes an open plateau of wide range and fine rolling country.

It is on this elevated land and beyond reaching miles into the back country that is the only land available to homesteaders. All the land of the lower level, as now constituting Homer, has been taken up and homesteaded. There remains nothing left for new arriving persons. This situation can only be remedied by the building of about 11 miles of road that will provide means to settlers getting to and opening up of the land situated on the Homer plateau areas.

There are right now, nine settlers located up on the highland back of Homer. They have established there only recently. They have roughed in a roadway and are now transporting up their material and effects comprising lumber, stock feed, equipment, furniture, wire fencing, and one homesteader is taking in a new portable saw-

#### HOMER, ALASKA

mill to cut all lumber for dwellings, barns and extensive sheep sheds. They have roughed in a roadway up the hillside themselves and at their own expense. It is very steep and requires a four horse team to transport a load of 500 pounds of material and goods. The putting in of a "switch back" to the present roughed in road up Bydarky Canyon would establish a fairly good road, having only a six per cent grade. This is the opinion of a man who has homesteaded land within the past three months. He is a surveyor, and was engaged during the past several years in land survey work in the Matanuska Valley area. This indicated road, properly completed and with switchback of not more than 1500 feet in length, would open up all of the highlevel ground situated on this plateau country.

Once on top of this highland, settlers could break their own trails to whatever point they desired to go and without much difficulty. This method would serve to meet general needs until the advent of a more embracing program of road construction work at a later date.

During the present month of April, one settler alone had some 10 tons of freight landed on the beach at Homer, including 5 head of horses. He has transported everything, under the most difficult circumstances, up on the highland area. The type of men and their families are a determined lot. They finance their own way from the States and elsewhere, to Homer. They meet their difficulties and surmount them. They ask no odds or cry for help. The merits of Homer, its climate and situation, appeal strongly to them. For that reason, a survey or study should be made to examine into the present requirements of this area, from the angle of what is needed to assist in the immediate development and making the open homestead land accessable to those wanting it and willing now to take it up.

During the past two years there is no known instance of persons, having gone to Homer intending to look over the land, who have gone away disappointed. They have all either stayed right there, or left only to secure their equipment and return.

There are 14 newcomers known to be coming from the States to Homer during the month of May. In many instances they have stated the finances that they have in hand -- it ranges from \$2000 to \$5000. One newcomer this last week went to Homer with the avowed intention of starting a Greamery. He has bought outright 145 acres of land for the purpose.

With these new arriving prospective settlers, it is to be desired that at least a readway leading up on to the highland back of Homer, should be put in at as early a date as is possible. There has been done a meager amount of read work at Homer, designed to serve the immediate needs of present settlers. All of what has been done is to a major extent ungraveled and most difficult at times to traverse. NOTHING WHATEVER has been attempted to provide to make available to new settlers the additional land they are now needing, and to which they can get only under the most difficult circumstances and retarding influence.

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#### HONER, ALASKA

The means to do this is by the putting in of the roadway here suggested and indicated. This roadway of under a mile and one half in length, is neither difficult, costly or elaborate and moreover, there is no rockwork to be encountered.

This roadway constitutes a matter of vital and major importance to this locality, and it is contended by all persons at Homer that something in this direction should be undertaken at the earliest possible date, to accommodate and make attractive to new settlers who are coming from distant places at their own expense with the full intention and expectation of finding suitable land on which to take up and file homestead rights thereto.

It is for the foregoing reasons that this subject is being addressed to you, Governor, the Honorable John 2. Troy, that due a review of the subject can be made, and according to your judgement, and in line with what merits this case may suggest to you as having, be directed to that department having the administration of such work.

As an additional significance of the importance of and for opening up this Homer area, we attach hereto list of names of persons from all parts of the States, who have written in to the Chamber of Commerce, for information relating to Homer. These listed names are of letters received during the months of March and April of this current year. These are unsolicited and we have issued no publicity that would encourage such interest.

> Respectfully submitted Seldovia Chamber of Commerce.

J. H. Malcolm ----Secretary.

Department of the Interior ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION Anchorage, Alaska.

May 15, 1936

Hr. Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineer, A.R.C. Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I received a petition in the last mail signed by 15 persons who have homesteads or homes in the vicinity, concerning extending the Spenard road around the Lake. A couple of years ago the persons interested cleared and grubbed about one mile of road which we graded up for them. No surfacing has been done on this section.

