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TO WHOM CONCERNED:

This is to certify that the bearer, Dr. George F. Freeburger, is a resident of the city of Juneau, Alaska, and regularly engaged in the practice of dentistry in that place. Doctor Freeburger finds it necessary to make a short business trip to Portland, Oregon, and expects to be absent from the Territory not to exceed three weeks.

The date for registration in Alaska, under the military draft bill, has not yet been fixed, nor have registrars been appointed for that work. It is expected that the date for registration will be about August 15. Doctor Freeburger will have returned to Juneau before that date and will register at the proper time.

Acting Governor

June 21, 1917

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The Provost Marshal General,

War Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 22d ultimo, transmitting blanks for official oath bond, bond application and signature cards.

Herewith I beg to transmit the following forms which have been duly executed by me:

- (a) Oath of office
- (b) Application for bond with the American Surety Company of New York.
- (c) Three signature cards--form 333, with the official signature indicated thereon, as directed.

In connection with the matter of my bond, I regret to say that, in disposing of some other papers, I inadvertently destroyed the two bond blanks, G. H. C., form 100-B. I have, therefore, to request that one of these bond forms be sent to me so that it may be executed. Inasmuch as the date for registration in Alaska will probably not be set before some day in the month of August, the delay in the execution of the bond will not likely occasion any inconvenience.

Respectfully yours,

Disbursing Officer and Agent

June 21, 1917

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The Treasurer of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Department letter of the 25th ultimo, transmitting tax cards and sheet for specimen signature, and beg to return herewith the cards and specimen signature sheet with my signature endorsed thereon. The signature on the cards and sheet corresponds to the official signature indicated by me on the cards which are being this day transmitted to the Provost Marshal General, Washington, D. C., in connection with my designation as disbursing officer and agent of the United States in the Territory of Alaska for war registration and draft.

Respectfully yours,

Disbursing Officer and Agent

Enc.

June 22, 1917

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Mr. Seward Presser,
Chairman, Executive Committee,
American Red Cross War Finance Committee,
New York City

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of yesterday, asking that Sunday, June 24, be proclaimed American Red Cross Sunday in all the churches throughout the state, for the purpose of contributing funds to the American Red Cross in its campaign to raise \$100,000,000.

Owing to the fact that the vast majority of communities in Alaska are inaccessible by telegraph, as well as to the lateness of the receipt of your request, I do not believe the issuance of a proclamation would materially aid Alaska's contribution to the Red Cross fund. I may say, for your information, that, quite generally throughout the Territory, the people are observing the President's proclamation of American Red Cross Week and you may depend upon Alaska for a generous contribution. The people of this Territory are most heartily in sympathy with the Administration's war policy and are most willing to do their full share in the furtherance of that policy. From information now at hand, it appears

that our people are responding very generally to the appeal for assistance in the work of the American Red Cross, and I doubt that a proclamation would, at this time, add much, if anything, to the very general response which is being made throughout the Territory.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor

June 22, 1917

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Prof. Leon J. Richardson,
General Representative,
Directory of Service Committee,
University of California,
Berkeley, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting the appointment of a representative of your Committee for Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise that I have today named Prof. L. D. Henderson, Commissioner of Education for the Territory of Alaska, as the Alaska representative of the Directory of Service Committee, and have turned over to him the circular which accompanied your letter of the above date, and will deliver to him the pamphlet referred to in your letter and circular as soon as the same shall have been received.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor

June 22, 1917

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Prof. L. D. Henderson,
Commissioner of Education,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

In accordance with our conversation, I hereby appoint you as the Alaska representative of the Directory of Service Committee of the Committee on Public Information, established by the President of the United States. This appointment is made at the request of Prof. Leon J. Richardson, who is the general representative of the Directory of Service Committee for the geographical War Department which includes Alaska. Professor Richardson's address is Berkeley.

The object of the Directory of Service Committee is to furnish information for use in connection with the carrying on of America's part in the war with Germany and the conservation of our resources. The enclosed circular will still better inform you as to the purposes of the Committee.

Permit me to express my appreciation of your willingness to serve.

The copy of the directory which is referred to in the enclosed circular has not yet been received. When it comes

to hand it will be forwarded to you.

Faithfully yours,

Acting Governor

Enc.

June 22, 1917

99-1

Mr. W. M. Hanley,
Executive Secretary,
Council of Defense,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to the Governor, requesting printed matter relating to the organization and work of home guard companies in Alaska.

In reply I beg to advise that in a number of the larger towns home guard companies have been organized and have engaged in military drill, preparatory to enlistment, and have aided in the raising of funds for the Red Cross and other lines of work.

The War Department recently authorized the organization of a National Guard in Alaska, and it is expected that in the near future, two companies will be enrolled, one at Juneau, the capital of the Territory, and the other at Fairbanks, in the interior of the Territory.

No printed matter has been issued by the Territory relating to home guard or National Guard matters.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 25, 1917

99-13

Mr. Arthur Lang,

Clerk of the United States District Court,

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In connection with registration matters in Alaska, there has arisen the question as to the accessibility of registration officers appointed for the regular voting precincts to some of the canneries operating in remote places, particularly in the third judicial division. It has been suggested that in some cases it will be practically impossible for the cannery companies to arrange to take their employees to the registration officer in the precinct in which the canneries are located, and that for the convenience of these employees arrangements be made to appoint special registration officers at the canneries, to serve without pay, for the purpose of securing registration of the cannery employees. In the distribution of supplies, this office has not taken into account any such special arrangement, but has distributed supplies solely on the basis of the number of voting precincts in each judicial division, as established for the general election of last November.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly confer with United States Marshal Brenneeman, or his deputies, and advise as to any canneries in the third division which you believe are so far remote from the places where registration officers will be located as to make it practically impossible, under existing conditions, for the men to report for registration. It must be understood, of course, that the government is not undertaking to send a registration officer to every man's door simply as a matter of convenience, but if there are one or more canneries in your division so far remote from the place where the precinct registrar will be located that, even with some inconvenience, the employees cannot report for registration, it may be necessary to make some special arrangement in such case. In this connection, however, it is to be remembered that, instead of a certain day for registration in this Territory, there will be a registration period extending over approximately two months. It is also to be borne in mind that while a man is supposed to register in his own voting precinct, he may, if he cannot reach his own voting precinct in time to register, have his card filled out and certified by the registrar in some other precinct. In such case, the man must see that his card reaches the registrar in his own voting precinct and must see that he receives his certificate from the registrar of his precinct. Many of the cannery employees are, of course, non-

residents who, no matter when or where they register, must send their cards to their home precinct in the states. These men, therefore, may have their cards filled out and certified by any registrar in the Territory to whom they may find it convenient to report. These conditions, it is believed, will largely minimize the inconvenience which might otherwise exist in the case of some canneries situated in remote places.

Should you, after considering all the conditions and circumstances of the case, believe it necessary that special registrars be designated to secure proper registration of cannery employees in the third division, please indicate the number you think necessary, the places where they should be appointed and approximately the quantity of cards and other supplies which should be furnished for distribution to them.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 25, 1917

99-23

Mr. F. M. Warren, President,
Association of Pacific Fisheries,
1107 Yeon Building,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, in further reference to the matter of registration of cannery employes in Alaska. I do not know where the canneries you are particularly interested in are situated; hence cannot state definitely how conveniently the registration officers will be located with respect to such canneries. You will find enclosed a list of the voting precincts in the first judicial division and also a list of voting precincts in the third judicial division. Practically all of the canneries in Alaska are located in one or the other of these two divisions.

