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Iliamna, Alaska, Sept. 15, 1911.

G. G. VERNOR'S OFFICE,  
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Hon. W. E. Clark,

Juneau, Alaska,

Dear Sir:--

At the request of some 50 People receiving  
Mail periodical through the Post-Office here at Iliamna, Alaska,  
On behalf of these People including myself, We respectfully ask  
Your Assistance in helping us to Obtaining contracts from the  
Government, in carrying the mails, First from Seldovia on the East  
Side of Cook-Inlet to Iliamna-Bay on the West side of the Inlet,  
A distance of about 70 miles, and an other contract let to Carry  
The Mail from Iliamna-Bay to Iliamna Village a distance of 15 miles  
Across the Mountains, there are several suitable boats running out  
and by Seldovia that could be contracted with, among the number is  
The Alaska Steamship Co's Ste'r Dora, The Alaska Coast Co, Ste'r--  
Bertha, and Three Able Casco Line Launches, running up the Inlet from  
Seldovia, The Swan and Alaska, belonging to Mr. Murphy and The Biarkie  
Belonging to Herbert and Ward, there is annually not less than 20  
Passengers landed at Iliamna Annually, and about 50 take their departure  
from There, I would estimate the value of Merchandise annually at  
About \$7000, per annu, there will be a small production of Silver &  
Gold from the Lake Clark country, and provisions are being made to  
Make some small shipments of Copper and Galena Ores next Year,  
We ask that Contracts be solicited running from March to November  
both months inclusive, from Seldovia to Iliamna Bay and from Iliamna-  
Bay to Iliamna Village,

On behalf of the People and in my own name

We thank you most kindly in advance for your assistance

*Thos. W. Cannon*

Route 78136 Nome to Unalakleet, Alaska.

235 Miles and back, once a week Nov. 1 to Dec. 27,

twice " Dec. 28 to Apr. 24,

once " Apr. 25 to May 31.

John Hegness, Contractor, Pay \$16,000. per  
period Nov. 1 to May 31 of each year.

December 26, 1911.

My dear Colonel Richardson:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. L. Myre Hofstad, of Petersburg, Alaska, in reference to the need of a road between Petersburg and Scow Bay. I have acknowledged his letter, informing him that I am writing to you on the subject. Of course I do not presume to make any recommendation in the premises for I surmise that you are already informed, and I have no information whatever on the subject except such as is contained in my correspondent's letter.

Faithfully yours,

G O V E R N O R

Colonel W. P. Richardson,

President, Alaska Road Commission,

War Department, Washington, D. C.

December 26, 1911

My dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant in reference to the need of a road between Petersburg and Goose Bay. I am writing a letter on this subject to Colonel Richardson, President of the Board of Road Commissioners, asking him to examine particularly into the matter.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

Dr. I. Eyre Hofstad,

Petersburg, Alaska

August 14, 1911

My dear Sir:

In further reference to the petition of yourself and other residents of Sitka, dated July 25, 1911, I beg to inform you that I have received a letter from Colonel Richardson in reply to mine, informing me that it will be impossible to do anything at present on the proposed road from Salisbury Sound to Elocza Arsa. I enclose a copy of the letter in question.

In a personal letter to me, Colonel Richardson adds that the Alaska Road Commission now has petitions for work which would cost approximately \$1,500,000, or about six times as much as the amount of the available funds. He says, however, that he will do the best he can for the Sitka people, but it is necessary to spread the available funds pretty thinly over the very large area.

Respectfully yours,

(Enclosure)

Governor

Mr. W. P. Hill,

Sitka, Alaska

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS FOR ALASKA  
VALDEZ, ALASKA

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August 7th, 1911.

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Honorable Walter E. Clark,  
Governor of Alaska,  
Juneau, Alaska.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of yours of July 29th, inclosing petition from certain residents of Sitka for a road from Salisbury Sound to Slocum Arm. This petition will be taken under consideration by the Board, but it is quite impossible to do any work on such road the present season. The Board will endeavor to have an examination and an estimate and report of the cost made as soon as practicable.

Very respectfully,

*W. J. Richardson*  
Lieut. Col. of Infantry,  
President.

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Sitka, Alaska, July 25, 1911.

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*7/29/11 Sent  
Capt. J. H. ...  
Chisholm & Co.*

Hon. Walter E. Clark,  
Governor of Alaska.

Your Excellency:-

The undersigned residents of Sitka and property holders at Chichagoff Mining Camp, beg to call attention to the need of a portage road from Salisbury Sound to Slocum Arm, in order to insure greater safety for passengers and commerce between this point and the said mines.

A gasoline boat is now the only mode of conveyence between these places. As you are aware this involves a sea voyage of 25 miles which would be entirely obviated by a portage road between the above points.

The proposed road is entirely feasible. The route is through a low pass, not to exceed one hundred feet in elevation and the terminals afford a good anchorage. The distance is about six miles and the cost would be nominal, perhaps not more than \$2000.00 per mile. The present method of conveying passengers is perilous at all times, but especially so during eight or nine months of the year, from September until May.

Not the least important matter in this connection is the establishment of a mail service to the mines.

Whilst there is now a post office at Chichagoff, the Government furnishes no transportation for mails farther than Sitka.

The mails at present are carried free by the mining companies.



During the winter months it is impossible to transport the mails regularly owing to stress of weather.

We are aware that this is a matter for the Road Commission, but its importance, owing to the increasing commerce with the Chichagoff camp, and the rapid developments there, demands something beyond regular procedure.

Please give this matter your best attention, so that something may be done to complete this road and make it ready for the coming fall season.

If there is any data that you desire we will cheerfully furnish it.

Respectfully yours,

*W. H. H. H.*  
*B. N. McGrath*  
*J. H. H. H.*  
*W. L. H. H.*  
*Bernard H. H.*  
*Ferdinand H. H.*  
*P. J. Kostrometsov*  
*E. J. H. H.*  
*H. G. H. H.*

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS FOR ALASKA  
VALDEZ, ALASKA

Office of The Executive

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Washington, D. C.,

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February 17, 1911.

Dear Governor:

As you have no doubt seen by the papers, the Senate increased the appropriation for roads and trails in Alaska by \$50,000, making a total of \$150,000; with which amount I think we shall be able to get along fairly well.

In connection with the road leading out from Juneau, it was understood by me last Spring that the council would probably aid in this work by providing under the law a portion of the money collected under the tax law in that city. I hope you will encourage this idea if you can, as it will be quite impossible for the Road Commission to do this work of building a road from Juneau up to Knudson's Ranch unaided this year.

I have received two letters in regard to the vacancy of marshal at Fairbanks; one from Mr. Fred. Gerhardt, and one favoring the appointment of Mr. Sale of Fairbanks. I shall do with these as in former cases mentioned in my previous letter to you. There seems to be rather a strong sentiment in favor of Mr. Sale. There has appeared, however, another applicant for the position whom I would like to commend to you favorably, merely in a personal way, and that is Jim Galen, who, as you probably know, is a brother-in-law of Senator Carter of Montana. I have not in any of these or similar matters gone further than to set these forth in this and my former letter to you, and shall not deviate from this course under any circumstances.

Very sincerely yours,

*W. A. Richardson*  
Major, 13th Infantry, U.S.A.,  
President, Alaska Road Commission.