This road is used considerably during the fall and spring and becomes bedly rutted. Then running the motor grader or maintainer over the Spenard road we generally cover this section also, which leaves it in fairly good shape during the summer time. There is one section of road about 500 ft. long where the road runs along the rim of the lake but should be changed, as cars traveling over this road endanger the lives of children playing around the lake. This, however, is only a small job.

With the settling up of the land around town more people are moving out towards the lake with the idea of having summer homes and also homesteading. At the present time the settlers are clearing for a road and are asking that the road be extended and also surfaced. While no investigation has been made of the possibilities of getting gravel south of Lake Spenard, there are no gravel pits containing suitable gravel on this road. Most of the good gravel has been obtained from the gravel pit near the Alaska Railroad offices and the surfacing of this road will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000.

I am forwarding a copy of the patition for your information.

Very truly yours,

M. C.Edmunds, Superintendent.

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Lake Spenard Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. M. C. Edmunds, Supt. Alaska Road Commission Anchorage, Alaska

Signatures of settlers to benefit by two miles of new road graded and graveled. Impossible to travel on now until improved in some way.

C. C. Collins	Pete Cavanaugh
A. H. Dyer	Lee Hartley
Carl G. Osterlund	John Stahl
Peter Ericksen	George Blackman
A. N. Brown	J. S. Preston
J. S. DeLong	Dave Patterson
Adolph Olson	Frederick Hansen
W. A. Mills	



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ADDRESS REPLY TO ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

January 29, 1936

Mr. R. S. Bragaw Secretary, Anchorage Conmoer of Commerce Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The petition requesting that the Masilla mine roads be kept open in winter has been forwarded here by Mr. Edmunds.

As you know, the funds of the Alaska Road Commission have never been sufficient to accomplish the construction of numerous roads which have been asked for and which are actually required. This year our appropriation is smaller than usual comparatively due to several hundred miles of road which have been built with emergency funds. It will burely cover maintenance.

We have on this account never been able or felt warranted to do snow removal work on any scale. In fact the only road we feel obligated to keep open is that between Fairbanks and Chatanika and that only because it was so agreed before the railroad took up its steel between these points. We do cooperate with the school authorities in a small way so that the children can get to school.

As Mr. Edmunds states, keeping the road open from Wasilla to Willow is a large order, to say nothing of being bazardous on account of the road being marrow. However, since it does mean so much to the district and since we have a machine on hand which is made for the purpose, we are willing to offer cooperation to the extent of furnishing the machine. The operators and others interested would have to furnish all other expenses, driver's wages, gas, oil, grease, and make deposit to cover. We would select the driver.

In making this offer, it is conditional that the machine can be used only when not required in the valley and that we find it practicable for the machine to do the work. That is, it may prove it can not negotiate the turns or that the glaciers are prohibitive to the point of danger.

Should those interested accept this offer they should be notified that we make a rough estimate that the road could not be opened for less than \$30 a mile average and that the work might have to be repeated the next day if a wind storm comes up. From two to four men would be required, depending upon conditions.

If the operators are interested on the above basis, get in touch with Mr. Edaunds.

Very truly yours,

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Department of the Interior ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION Anchorage, Alaska.

March 30, 1936

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Mr. The P. Taylor Chief Engineer, A. R. S. Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

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I am forwarding a petition received in the last mail from the residents of Wasilla in regard to the installation of fire protection for the town, together with a sopy of my letter to Mr. Howard Wilmoth, the Commissioner.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Edmunds, Superintendent.

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Department of the Interior ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION Anchorage, Alaska.

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March 27, 1936

Mr. Howard Tilmoth U. S. Commissioner Wasilla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of a petition signed by various residents of Wasilla in regard to the installation of a pump, tank, etc. for fire protection in the town of Wasilla.

While it is remarked that two fires started in the Alaska Road Commission garage which might have caused a lot of damage around town, at the same time the installation of fire protection is somewhat outside the line of activities usually undertaken by the Alaska Road Commission. I am forwarding the petition to our main office in Juneau so that it will be delivered into the hands of those concerned.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Edmunds, Superintendent.