Recent telegraphic advices from Governor Strong, who is now in Washington, D. C., contain the information that the details for registration in this Territory will be completed within a few days and that instead of a given day for registration, there will be a registration period covering approximately two months. This being the case, it would seem that there should be little difficulty encountered in the matter

of the registration of cannery employees. There should certainly be no difficulty in so far as the first judicial division is concerned. It is possible that there are some canneries in the third judicial division so remote from the places where registration officers will be located that it will be difficult to arrange for cannery employees to report to the registration officers, and it is possible that some means may have to be made use of to send a special registration officer to these canneries or to arrange for the appointment of a registrar as suggested in your letter. This matter will be taken up with the divisional registration board (consisting of the United States marshal, the clerk of the district court and the Assistant health commissioner), for the third judicial division, with the request that that board report to this office its views with regard to the necessity for registration officers other than those which are to be appointed for the several voting precincts in the division.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

June 25, 1917

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Mr. Lee Miller,

Excursion Inlet, (P. O. Heenah),

Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 15, addressed to the "Army and Navy registration office," has been delivered to the Governor's office. In reference thereto, I beg to say that when arrangements have been made for registration in this Territory, a registrar will be stationed at Heenah and you can then arrange to register on the regulation form provided by the War Department. It is expected that arrangements for registration will be completed within a few days and that the registration period will cover approximately two months.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 23, 1917

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TO WHOM CONCERNED:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. John Thorberg Erickson, of Thane, Alaska, is about to leave for the States and may not return before the date of registration in the Territory under the army draft bill. He has, therefore, this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office and has signed the same, and I have certified it, no registration officers having as yet been appointed for Alaska. The card will be kept on file in this office until the date for registration has been fixed and proper officers have been appointed when it will be delivered to the registrar for the town of Thane, for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate to Mr. Erickson, which certificate will be sent to him at his address in the States.

Acting Governor

June 25, 1917

99-6

Mr. Emory Valentine,
Mayer of Juneau,
Juneau

Dear Sir:

In connection with the forthcoming registration under the army draft bill, I beg to call your attention to offers made by the following-named residents of Juneau to serve as registration officers or to render other assistance, as indicated in connection with registration in the city of Juneau:

Mrs. Grace F. Paine offers to act as registration officer

Mr. Ralph Kletsing do

Mr. A. B. Cole do

Mr. A. H. Mann do

Mr. W. A. C. Baldwin do

(Mgt. Hotel Lynda); also offers use of hotel lobby for registration purposes.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 25, 1917

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Honorable Elmer E. Smith,

Mayor of Douglas,

Douglas, Alaska

My dear Mr. Mayor:

In connection with the forthcoming registration under the army draft bill, I beg to call your attention to the offer made by Mr. Monte Benson, of Douglas, to serve as registration officer or in any other capacity in connection with the registration.

I may add that recent telegraphic advice from the Governor, who is now in Washington, contains the information that, instead of a day for registration in Alaska, there will be a period of two months during which registration will be carried on. This being the case, it is quite probable that Mr. Benson would not be in a position to act as registration officer, but, in any event, the matter is called to your attention so that you may know of his offer.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 25, 1917

99-3

Mr. J. W. Bell,
Clerk of the United States District Court,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

In connection with registration under the army draft law, I beg to call your attention to the fact that on the 25th ult. this office received a telegram from Mr. W. G. Waigle, Forest Supervisor, Ketchikan, as follows:

"If Forest Service launches located Juneau, Sitka Petersburg, Craig, Ketchikan will be of any service in expediting registration under army draft bill when the date is named, they are at your command."

This office has acknowledged receipt of Mr. Waigle's telegram, thanking him for his very generous offer and advising him that, should it be found convenient, to make use of any of the Forest Service launches, the matter will be taken up with him to that end. I

I am calling your attention to the offer so that if, in connection with registration work outside of incorporated towns of the first division, you should find it desirable to use any of the Forest Service launches, you may advise this office and the matter will be taken up with him.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 23, 1917.

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Honorable J. P. A. Strong,
Governor of Alaska,
Hotel Raleigh,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose five copies of the "Registration Instructions" which have been issued, supplemental to the Regulations prescribed by the President under the military draft bill, or law.

These instructions were worked out by me, after consultation with General Davidson, and along the line, as nearly as I could remember, of suggestions made by you from time to time in our conversations on the subject. I thought the most feasible plan was to take each section of the Regulations and show just how it should be followed. I regret to note, upon reading the printed copy, that there are some places where the wording could have been materially improved upon; but I do not think that there will be much difficulty on the part of Registrars in understanding them, at that. Also I am sorry to find that, despite two careful readings of proof by me, at least three typographical errors appear; I am quite sure they are due to failure of the printer to note the corrections in the proof, although I have not yet taken time to check up on them and see just where the blame lies. It may be "on me."

You will note that all sections of the Regulations have been covered except Section 71 -- the one which relates to

the registration of Indians. This was purposely passed, for the reason that General Davidson had wired you suggesting that there be no registration of Indians, and we thought it best to make no reference to them until such time as we should be advised what the ruling of the War Department was on that point.

We have not, of course, covered the matter of the date for registration, pending the decision of the Department on that point. Your telegram received today indicates a period for registration, covering some two months. We are wiring the Clerks of Court in divisions 2, 3, and 4, advising them of this, and that they will be further advised, in a few days, as to the exact dates for beginning and closing the registration, and such other details as have not been fully covered. In the meantime all supplies have been mailed, and all Boards have been instructed to arrange for the appointment of registrars and the distribution of the supplies to them, so that when the time for action comes everything else will have been attended to.

We delayed the issuance of the instructions for some time, hoping to receive word as to the date or dates for registration, and as to the Indians, but concluded that it was best to have them run off and get them in the mail at once, using the telegraph for the later instructions which will have to be given to the City and Divisional Boards.

I trust the War Department will not take exceptions to the fact that in some cases our instructions dispense with the Regulations, or make radical variations in them. Where we have indicated a different course than that indicated in the Regulations, it has been because we believed that the plan suggested in the Regulations was not feasible in this

Territory.

I have not yet signed a bond under my appointment as Disbursing Officer and Agent for the registration and draft. I received some blanks recently from the Provost Marshal General, signature cards, etc., but inadvertently destroyed the bond form, and have had to write and ask for another. I have, however, sent in my oath of office and signature cards, and an application for bond with the American Surety Company of New York -- the same Company in which I am bonded under the Game and Liquor appropriations. The delay in executing the bond will not occasion any inconvenience, however, as it is unlikely that there will be any expense incurred for some time, or at least there will not be any vouchers requiring settlement at an early date.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary.

Encs.

June 23, 1917.

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TO WHOM CONCERNED:

This is to certify that the bearer, George Maske of Treadwell, Alaska, is about to leave for the States, and may not return before the date of registration in the Territory under the army draft bill. He has therefore this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office and has signed the same, and it has been certified by the Acting Governor. This has been done for the reason that the date for registration in this Territory has not yet been fixed, and no registrars have been appointed and authorized to act. The card signed by Mr. Maske will be kept on file in this office until the date for registration has been fixed, when it will be sent to the Registrar at Treadwell, who will file the same and issue a certificate for Mr. Maske. He expects to be absent from Alaska about one month.

Secretary to the Governor.

June 28, 1917.

99-6

TO WHOM CONCERNED:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Arthur Fairchild, of Juneau, Alaska, is about to leave for the States, and may not return before the date of registration in the Territory under the army draft law. He has therefore this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office and has signed the same, and I have certified it, no registration officers having as yet been appointed for Alaska. The card will be kept on file in this office until the date for registration has been fixed and proper officers have been appointed, when it will be delivered to the Registrar for the City of Juneau, for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate to Mr. Fairchild, which certificate will be sent to him at his address in the States.

Acting Governor.

