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Hon. Dan Sutherland,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sutherland:-

I have your letter of the 13th instant and thank you for the information it contains. It is my hope, naturally, that the Federal Road Act will be extended to Alaska under generous terms which will provide a definite and substantial annual sum for the carrying on of a comprehensive program of road building.

Certainly an appropriation should be made for roads in Mt. McKinley Park, but I am hardly anticipating any such amount as \$250,000.00.

Of course I appreciate the difficulty of getting attention to Territorial matters at this exciting and deplorable juncture in national affairs.

Very truly yours,

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House of Representatives

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Hon. Scott C. Bone,
Governor,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Governor Bone:--

Replying to yours of Jan. 30th will say that I have mailed you copy of the bill for extension of the Federal Road Aid Act to Alaska.

This bill has been referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads for a report and I understand the report which is now in the Committee on Roads would reduce the amount greatly.

In conversation with Mr. McDonald of the Bureau of Public Roads and Mr. Sherman of the Forestry Department, I urged them to give us at least one half of what would come to the Territory by reason of its public land area, but Mr. McDonald did not seem willing to do this. If they would allow us one half of the amount mentioned we would receive approximately \$2,000,000.00, and I have been holding out for the entire amount which would approximate \$4,000,000.00 a year, but I doubt if the Committee would be disposed to give us more than one half at the most. I expect they will give us a hearing before the Committee in about a week or ten days; at least, Mr. Dowell said they would and he is, I believe, friendly toward the bill.

You will understand that the taxation measure and the oil scandal are holding the entire attention of Congress these days so that it is impossible to get committees together for action on bills.

I am going before the Committee on Public Lands today to urge the National Park Roads appropriation which would give Mt. McKinley Park about \$250,000.00 for roads.

With regard to the Juneau Land Office, the Secretary of the Interior reported adversely and therefore it is going to be pretty difficult to get action. If he could be persuaded to change his attitude I have no doubt the bill will pass.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Seward
Delegate from Alaska