MCE:bb Copy to Ike P. Taylor Department of the Interior ALASKA ROAD CONMISSION Anchorage, Alaska.

January 7, 1936

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Mr. C. L. Cadwallader Easilla, Alaska

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Dear Mr. Cadwallader:

This acknowledges receipt of the petition sent in from Wasilla concerning the opening of the woad to the Willow Creek Mining district during the winter time.

This petition is being forwarded to our main office at Juneau for their consideration.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Edmunds, Superintendent.

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### Department of the Interior ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION Anchorage, Alaska.

January 7, 1936

Mr. R. S. Bragaw Secretary, Chamber of Commerce Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Mr. Bragaw:

This acknowledges receipt of a petition sent in by various miners, and other interested in the Tasilla district, concerning keeping the road leading into the Willow Greek mining district open during the winter time. I am forwarding this petition on to our Juneau office for their comsideration.

While we have a new snow plow in the "asilla district, this is the first one of this kind we have had and I am not able to state just what the machine will be able to do. However, I doubt very much whether we could do any good trying to plow out the road to the Willow Creek Mining district during the winter time. The road is very narrow, with numerous curves and excessive grades, which would make it a hazardous undertaking to try to clean the road off under the present conditions.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Edmunds, Superintendent.

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Department of the Interior ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION Anchorage, Alaska.

January 7, 1936

Mr. Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineer, A. R. C. Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

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I am forwarding a petition received from some of the residents of the Wasilla district asking that the road over the Hatsher Summit be kept open during the winter time; also the roads to the other mines in the district, including the Gold Chord and the Fern Mines.

I am also inclosing a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Bragaw, secretary of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce who have endorsed the petition. In addition to the remarks in Mr. Bragaw's letter, I imagine there would be considerable ice in places along the road and no doubt rock would be mixed up with the snow, making it hard to do snow placing on this route.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Edmunds, Superintendent.

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To the Alaska Road Commission Juneau, Alaska

We, the undersigned, realizing the urgent necessity to have the road leading into the Willow Creek Mining District, kept open during the winter months, respectfully petition your Honorable Organization, to grant us this needed relief, and in support of this petition we submit the following reasons for presenting same;

There is now several properties operating in the Mining District mentioned, others carrying on development work, with the expectation of early operation, there is now and will be during the entire winter season, a great number of persons employed in the District or carrying on development work for themselves, that this work can be prosicuted during the winter months, if said roads were kept in condition, so that necessary supplies can be carried to the properties, that the cost of keeping said roads in condition will be slight in comparison with the benefits that will accrue to the parties using the roads, that if the roads are not kept open, it will be necessary to close much of the work that is now going on in said District, therefore depriving a large number of men continuing their employment, and delaying development work that is now being prosicuted, that your consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated by the undersigned.

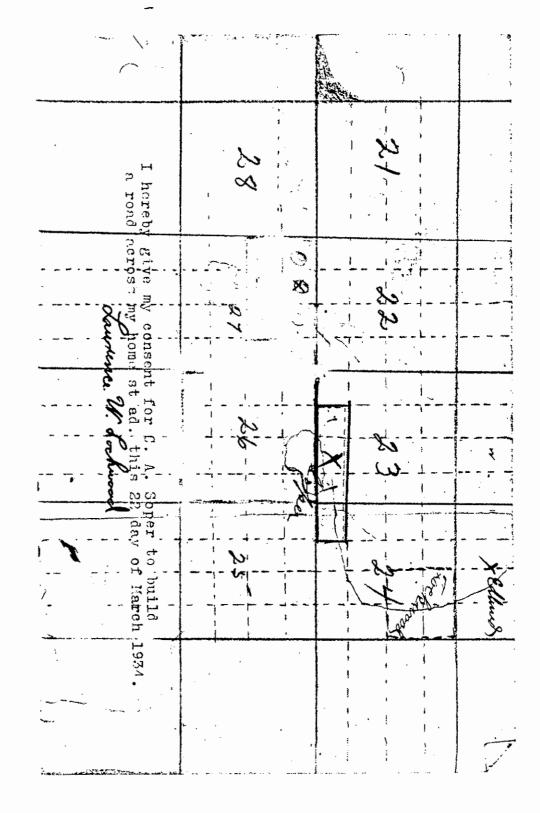
(Signed)

Ready Bullion	Sidney E. Black, Mgr.
Bralaska Ming. Corp.	James M. McDonald, Supt.
Fern Gold Mining Co.	T. S. McDougal
New Bullion Mine	G. S. Herning, owner
Freighter	Gus Swanson
Nasilla Service Company	C. L. Cadwallader, Mgr.
0. G. Herning	Mgr, Knik Trading Company

(Endorsed by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce at a regular meeting held December 12, 1935 Certified by R. S Bragaw, Secretary Anchorage Chamber of Commerce.