June 26, 1917

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Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk,
United States District Court,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In connection with the forthcoming registration under the army draft law, I beg to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Charles W. Hook, of Valdez, in a letter dated May 12 last to this office, offered his services in any capacity in which he might be needed. Mr. Hook states that he has had considerable experience as a federal census enumerator in Seattle in 1910.

I am calling this to your attention for consideration in case you should find it necessary to arrange for other than the regular precinct registrars in your division.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 26, 1917

99-7

Mr. M. J. Heneghan, Mayor,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In connection with the forthcoming registration under the army draft law, I beg to advise you that Mr. Ernest Blue, of your city, in a letter dated the 8th ultimo, made application for a position as registration officer for the Ketchikan district. Mr. Blue has had experience as a recruiting officer and in other capacities in connection with military service. His offer is called to your attention for consideration in connection with the appointment of a registration officer for the town of Ketchikan.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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JUNEAU, JUNE 27, 1917. O B Govt. NIGHT paid CASH.

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Governor J. F. A. Strong,

Hotel Raleigh,

WASHINGTON.

See letter eighteenth to this office from Secretary War relative boards for determination of exemptions, also memorandum same date from office Provost Marshal General same subject. The cards mentioned in letter and memorandum not received as yet. Is any action necessary on matter at this end, or will you dispose of matter there.

SHORTHILL.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mails.

Secretary to the Governor.

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June 28, 1917.

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TO WHOM CONCERNED:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Royal R. Pullen, of Treadwell, Alaska, is about to leave for the States, and may not return before the date for registration in the Territory. He has therefore this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office, and has signed the same, and I have certified it, no registration officers having as yet been appointed for Alaska and no date for registration having been fixed. The card will be kept on file in the Governor's office until the date has been fixed and proper officers have been designated, when it will be sent to the registrar for the Treadwell precinct for filing, and the issuance of a registration certificate to Mr. Pullen, which will be mailed to him.

Acting Governor.

Jackson, June 28, 1917. O. B.

99-13

Lang, Clerk,

Valdes.

Am wiring substance your message yesterday to Governor at
Washington. Will advise by wire soon as am advised what War department thinks
best to do.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor,

Secretary to the Governor.

June 27, 1917

99-23

Mr. W. H. Thompson

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In further reference to office letter of the 18th instant, addressed to you, I beg to advise that we are in receipt of a reply to our letter to the Commanding Officer, Fort Wm. H. Seward, in which he advises that persons desiring to enlist for service in the United States Army should apply to the postmaster in their town.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 28, 1917

99-3

TO WHOM CONCERNED:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. John D. Johnson, of Treadwell, Alaska, is about to leave for the States and may not return before the date of registration in the Territory under the army draft bill. He has, therefore, this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office and has signed the same, and I have certified it, no registration officers having as yet been appointed for Alaska. The card will be kept on file in this office until the date for registration has been fixed and proper officers have been appointed when it will be delivered to the registrar for the town of Treadwell, for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate to Mr. Johnson, which certificate will be sent to him at his address in the States.

Acting Governor

June 28, 1917

99-3

TO WHOM CONCERNED:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Fred B. Porter, of Treadwell, Alaska, is about to leave for the States and may not return before the date of registration in the Territory under the army draft bill. He has, therefore, this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office and has signed the same, and I have certified it, no registration officers having as yet been appointed for Alaska. The card will be kept on file in this office until the date for registration has been fixed and proper officers have been appointed when it will be delivered to the registrar for the town of Treadwell, for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate to Mr. Porter, which certificate will be sent to him at his address in the States.

Acting Governor

June 28, 1917

99-6

TO WHOM CONCERNED:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Lloyd Reynolds Edmiston, of Juneau, Alaska, is about to leave for the States and may not return before the date of registration in the Territory under the army draft bill. He has, therefore, this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office and has signed the same, and I have certified it, no registration officers having as yet been appointed for Alaska. The card will be kept on file in this office until the date for registration has been fixed and proper officers have been appointed when it will be delivered to the registrar for the town of Juneau, for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate to Mr. Edmiston, which certificate will be sent to him at his address in the States.

Acting Governor

June 28, 1917

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TO WHOM CONCERNED:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Rosaldo Vinton Ellis, of Douglas, Alaska, is about to leave for the States and may not return before the date of registration in the Territory under the army draft bill. He has, therefore, this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office and has signed the same, and the card has been certified by the Acting Governor, no registration officers having as yet been appointed for Alaska. The card will be kept on file in this office until the date for registration has been fixed and proper officers have been appointed, when it will be delivered to the registrar for the town of Douglas, for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate to Mr. Ellis, which certificate will be sent to him at his address in the States.

Secretary to the Governor

June 28, 1917

99-6

TO WHOM CONCERNED:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Arthur Thibodeau, of Juneau, Alaska, is about to leave for the States and may not return before the date of registration in the Territory under the army draft bill. He has, therefore, this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office and has signed the same, and I have certified it, no registration officers having as yet been appointed for Alaska. The card will be kept on file in this office until the date for registration has been fixed and proper officers have been appointed, when it will be delivered to the registrar for the town of Juneau, for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate to Mr. Thibodeau, which certificate will be sent to him at his address in ^{Canada} ~~the States~~.

Acting Governor

Juneau, June 29, 1917. O. B. AND.

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LANG, Clerk,

Valdez.

Registration of natives has been submitted to Washington for ruling as to whether they shall be registered or not. No ruling yet, but will advise you by wire soon as received.

DRAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

June 20, 1917

99-26

Mr. W. D. McLeod,

Sulzer, Alaska

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Acting Governor, I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23d instant, with respect to Messrs. A. J. Shellhouse and Henry Dannenberg.

This is a matter which properly comes under the supervision of the United States Marshal's office and it is being referred to that office for attention.

I wish to thank you for directing attention to the matter.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 29, 1917

99-25

Mr. J. H. Tanner,
United States Marshal,
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

By direction of the Acting Governor, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received today from W. D. McLeod, of Sulzer, Alaska, on a subject which it is believed properly comes within the jurisdiction of your office.

We are advising Mr. McLeod that the matter is being referred to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

June 30, 1917

99-2

Mr. J. W. Bell,

Clerk of the United States District Court,

Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

This office is in receipt, by reference from Judge Jennings, of a letter from United States Commissioner Ramseyer at Chatham, stating that there are about 15 white people there who are eligible for registration and some forty Filipinos and Chinese also within the prescribed ages for registration. Mr. Ramseyer inquires with regard to the time for registration, the distribution of blanks, etc.

Mr. Ramseyer has been advised that the appointment of a registrar and the distribution of supplies for his precinct is in the hands of the Divisional Registration Board, and that in due course provision will be made for the registration of eligibles in his precinct.

In this connection, I beg to call your attention to the fact that the Chatham precinct was not taken into account when registration supplies were sent you recently. This for the reason that no votes were cast in the Chatham precinct in the November, 1916 election. It will, therefore, be necessary to furnish you with a sufficient supply of cards, etc., for taking care

of the Chatham precinct. It occurs to me that possibly there may be other places in the division where no vote was had in the election of last November, but where a registration officer should be located. If you know of any such, will you please advise this office, stating approximately the number of eligibles, so that we may arrange to send you a sufficient quantity of cards and other supplies to insure proper registration.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

June 30, 1917

99-3

Mr. Walter C. Ramsayer,
United States Commissioner,
Chatham, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant, addressed to Judge Jennings, has been referred to this office for attention.

With reference to the matter referred to in your letter, I beg to say that all male persons over the age of 21 and under 31 will be required to register under the military draft bill. The only possible exception may be the Indians, regarding whose registration we have not yet been definitely informed.

