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Memorandum

For: The Records  
From: Chief, Alaska Branch  
Subject: ✓ Agreements between the ✓ Alaska Road Commission and the Bureau of Public Roads for construction and surfacing of certain roads in Alaska

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A meeting was held at the Bureau of Public Roads to discuss and draft agreements between that Bureau and the Alaska Road Commission to build certain roads in the Chugach National Forest. Basis of the meeting was the attached draft agreements. Present at the meeting were Colonel John R. Noyes, Commissioner of Roads for Alaska; Messrs. Clark, Christensen and Nichols, Bureau of Public Roads; Mr. Dean, Forest Service; and Jos. T. Flakne and George Milner, Alaska Branch.

The draft agreements were patterned roughly after the Federal aid agreements between the Bureau and States, but in reverse allowing the ARC more complete supervisory control over construction and other work than hitherto possible. The first agreement provided for a division of work (surfacing and construction) between the Bureau and the ARC, and the second covered additional work on the Richardson, Glenn, and Alaska Highways and paving of the Seward-Anchorage Highway.

The Bureau expressed doubt that funds would be available to reimburse the ARC for survey work from Cordova to Mile 49 along the lower Copper River Valley. This survey is now being carried out by the Bureau with funds advanced from the ARC. The ARC is carrying out the survey southward to Mile 49. This will be given further study.

The major part of the discussion revolved around the work to be done between Seward and Anchorage. Of major importance is the method of obtaining rights-of-way. It was decided that the Bureau would "arrange for the acquisition of rights-of-way," leaving the means to the discretion of local representatives, but not committing the Bureau to their purchase.

Another important question was that of maintenance of such roads after construction. Incorporation of roads in the national forests into the Forest Highway System must be initiated at the local level. This is now being done by Mr. Stoddart, Division Engineer, and Mr. Heintzleman, Regional Forester, in the case of the Seward-Anchorage roads. ARC maintenance of Alaskan roads ends at national forest boundaries.

Mr. Christensen submitted draft agreements which were reviewed by Colonel Noyes and the others. These revised drafts will be forwarded to Mr. Stoddart and Colonel Noyes for further revision and signature. If agreed to, the agreements will be returned to Washington for signature by the Commissioner of Public Roads, at which time they will go into effect. Colonel Noyes, by delegation of authority, Secretarial Order No. 2509, Section 50, January 13, 1949, is empowered to enter into such agreements for the Department. The Forest Service, though not a party to the agreements, will review plans for work to be done under them.

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