

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
ALASKA ROAD COMMISSION  
FAIRBANKS ALASKA

May 7, 1946

Mr. Otto G. Bayless, Foreman,  
Alaska Road Commission,  
Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

This letter will be your authority to proceed to Hot Springs and take charge of maintenance work on the roads in that area.

The following is offered for your information and guidance; At Hot Springs we have the following equipment:

1	Only	Adams Grader No. 83	ARC	No. 479
1	"	Ford Dump Truck	"	No. 588
1	"	" " "	"	No. 589
1	"	A-C K Tractor/Dozer	"	No. 590
1	"	Ford Dump Truck	"	No. 1164
1	"	Atlas Scraper	"	No. 1194

The Car Books for all the above equipment are enclosed herewith. As to the condition of the above equipment, the grader and Atlas Scraper have been used very little during the past and are in good condition. The Tractor/Dozer was given an overhaul last year and as it was used very little, it also should be in good condition. One of the dump trucks is in good condition, one fair and one poor. The poor one, I believe, has no motor in it but will have a new motor ready to send down there on the first boat. A mechanic will be sent to Hot Springs with you to see that all equipment is in operating condition.

We have no food supplies at Hot Springs. Food will be purchased from the Northern Commercial Company; anything that cannot be secured from them will be sent from Fairbanks either by boat or plane. There should be tents, kitchen equipment, small tools, etc. sufficient for the summer stored in the old Signal Corps Building; some, however, may be stored in one of Tex Browning's buildings. Contact Tony Lanning as he has been doing our work at Hot Springs for the past few years and he knows where our equipment, etc. is stored.

Paul Heinrich, who has cooked for the ARC on several occasions, is at Hot Springs and will no doubt be available for the cook's job. If so, his rate of pay will be \$1.25 per hour. It is doubtful if you will be able to secure any men down there except laborers. As your crew should consist of

two or three laborers, two or three truck drivers and a dozer operator, it will probably be necessary to send a dozer operator and truck drivers from here. This is a matter that you should check on immediately after your arrival at Hot Springs. Wages for laborers will be \$1.12½ per hour. Last year we paid Fredlund \$1.25 per hour - that rate will be OKay for him this year but all others will be \$1.12½ per hour. Truck drivers rate will be \$1.25 per hour, tractor/dozer operator \$1.60 per hour. Anyone hired down there will have to fill out, sign and have notarized a Contract of Employment and a Hatch Act Form, a supply of which is enclosed herewith. In filling out the Contract of Employment, be sure that both sides of the Form are all filled out and that all questions are answered, especially those in regard to military service and dependents, etc. for income tax deductions.

As you are well acquainted in the Hot Springs area, you know the road situation down there as well as I do, in view of which I can tell you very little about it, except probably that we now have a road extending from Eureka to Omega Creek which it will be necessary to keep passable especially if they work on that creek during the coming summer. If they do not work on that creek, it will not be necessary to perform any work on that particular road. Also, since you were in that area, the Tofty road has been extended on down to Beck's place, in view of which it is necessary to keep that section in a passable condition.

To date no funds have been allotted for work on Airfields, therefore no work will be performed on any Airfield in that area until a later date and then only if funds are allotted for that specific purpose.

Very truly yours,

FN/d  
Encl.

Frank Nash,  
Superintendent