The registration of persons in this division, residing outside of incorporated towns, will be under the supervision of the Divisional Registration Board, composed of the United States Marshal, the clerk of the district court and the assistant health commissioner for the division. The distribution of supplies, instructions, etc., will be handled by Mr. Bell, the clerk of the court. We have not yet been advised when the registration will begin, but it is expected that a date will be fixed in the near future and that the registration will continue over a period of some two months, so that all persons

may have an opportunity to register.

The subject-matter of your letter has been called to the attention of the clerk of the district court so that he may arrange for the appointment of a registrar for your precinct and the distribution of supplies at the proper time.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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June 28, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT paid Cash.

99-13.

Governor J.F.A. Strong,
Hotel Raleigh,
WASHINGTON.

Clerk district court Valdez wires there are ten to fifteen thousand men employed by canneries in Bristol bay and other points in third division principally foreigners from Prince Portland and Seattle who came north in April and will return early in August. Wants to know if eligibles among them must register here if registration opens before they go south and says has no means knowing how many are eligible. The distribution of registration supplies as you know has been based on election returns last November and therefore those nonresidents not allowed for. If they are to be registered it will be necessary have more cards sent and if possible the supplies should go direct to clerk court Valdez in order to save time which is now important. Many canneries referred to are remote from registration places and no adequate means available for men to report for registration. If considered necessary register nonresident cannery employees third division could not revenue cutter be detailed visit canneries and handle matter. Almost if not quite impossible handle otherwise. Local papers say these employees may be permitted return to States and register there, under arrangement between department and cannery companies. If this can be arranged believe would simplify situation, leaving only actual residents Alaska to be registered here.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, June 30, 1917

O. B.

99-13

Lang, Clerk District Court,

Valdez

Am advised all cannery employees within prescribed ages must be registered. Supplies for this purpose being forwarded from Washington. An endeavoring secure revenue cutter handle this work. Will advise further soon as possible.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor

Secretary

Juneau, July 2, 1917 O. B.

99-17

Hall, Deputy Clerk, District Court,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Replying your telegram June thirty, package four containing supplemental instructions mailed June twenty-three. It is expected registration will cover period approximately two months instead of one day as handled in States. Have not yet been advised from Washington as to when registration should begin. Suggest you notify remote precincts which cannot be reached later to give notice of registration and complete same by September 1. Printed circular of supplemental instructions shows in detail to what extent regulations covering registration are to be followed. These should reach you in few days. Only regulation not covered is Number seventy-one, regarding which we are awaiting advice from Washington. Have recommended Indians be not registered, but registrars should be advised to register Indians unless they receive later instructions not to do so. It is appreciated that remote precincts cannot strictly follow regulations in many particulars and supplemental instructions to cover such cases. Arrangements should be made for appointment of registrar for Kantishna, who, in absence of officer authorized to administer oaths, should sign oath form and make notation showing why not sworn to. Will advise further by wire as soon as information received from Washington.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor

Secretary

July 1, 1917

99-6

TO WHOM CONCERNED:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Mike Sucea, of Juneau, Alaska, is about to leave for the States and may not return before the date of registration in the Territory under the army draft bill. He has, therefore, this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office and has signed the same, and I have certified it, no registration officers having as yet been appointed for Alaska. The card will be kept on file in this office until the date for registration has been fixed and proper officers have been appointed when it will be delivered to the registrar for the town of Juneau, for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate to Mr. Sucea, which certificate will be sent to him at his address in the States.

Acting Governor

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Jensen, June 20, 1917

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Paid cash

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Governor J. F. A. Strong.

Hotel Raleigh.

Washington

Prevent Marshal General advises necessary all eligible cannery employees be registered and endorse suggestion by telegram to you that revenue cutter handle this work in third division. Am requesting Secretary Treasury detail cutter. Some leave about July twenty from Valdes where supplies and instructions will be furnished for registration. Believe important you personally urge Secretary detail cutter. Important, this connection, know whether Indians must be registered and again urge they be eliminated.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor

Secretary

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Juneau, June 30, 1917, O. B. Gov't Night Paid cash

Secretary Treasury,

Washington

Provost marshal general endorses recommendation that revenue cutter be sent to all canneries in third judicial division Alaska for purpose of registration under military draft law. Many canneries remotely situated and impossible reach same by mail boats before crews leave for states. There are about fifteen thousand persons employed in canneries in the third division. Request that revenue cutter be detailed for purpose stated, same to start from Valdez about July twenty at which place necessary supplies and instructions will be furnished by clerk of district court under the authority of governor's office and registrar will be appointed from official personnel of cutter if agreeable to you.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor

Secretary to the Governor

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June 20, 1917. O. D. and Night Letter paid cash.

CLARK,

Clerk,

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You were appointed on registration board in capacity as clerk court and deputies may not for you. Both office regulation form preceded by following quote: I J. K. Clark having been appointed a member of the board of registration for the fourth judicial division Territory of Alaska do solemnly swear as quote. Mail each this office. Plan provides for appointment registration officer each voting precinct. Registration probably be carried on during period two months. Dates not yet advised from Washington. All supplies sent you at Fairbanks with full instructions. Important precinct registrars be appointed and supplies distributed to them soon as possible and have be wired you Fairbanks. US Marshal and assistant health commission your division other members board your division. Supplies furnished on basis total votes for delegate candidates last November election.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

July 2, 1917

99-3

Mr. Roy E. Douglas,
Tea Harbor, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your card of the 30th ultimo, addressed to the Governor's office, in which you offer your services, without expense to the Government, in connection with registration for the war conscription in your vicinity. Your card is being transmitted to Mr. J. W. Bell, clerk of the United States district court, who is a member of the divisional board which will have charge of registration matters outside of incorporated towns in the first judicial division. Mr. Bell, no doubt, will advise you in the premises.

On behalf of this office, I wish to express appreciation of your offer.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 3, 1917

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Mr. J. W. Bell,

Clerk of the United States District Court,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir :

Herewith I beg to enclose a card just received from Roy E. Douglas, of Tee Harbor, who offers to undertake the work of registration in that vicinity, without expense to the Government. The matter is referred to you for consideration and such action as the divisional board may deem proper.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 3, 1917

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TO WHOM CONCERNED:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Ralph Manning Robeson, of Thane, Alaska, is about to leave for the States and may not return before the date of registration in the Territory under the army draft bill. He has, therefore, this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office and has signed the same, and I have certified it, no registration officers having as yet been appointed for Alaska. The card will be kept on file in this office until the date for registration has been fixed and proper officers have been appointed when it will be delivered to the registrar for the town of Thane for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate to Mr. Robeson, which certificate will be sent to him at his address in the States.

Acting Governor

July 3, 1917

99-6

TO WHOM CONCERNED:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Mike Popovich, of Juneau, Alaska, is about to leave for the States and may not return before the date of registration in the Territory under the army draft bill. He has, therefore, this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office and has signed the same, and I have certified it, no registration officers having as yet been appointed for Alaska. The card will be kept on file in this office until the date for registration has been fixed and proper officers have been appointed when it will be delivered to the registrar for the town of Juneau, for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate to Mr. Popovich, which certificate will be sent to him at his address in the States.

Acting Governor

July 3, 1917

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TO WHOM CONCERNED:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. John Barrett, of Juneau, Alaska, is about to leave for the States and may not return before the date of registration in the Territory under the army draft bill. He has, therefore, this day had his registration card filled out in the Governor's office and has signed the same, and I have certified it, no registration officers having as yet been appointed for Alaska. The card will be kept on file in this office until the date for registration has been fixed and proper officers have been appointed when it will be delivered to the registrar for the town of Juneau, for filing and the issuance of a registration certificate to Mr. Barrett, which certificate will be sent to him at his address in the States.

Acting Governor

Juneau, July 4, 1917. O. B.