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### ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage, Alaska May 7, 1934

Mr. Jack Lean,

Lawing Alaska

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the first, we expect to do some work down your way this season, and would like to accomplish the greatest possible amount of work with what funds we will have available. Please let us know about what time in the season it will be possible to get the most work done.

Yours truly,

Superintendent

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WE THE UNDER SIGNED MINING CLAIMS OWNERS, OF THE SIDNEY BASIN REGION, IN THE WILLOW CREEK MINING DISTRICT, WASILLA, ALASKA, HEREBY PETITION THE ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION, TO BUILD A FOT AND PACK BRIDGE ACROSS ARCHANGEL CREEK, THIS WILL MAKE TRAVEL AND PACKING OF SUPPLIES EASIER AND FASTER INTO THIS REGION, THIS BRIDGE WOULD BE BUILT FROM THE FERN MINE AUTO ROAD ACROSS THE ABOVE EMENTIONED CREEK.

	Name	Name of Mine	Address
1.	P. A. Marion	Gold King	Wasilla
2.	G. S. Herning	Gold King	Wasilla
3.	C. A. Bartholl	Pay Day	Wasilla
4.	C. W. Isaacs	Bonanza	Wasilla
5.	F. Isancs	Bonanza	Wasilla
6.	Grand L. J. Gram	Golden Eagle	Wasilla

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ROAD COMMISSIO

Anchorage February 28-1935.

Mr P.A. Marion et al Wasilla.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter enclosing a petition for a bridge across Archangel Creek, to provide access across Sidney Basin.

I am forwarding the petition to our Juneau office, and will investigate the crossing at the first opportunity.

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Yours very truly

M.C.Edminds Sup't.

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ALASKA ROAD COMMISSI

Anchorage February 28-1935

Mr Ike P. Taylor Chief Engineer Juneau

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding a petition received in the last mail from some prospectors asking that a bridge be built across Archangel Creek, suitable for pack animals.

Archangel Creek runs approximately parallel to the Archangel road, where the Fern mine is located, and the bridge asked for is about half way between the Willow Creek expension and the Fern mine.

Whthout making an investigation, which is out of the question until the snow is off, I would estimate the bridge required would coat \$300.00.

Yours very truly

M.C.Edmunds Sup't. ADDRESS REPLY TO

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

April 30, 1934

Mr. C. A. Soper Masilla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 25 with reference to a petition for a road into your homestead.

There was a limited amount of funds available for construction of farm roads in the Wasilla section last fall. These funds were alloated by the Public Morks Administration and it was endeavored to use them for the construction of roads serving the greatest number of settlers.

As these funds are practically exhausted and our regular appropriation is limited to maintenance of the existing roads it does not appear probable that we will be able to undertake construction of the road you request this season. However, if additional funds become available your request will be given consideration.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

April 25, 1934

Wr. Charles Walker et al. Kodiak, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of a petition signed by numerous residents of Kodiak and vicinity, forwarded to the district superintendent at Anchorage, requesting a road from Kodiak to Sycamore Bay.

You are advised that, in view of the limited funds available, which are sufficient only for maintenance of the existing roads and trails, it will be impossible to undertake construction of the road you request.

Should additional funds be made available on Public Works or through the regular appropriation your request will be given consideration along with numerous others which have been received.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

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CC Mr. Edmunds, Anchorage

ADDRESS REPLY TO ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

April 25, 1934

Mr. Chris. A. Opheim Ousinkie, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Petition signed by yourself and others for a road from Ouzinkie to Opheim Cove, addressed to Governor Troy, has been referred to this office for reply.

