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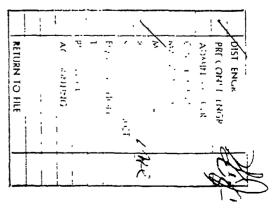
as a result of our coverber 19. 1956 southing with Mr. Obitty and er. Johansen, a 4450513 sight of easy botation was placed or our hand office records. This covered the portion of the winter road outside of the Arctic Corridor Proposed Classification. Unis was rewarded as an interf measure to effor some protection to the route mending actual construction and prosable culargament of the Corridor Classification.

At this tive we do not believe flual classification of the corridor will be approved. Without approval, the proposal will expire by law on march 12, 1969. We are also mesitant to extend a further 4410513 potation because without bong fide Federal investment, such a right of way right, in any test, prove of questionable validity.

We have researched the question of existing right-of-way protection for the winter road. We are firm in the opinion that State announcement of intent to build the road. followed by actual construction, was in affect acceptance of a right-of way grant under the provisions of LS 2477, and that such a right-of way does apply. We also note that the announce user predates the December 12, 1968 application date for the waneral withdrawal, lublic Land Order 4502, which new applies to all unreservan lands in the State.

We are informed by our state office that sufficient leval precedence exists to justify our opinion.

If we can be furnished centerline location ways of the road we will post this to our records with the appropriate notation.



In summary, RS 2477 applies to the entire winter road, except for any private or earlier reserved lands. A 44LD513 notation of possibly questionable validity also applies to the portion from Livengood to just south of Bettles. Our Arctic Corridor Proposed Classification will continue until March 22, 1969.

We hope that this clarifies the protection offered the winter road. We would like to continue working closely with your office and the District Engineer on this project.

Sincerely yours,

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