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Clark, Clerk District Court, FAIRBANKS,

Adams, Clerk District Court, NOME.

In view probability that registration will be carried on for period of approximately two months, suggest use of postmasters as registration officers where convenient. Have not been advised when registration will begin.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, July 4, 1917. O. B.

99-13

Lang, Clerk District Court,

VALERZ.

Replying yours third sending summarisation blanks first mail. Suggest advisability using services of postmasters wherever convenient as registration officers, in view probability that registration will be carried on for approximately two months. Not yet advised when begin.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

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July 5, 1917

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Mr. J. W. Ball,
Clerk of the United States District Court,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a typewritten copy of the President's proclamation of June 30, covering the matter of military registration in Alaska and providing that registration shall be carried on during the period from 7 a. m. July 3 to 9 p. m. September 2, 1917, Sundays and legal holidays excepted.

The appointment of precinct registrars and the distribution of supplies and instructions to them should be arranged immediately, and you are directed and authorized to have a sufficient number of copies of the President's proclamation typewritten or printed for distribution to all precincts, for posting purposes. This proclamation, as well as the proclamation heretofore furnished to you, with the other registration supplies, should be posted in every precinct.

For your further information, I beg to advise that we have received telegraphic instructions from Washington stating that Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos are not to be registered. All precinct registrars should be advised as to this.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 5, 1917

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Mr. Emory Valentine, Mayor,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a typewritten copy of the President's proclamation of June 30, covering the matter of military registration in Alaska. You will note it is directed that registration be carried on during the period from 7 a. m. July 2 to 9 p. m. September 2, Sundays and legal holidays excepted.

If the city registration board of Juneau has not yet arranged for the appointment of registrars, it should do so at once and provide them with the necessary supplies and instructions, including copies of the enclosed proclamation of the President, for posting in their precincts. The board should have a sufficient number of copies of this proclamation typewritten for this purpose.

For your further information, I beg to say that we are in receipt of telegraphic instructions from Washington stating that Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos are not to be registered.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 5, 1917

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Mr. Elmer E. Smith, Mayor,

Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a typewritten copy of the President's proclamation of June 30, covering the matter of military registration in Alaska. You will note it is directed that registration be carried on during the period from 7 a. m. July 2 to 9 p. m. September 2, Sundays and legal holidays excepted.

If the city registration board of Douglas has not yet arranged for the appointment of registrars, it should do so at once and provide them with the necessary supplies and instructions, including copies of the enclosed proclamation of the President, for posting in their precincts. The board should have a sufficient number of copies of this proclamation typewritten for this purpose.

For your further information, I beg to say that we are in receipt of telegraphic instructions from Washington stating that Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos are not to be registered.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mayers are instructed to have sufficient copies of proclamation typewritten for posting and for newspapers in their respective towns and clerks of court are directed to have copies typewritten or printed for supplying all precincts for posting purposes. All registration officers should be instructed that Indians, Aluts and Eskimos are not to be registered.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of May, A. D. 1917, the President of the United States did issue a proclamation calling upon all persons subject to registration for military purposes to register as provided by the Act of Congress of May 18, 1917, entitled "An Act to authorize the President to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States," and

WHEREAS, in such proclamation it was provided, among other things that

"In the Territories of Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico a day for registration be named in a later proclamation,"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WOODROW WILSON, President of the United States, for the purpose of fixing the date for registration in the Territory of Alaska, do hereby set, fix and establish the period between 7 a. m. on the second day of July next to 9 p. m. on the second day of September, "Sundays and legal holidays excepted," one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, as the period of registration, and I do hereby direct that during such period all male persons subject to registration for military purposes, the same being

"Those who shall have attained their twenty-first birthday and who shall not have attained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day here named, are required to register, excepting only officers and enlisted men of the regular army, the regular army reserve, the officers' reserve corps, the enlisted reserve corps, the national guard and national guard reserve recognized by the Militia Bureau of the War Department, the navy, the marine corps, the coast guard, and the naval militia, naval reserve force, marine corps reserve, and national naval volunteers recognized by the Navy Department,"

do present themselves, for the purpose of registration for military purposes at such places, and to be registered by the Governor of the Territory of Alaska.

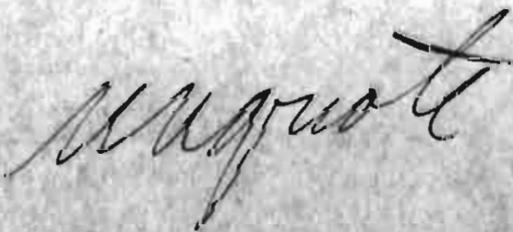
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-first.

WOODROW WILSON

By the President:

ROBERT LANSING,
Secretary of State



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Juneau, July 5, 1917. O. B.

Mayer of Cordova

Chena

Engle

Fairbanks

Clerk Court Fairbanks

Mayer of Haines

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Ketchikan

Nome

Clerk Court Nome

Mayer of Petersburg

Seward

Skagway

Tanana

Wrangell

Valdez

Clerk Court Valdez

The President has issued following proclamation covering
military registration in Alaska quote:

Juneau, July 5, 1917. O. B.

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LANG, Clerk Court,

VALDEZ.

Response yours yesterday have mailed three hundred registration cards and two hundred certificate cards being all of latter on hand. The additional cards being sent from Washington for registration cannery employees will no doubt be ample for all further requirements your division.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

July 5, 1917

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Rev. J. L. Hughes,
Matanuska, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 21st ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in further reference to your desire to secure a position as chaplain with the Alaska contingent.

Since the Governor's letter, to which you refer, was written, the President has directed that registration in Alaska be carried on during the period from July 2 to September 2, inclusive. This being the case, it is entirely unlikely that any Alaskans will be drawn for the first unit of 500,000 which is to be sent to France. The actual work of selection in Alaska, under the military draft bill, can hardly begin before January 1, 1918, since all returns must be in from precinct registrars throughout the Territory before that work can start.

In view of the foregoing, it would appear that, in order to carry out your wish, you will have to arrange to enter the service independently of the registration and selection in the Territory. If there is anything that this office can do

to assist you in this matter, it would be gladly done, but
it would appear that there is nothing that can be done in so
far as the Alaska contingent is concerned, if, as you say,
you wish to go to the front with the first unit of 500,000.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, July 5, 1917

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Honorable J. F. A. Strong,
Governor of Alaska,
Hotel Raleigh,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Governor Strong:

I enclose herewith letter of the 21st ultimo, addressed to you by Mr. H. D. Reynolds, who offers his services to Alaska in connection with the war.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

Enc.

~~Unalga~~

Juneau, July 6 1917. O B.

Lang, Clerk Court,
Valdez.

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Revenue cutter Unalga will report Valdez July fifteenth for service in connection registration cannery employees third division. Cards and other supplies will be forwarded from here to you soon as received from Washington. Arrange list canneries to be visited and all other details meantime. Will advise you later as to appointment registration officer. Am asking Washington for authority name an officer of cutter for that work.

DAVIDSON Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

75/89
Juneau, Alaska, July 6, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT paid CASH.

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Protest Marshal General,

WASHINGTON.

Number one period.

Treasury department has detailed revenue cutter for registration customery employees
third division period I desire arrange appointment executive or other officer of
cutter as registration officer if no legal or regulatory impediments period Please
advise by wire if this may be done period. Will be in interests economy and believe
should be done period. In event such appointment would officer be entitled to pay
period.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, July 6, 1917. O. B.

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LANG, Clerk Court,

Valdez.

Advise approximately how many canneries will be visited by cutter for registration purposes. Desire this information as basis for sending you supplies other than registration and certificate cards.

SHORTHILL, Secretary.



Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, July 6, 1917. C. B.

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Ashley, Mayer,

Skagway.