You are advised that, in view of the limited funds available, which are sufficient only for maintenance of the existing roads and trails, it will be impossible to undertake construction of the road you request.

Should additional funds be made available on Public Works or through the regular appropriation your request will be given consideration along with numerous others which have been received.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

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CC Hr. Edmunds, Anchorage

ADDRESS REFLY TO ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION

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

February 23, 1935

Mr. A. C. Manser et al Maknek, Alaska

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your petition for a road from Naknek to Egegik.

The funds available for road work in Alaska this year so far as now known will be sufficient only for maintenance and it will not be possible to undertake new projects of this type unless considerable additional funds are made available.

In order that this office may have as much information as possible in connection with this project it is requested that you advise the number of people who will be served by the road and the estimated probable tonnage which will be moved over it.

Very truly yours,

Ike P. Taylor, Chief Engineer.

IPT:IW CC Edmunds

### ALAJKA ROAD COMMISSION

Anchorage April 21-1934

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Mr C.A. Soper Wasilla.

Dear Mr Soper:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of April 16th, concerning the granting of a right of way for a road thro Laurence W LUckwood's property, leading to your homestead.

Since the petition was forwarded to Juneau, I have not been advised that there are any funds with which to build your road, and so far I understand no Public Works funds are available, so unless further funds are appropriated for Alaska there will be no chance to start work on this project.

Yours very truly

M.C.Edmunds Sup't.

april 16-34

Mr. Edmonde, auchorage, alaska, Lear Sir I am encloseing plat of road to my place. includency Lockwood Consend & cross this Homestead he wants road as he has no out-let from Homested This would give road for several other Homestead a Fremain yours July • . .

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M.C.Forunde Sup<sup>\*</sup>t.

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Anchorage Anril 16-1934

Hr Ike P. Teylor Chief Engineer Junean

Dear 31r:

I am forwarding a petition received in the last mail from Kodiak, in reference to building a proposed road from Kodiak to Symmetre Bay.

While no survey has been made of this project, it is estimated that it would cost approximately \$25,000 to build this road to the same standard as the local roads at Fodirk

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Yours very truly

"I.C.Edmunds Sup't.

See Reconn May 29th 1928

### Petition

We, the undersigned, request that the following described road work be done by the by the Alaska Road Commission during the coming season. To build a road approximately three miles in length from the town of Kodiak to Sycamore Bay. This road would serve the H.P.Walker patented home estead on Sycamore Bay and open up the country between the two points. It would further serve the people of Uzinkie, permitting them to row to Sycamore Bay and walk over the proposed road to Kodiak at such times as they could not make the trip by water due to rough weather.

Susan Shuravloff Mrs Alex Simeonoff Chas Walker C.C.Buchanon Albert Wraft Norman Noble Anton Xvas S.B. Thorsheim Fred Mahle Eugene D. Weaver Oscar Bostronin Ben J. Sholl Tom Karsh Walter Sargent Peter L. Unger Loyd B.Hardy Chas Madsen Mrs Walker Mrs Elizabeth Andersen Mrs Chas Meyer D.W.May W.C.Anderson Fred Sargent Paul Walkoff Louis Jensen T.Flynn Wm Sundberg W.J.Erskein R.P.Atkinson M.J.Loughran Albert Lind J.B.Brown Hilbert Andersen George Hendrickson C.A.Mattie Mrs Lee Pryer D.L.Pryer Clarence Selig Gabe Karluk Edwin Cetah W.Ekstvonn Mrs A.E.Can Mrs B.J.Sholl J.M.Blinn Karl Armstrong Nick Shuravloff Walter Shuravloff J.W.Malker

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Anchorage Avril 16-1934

Mr 1ke P. Inylor Chief Engineer Junsau

Deer Sir:

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I have no knowledge concerning this route.

Yours very truly

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U.C.Fdmunds Sup't.

### ALASKA ROAD CONSISSION

Anchorage Amril 16-1934

Nr C.L.Grimes et al Ousinki.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receive of a petition received in the last mail concerne ing a proposed road between Ousinki and Onheims Cove.

I have no knowledge of this road, the distance or the kind of ground traversed, so have been unable to make any statement regarding the estimated cost to our head office, but have transmitted it to Juneau for their consideration. and no doubt you will hear from them in due course.

Yours veryb truly

Sun't.