Arrangements satisfactory. Will advise later as to
registration of half breed. Am submitting question to Washington for ruling.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

72/78
Juneau, July 6, 1917. O. N. Govt. HIGH paid Cash.

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Governor J. F. A. Strong,

Hotel Raleigh,

WASHINGTON.

Referring yours advising Indians not be registered as asked by registration board Skagway to define status of half breed and request your opinion and instructions of protect marshal general if you deem that necessary. Clerk court Valdes has been advised as to cutter. Proclamation of president was wired all boards yesterday with instructions arrange distribution to precincts and hasten work of registration.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 6, 1917

99-3

Mr. Charles Milne,
c/o Purser, S. S. Waialeale,
Puget Sound Navigation Co.,
Colman Deck,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

On the 11th ultimo this office received from the Auditor of Clallam County, Washington, your registration card, duly signed by you and certified by the Auditor. For your information, I beg to say that we have been advised from Washington that it will not be necessary to register Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos in Alaska, as they will not be called upon for service in the present way, at least at this time.

Your card will be kept on file in this office for future reference, in the event an occasion should arise requiring its use.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 6, 1917

99-3

Mr. Harry Campbell,
c/o Purser, s. s. Waialeale,
Puget Sound Navigation Co.,
Colman Deck,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

On the 11th ultimo this office received from the Auditor of Clallam County, Washington, your registration card, duly signed by you and certified by the Auditor. For your information, I beg to say that we have been advised from Washington that it will not be necessary to register Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos in Alaska, as they will not be called upon for service in the present war, at least at this time.

Your card will be kept on file in this office for future reference in the event an occasion should arise requiring its use.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 6, 1917

99-3

Mr. Walter H. Gray,
c/o Parser, S. S. Waialeale,
Fogot Sound Navigation Co.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

On June 11 last this office received from the Auditor of Clallam County, Washington, a registration card signed by you and certified by the deputy county auditor. For your information, I beg to say that we have been advised from Washington, D. C., that it will not be necessary to register Indians, Aloups and Eskimos in Alaska, as they will not be called upon for service in the present war, at least at this time.

Your card will be kept on file in this office for future reference in case an occasion should arise requiring its use.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 6, 1917

99-16

The Mayor of Valdez.

Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the registration card of Mr. Al White, of Valdez, duly signed by him, the same having been certified by the county clerk of Idaho County, Idaho, on May 20 last. Accompanying the card is a self-addressed and stamped envelope, to be used for the purpose of mailing to Mr. White, at Grangeville, Idaho, his registration certificate card.

The enclosed card and envelope should be delivered to the registration officer for the city of Valdez, who should be instructed to endorse upon the card the date of its receipt by him, append his signature and title thereto and file the card with the others for the city of Valdez, after issuing the registration certificate.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and its enclosures.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Enc.

July 6, 1917

99-6

Mr. Samuel McDonald, Mayor,

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the registration card of Mr. Crittenden Anderson Coe Tolman (commonly known as C. C. Tolman), of Seward, duly signed by him and certified by the city clerk of the city of Washington, D. C. There is also enclosed with the card a self-addressed and stamped envelope to be used for the purpose of mailing to Mr. Tolman his registration certificate card.)

The registration card and envelope should be turned over by you to the registration officer for the city of Seward, who should be instructed to endorse thereon the date of its receipt by him, to append his signature and official title and to file the card with the others for the city of Seward, after issuing the registration certificate, which, as above stated, should be mailed to Mr. Tolman at his Washington, D. C., address.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and its enclosures.

Respectfully yours,

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Secretary to the Governor

July 6, 1917

99-6

Mr. Walter W. Kranich,
c/o the White Pass & Yukon,
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

On the 5th ultimo this office received your registration card, which had been filled out and signed by you and certified by the registration officer for the city of Seattle. Your home address is given on the card as Juneau, but before disposing of the card, I have thought it best to write you and ask whether you wish the card to be filed with the registration officer in Juneau or with the registration officer in Skagway. Will you please advise as to this at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 6, 1917

99-6

Mr. Emory Valentine, Mayor,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the following registration cards which have been filled out and signed in this office and certified by the Acting Governor, pending the fixing of the date for registration and the appointment of a registration officer for Juneau:

Charles Lawson Rainbolt, of Juneau, who is temporarily absent from the city and whose registration certificate card should be mailed to him at Birmingham, Wash.

Guy Johan Johnson, of Juneau, who is absent from the city and whose registration certificate card should be mailed to him in care of the Homestake Mining Co., Lead, South Dakota.

Lloyd Reynolds Edmiston, of Juneau, who is temporarily absent from the city and whose registration certificate card should be mailed to him at 820 Lafayette St., Aberdeen, Wash.

Arthur Thibodeau, of Juneau, who is temporarily absent from the city and whose registration certificate card should be mailed to him at St. Marie Salome, Montcalm Co., Quebec, Canada.

John Barrett, of Juneau, who is temporarily absent from the city and whose registration certificate card should be mailed to him at 311 Columbia Street, Seattle, Wash.

The registration officer for the city of Juneau should endorse on each of the above-mentioned cards the date of its receipt by him, and should append his signature and official title and should file the cards with the others for the town of Juneau, after issuing the registration certificates.

I am also enclosing the following registration cards, filled out in the States by residents of Juneau temporarily absent from the city:

Arthur M. Mathews, of Juneau, who is temporarily absent from the city and whose registration certificate card should be mailed to him at Apartment Q, 1305 East 41st street, Seattle, Wash., the card having been certified by the registration officer of the city of Seattle.

Zina Martel Bradford, whose card was filled out on June 15 and certified by the county clerk of Josephine County, State of Oregon. Mr. Bradford's registration card should be mailed to him at Juneau.

Frank A. Hughes, whose card was signed on the 11th of June and certified by George L. Reid, sheriff of Spokane County, Washington. Mr. Hughes' certificate should be mailed to him in care of the Elks' Club, Juneau.

The registration officer for Juneau should endorse on each of the three last-mentioned cards the date of its receipt by him and append his signature and official title, after which the cards should be filed with the others for the city of Juneau.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the
enclosures.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 6, 1917

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Honorable Elmer E. Smith,
Mayor of Douglas,
Douglas, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the registration card of Dr. Remalde Vinton Ellis, of Douglas. This card was signed by Doctor Ellis on June 28, just prior to his departure for a short trip to the States. The Acting Governor certified it, in the absence of a regularly appointed registrar. The card should be delivered to the registrar for the town of Douglas, who should endorse upon it the date of its receipt by him and append his signature and title. The card should then be filed with the others for the town of Douglas.

A certificate of registration should be issued to Doctor Ellis and mailed to him at Douglas.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and its enclosure.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Arthur Lang,
Clerk of the District Court,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the registration card of Nicholas Trotsiakoff, whose home address is given as Nushagak, Alaska. This card was received on yesterday, the same having been certified by H. E. Schellberg, registrar for King County, Washington. I suppose this card should be sent to the registration officer for Nushagak precinct, whose duty it is to issue the registration certificate. The registrar for Nushagak precinct should file the card with the others for that precinct, after he has endorsed upon it the date of its receipt by him and appended his signature and official title. A copy of this card has been made for our files, so that if the original should, by any chance, be lost, we will have a record of it.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 6, 1917

99-9

Mr. Howard Ashley,
Mayer of Skagway,
Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the registration card of Mr. Royal R. Pullen, which was filled out in this office on June 28 and certified by the Acting Governor. This was done for the reason that Mr. Pullen was leaving the Territory and was not certain that he would be back before the period for registration had closed.

This card should be delivered to the registrar for the town of Skagway, who should issue a registration certificate to Mr. Pullen. Mr. Pullen expects to return to the Territory and did not leave any forwarding address. I would suggest that the registration officer deliver his registration certificate to Mr. Pullen's mother at Skagway, with the request that she see that it reaches him without unnecessary delay.

The registration officer should note, on the enclosed registration card, the date of its receipt by him and should append his signature and official title, after which the card

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should be filed with those of the persons who register in
Skagway.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 6, 1917

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Honorable H. T. Roy, Mayor,

Fairbanks, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find an envelope addressed to this office by Mr. Emil Edward Harja, who claims Fairbanks as his place of residence. The envelope contains Mr. Harja's registration card and a letter addressed to the registration officer at Fairbanks, together with a stamped, addressed envelope, for the purpose of mailing to Mr. Harja his registration certificate.

Kindly deliver the enclosed to the registration officer for the city of Fairbanks, instructing him to file the card and to issue a certificate to Mr. Harja, mailing the same to him in the envelope which he has forwarded for that purpose. The registration officer should note on the card the date of its receipt by him and should endorse his name and title upon it.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, July 7, 1917. O. B.

Onese, Mayor,

Petersburg.

Replying yours date you and city clerk and city health officer should execute oath office indicated by section thirty two and one-half, and forward same to this office. You should then arrange at once for appointment of registrar for your town and provide him with all necessary blanks and instructions and a place for carrying on registration. He should execute oath of office and you will find blanks for this purpose with supplies sent you. You should start registration not later than Monday morning next.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

99-8

Juneau, July 7, 1917. O. B. Ans.

Otness, Mayer,

Petersburg.

Replying your second message this date package number two was mailed you June twenty third but am mailing another supply of the printed instructions tonight. Replied to your other message today saying to be ready to start work of registration by next Monday. You are only concerned with registration of persons residing within corporate limits of your town. Seew Bay and other outside precincts will have their own registrar. Will advise you later relative to matter covered by last question in your message as may require ruling from Washington.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, July 8, 1917. O. B. Ans.

Ray, Mayor,

Fairbanks.

Package number two mailed you June twenty third. Hours of registrars should be arranged by your board to provide convenient opportunity for registration but need not cover entire day. Suggest that registration booths be kept open from seven in morning until nine in evening on September first. Under terms of president's proclamation Sundays and holidays are not registration days, therefore no registering should be done on September second.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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99-20

Juneau, July 7, 1917. O. B. Ans.

RAY, Mayor,

Fairbanks.

Replying yours date do not know of any reason at this time why Dr. Sutherland should not act on registration board and in any event mayor and city clerk constitute majority and action of board will be valid, even if it is later decided that Sutherland is not eligible.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.


Secretary to the Governor.

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99-11

Juneau, July 8, 1917. O. B. Ans.

Adams, Clerk Court.

NONE.

Supplemental printed instructions issued by Governor's office provide that returns may be made by mail which should be registered wherever possible. Package of the supplemental instructions mailed you June twenty third for distribution to all registrars.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, July 9, 1917. O. B. Ass.

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Hall, Deputy Clerk,

FAIRBANKS.

Question in your message of yesterday being submitted to Washington for ruling but meantime it is best to register persons referred to. Supplemental instructions were mailed Clerk court June twenty-third.

DAVISON, Acting Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, July 9, 1917. C. B. Govt. HIGHY paid CASH.

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Prevent Marshal General,

WASHINGTON.

Number two period several registration boards inquiring as to registration of persons who become twenty one after July second or thirty one before September second which is designated ^{time} ~~month~~ for registration in Alaska period. Have advised boards to register all such but would ask your ruling on question. period.

RANDSON, Acting Governor.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay incident to the mail.


Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, July 9, 1917. O. B.

Mayer of Chena

Cordova

Eagle

Fairbanks

Clerk Court Fairbanks

Mayer of Ketchikan

Hono

Clerk Court Hono

Mayer of Petersburg

Seward

Skagway

Tanana

Valdez

Clerk Court Valdez

Mayer of Wrangell

Edited via mail from Holy Cross

Telegraphic instructions from Washington just received stating that Indians of mixed blood are exempt from registration the same as those of full blood and this applies also to Aleuts and Eskimos. Please see that all registrars are fully informed as to this.

DAVID SON, Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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July 9, 1917

99-6

Mr. Emery Valentine, Mayor,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

For the information of the city registration board of Juneau and the registrars acting under its supervision, I quote a message just received from Washington:

"Indians of mixed blood exempted from registration, same as those of full blood."

This telegram, taken in connection with the one referred to in office letter of the fifth instant to you, means that no person having Indian blood in his veins is to be registered under the military selective draft law. Please see that your registrars fully understand this.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor

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July 9, 1917

99-5

Mr. Samuel Nixon, Mayor,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

For the information of the city registration board of Haines and the registrars acting under its supervision, I quote a message just received from Washington:

"Indians of mixed blood exempted from registration, same as those of full blood."

This telegram, taken in connection with the one referred to in office letter of the fifth instant to you, means that no person having Indian blood in his veins is to be registered under the military selective draft law. Please see that your registrars fully understand this.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor

July 9, 1917

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Honorable Elmer E. Smith, Mayor,

Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

For the information of the city registration board of Douglas and the registrars acting under its supervision, I quote a message just received from Washington:

"Indians of mixed blood exempted from registration, same as those of full blood."

This telegram, taken in connection with the one referred to in office letter of the fifth instant to you, means that no person having Indian blood in his veins is to be registered under the military selective draft law. Please see that your registrars fully understand this.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor

July 9, 1917

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Mr. J. W. Bell,

Clerk, Divisional Registration Board,

Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

For your information, I beg to advise that this office is in receipt of a telegram from Washington reading as follows:

"Indians of mixed blood exempted from registration, same as those of full blood."

This message is in reply to one sent by this office, inquiring as to whether or not half-breed Indians should be registered.

This telegram, taken in connection with previous instructions received from Washington, to the effect that Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos are not to be registered, means that no person having Indian blood in his veins is to be registered under the selective draft law. All registrars under the jurisdiction of the divisional board should be carefully advised as to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Acting Governor

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Juneau, July 9, 1917. O. B. Ans.

99-19

Charles Ott, Mayor,

EAGLE.

Referring to letter of June twenty six from your city clerk you are advised that you and clerk constitute majority of city registration board and may proceed with registration without a third member. This matter will be arranged later and before registration period closes. Your registration will be limited to persons claiming their residence in Eagle. Persons residing outside should register in their own voting precinct except in cases such as referred to in section thirty two of printed regulations which should be handled as there indicated.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, July 7, 1917. O. B.

Lang, Clerk Court,

Valdes.

99-13

Provost Marshal General authorizes appointment one or more registration officers from official personnel of revenue cutter to handle registration cannery employees. You are authorized to make these appointments in which Marshal Brennehan or Dr. Chase should join so as to have majority of your board acting. If more than one officer designated, one should be named as chief registrar and others as assistants. As officers are in government service they will be expected act without compensation and will no doubt be glad to render this service.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor of Alaska.

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July 9, 1917

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Mr. Arthur Lang,
Clerk of the United States District Court,
Valdez, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In the matter of registration supplies for use of the revenue cutter Unalga, it is noted, by your telegram of the 7th instant, that the cutter will visit some fifty canneries. It is expected that the necessary registration cards and certificate cards will be received from Washington, and we will endeavor to arrange the forwarding of them on the same steamer on which they arrive at Juneau. They will be addressed to you.

We do not know as yet whether any supplies other than registration cards and registration certificates have been forwarded from Washington, and, to meet the requirements in the event no additional supplies come from Washington, we are forwarding to you, in this mail, the following forms.

10 registrar's oath forms
68 placards---"How to Answer Questions."
50 registration regulations issued by the
President
50 printed supplemental instructions issued
by the Governor's office
30 copies of the registration law
30 copies of the President's proclamation
of May 18, 1917
25 copies of summarisation blank---form 3

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100 labels for mailing cards
55 copies of form 330, W. D. public voucher
50 copies form 335, W. D. pay voucher
50 copies of Instructions No. 1, for use of
form 335
50 copies of instructions No. 2, for use of form 330

It is expected that you will arrange to provide the registration officer or officers on the Unalga with necessary copies of the President's proclamation dealing specifically with registration in Alaska, a copy of which was telegraphed you on the fifth instant.

With respect to the handling of registration among the canneries of the third division, it is suggested that the registration officer on the Unalga be definitely informed as to the voting precinct in which each cannery to be visited is located and that he make a separate return to you, covering the cannery or canneries in each voting precinct, so that these cards may eventually be filed with cards received from the regular registrars appointed for the voting precincts in which the various canneries are situated. The registration officer on the cutter should, after completing the registration, fill out a summarization blank to cover the canneries in each voting precinct, which should be mailed to you or be delivered by the registrar in case the Unalga returns to Valdez, together with the registration cards for the precinct. This summarization blank should be combined with that furnished you by the regular registrar for each voting precinct, when you make up your report to this office. The registrar should, of course,

return to you all unused cards and supplies.

The registration officer on the Unalga will no doubt have occasion to certify a good many cards under the provisions of section 32 of the registration regulations issued by the President---that is, cards which will be signed by persons who claim their residence in the States or elsewhere. While the regulations do not require that a list of such persons shall be kept by the registration officer, it is believed advisable that in the case of the registration officer on board the Unalga, such a list be kept, covering the persons in this class whose cards are filled out at each of the canneries. The cards, of course, after being filled out by the registration officer and signed by the proper persons, are to be certified by the officer and handed back to the persons who sign them, and it will then be up to them to see that the cards reach the registration officer in their respective voting precincts in the States and that they receive their certificates. The registration officer on the Unalga will also, no doubt, have to certify cards and issue certificates to some residents of the Territory who are temporarily absent from their own voting precinct or situated at some cannery in their own precinct at a distance from the regular registrar which makes it impossible for them to report to the latter officer before September second. In such case it is

believed that the requirements will be met if the registration officer on board the Unalga has the cards signed, certifies them and issues the registration certificates to the persons who have signed the cards. This method would seem to serve every purpose, since, as above stated, the cards of persons registered at the various canneries are to be turned in to you as a part of the returns from the several voting precincts in which the canneries are located, and these cards, together with those received from the regular registrar for a given voting precinct, will constitute the complete record for such precinct.

You have already been advised by telegraph that Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos are not to be registered, and, as stated in a telegram of this date, this includes Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos of mixed blood as well as those of full blood. In other words, no person having Indian, Aleut or Eskimo blood in his veins is to be registered. This materially simplifies the matter of registration throughout the Territory.

A question has arisen as to whether or not persons who have become 21 or 22 years of age between the dates of July 2 and September 2 are to be registered. We have submitted this question to Washington for a ruling and expect an answer in a day or so. We will then telegraph to you and the others interested.

Your wire of the fourth as received at this office,
reads as follows:

"Forward me 300 certificates of registration
and registration cards."

Your letter of the fifth, received today, confirms this tele-
gram as follows:

"Forward me 600 certificates of registration and
registration cards."

We sent you, on the fifth instant, 200 certificates and
300 registration cards. We are sending you with the supplies
mentioned above 300 more registration cards, but are unable
to furnish any more registration certificates. However, it
is believed that the supply which is coming from Washington
for the use of the revenue cutter Unalga, will be sufficient
to answer all of your purposes. Should you find that it is
not or that any other supplies are needed, please telegraph
and we will arrange to forward them or secure them from
Washington at the earliest possible date.

As noted above, we are sending you a supply of the two
voucher forms, although it is hardly likely that there will
be any occasion for the incurring of expense by the officer
on the revenue cutter Unalga.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, July 10, 1917. O. B. Govt. DEPT. OF COMMERCE. R. H. H. H.

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CHESTER,

WASHINGTON,
period

Number three/ Reference your number one thousand sixty two June twenty eighth received today twenty four thousand registration cards for use in registration of cannery employees third division but have not received registration certificates to be used with them period. If these not yet forwarded from Washington will save time if clerk court folders can be authorized have them printed there otherwise mean at least ten days delay period.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, July 10, 1917 O. B.

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W. L. Clark, Secretary,
Association Pacific Fisheries,
Seattle

Replying your radiogram ninth to secretary, Governor's office has already arranged for registration all cannery employees third judicial division, using revenue cutter for that purpose. Cutter will leave Valdez about fifteenth instant visiting all canneries. Thank you for your offer, but believe revenue cutter can cover entire field. Divisional registration board for third division is entirely conversant with situation and details are being handled by it.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor

Secretary

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Juneau, June 20, 1917. O. B. Govt. NIGHT PAID.

Governor J. F. A. Strong,

Hotel Raleigh, WASHINGTON.

DeVigano wired you Sulzer active service. Received wire today from Sulzer saying Surgeon General make order today placing him Alaska post. His object not get on payroll but where he can do some good. Use influence get him sent some place outside.

DAVIDSON.



Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, July 11, 1917. O. B.

Mayer of Chena

Cordova

Eagle

Fairbanks

Clerk Court Fairbanks

Mayer of Ketchikan

Nome

Clerk Court Nome

Mayer of Petersburg

Seward

Stegney

Tanana

Valdez

Clerk Court Valdez

Mayer of Wrangell

Delivered via mail from Holy Cross

*Separate letters to
Mayors of Douglas,
Juneau and Haines,
and Clerk of Court Juneau.
W.C.D.*

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You are directed to instruct registration officers that all persons who become twenty one years of age on or before September second must be registered and those who become thirty one years of age on or before September second are not to be registered. This is the ruling of Provost Marshal General at Washington.

I certify that this telegram is on official business, and necessary for the public service, and will not bear the delay

B DAVIDSON, Acting Governor.

Secretary to the Governor of Alaska.

July 10, 1917

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Justrite Manufacturing Co.,
2061 Southport Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultimo, addressed to the "Officer in Charge, Adjutant General's office, Juneau." Alaska has no Adjutant General, and your letter has been delivered to this office in the absence of such officer.

In reply to your inquiry, I beg to advise that an act of Congress recently passed, made provision for the organization of a National Guard in this Territory, and Major P. W. Davison, of Juneau, was recently designated as Chief of Militia for the Territory. Steps are being taken looking to the organization of two companies of infantry, one at Juneau and the other at Fairbanks.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 10, 1917

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Mr. I. J. Erickson,

Town Clerk,

Petersburg, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of yesterday's date, addressed to the Governor, inquiring as to whether the ruling that Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos are not to be registered applies to half-breeds, quarter-breeds, etc.

Your inquiry was answered in a telegram sent to your board on yesterday, in which it was stated that advice from Washington had been received saying that no person having Indian blood in his veins should be registered. This applies also to persons having Aleut or Eskimo blood in their veins. We had already received inquiries similar to yours from some of the other boards and the matter was submitted to Washington for a ruling, which was to the effect that no Indian, Aleut or Eskimo of mixed blood should be registered.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 10, 1917

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Mr. H. E. Eckenstein,

Company Clerk, Skagway Home Guard,

Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, referring to the reported passage of an act authorizing the furnishing of rifles and other equipment to home guard companies. The bill in question became a law a few days ago and this office is taking the matter up with the authorities at Washington with a view to ascertaining what arms and equipment can be had for the use of home guard companies in this Territory.

You will be further communicated with on the subject as soon as we have heard from Washington.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

July 10, 1917

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Mr. William S. Barquist,

Tyes Harbor, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 28th ultime, addressed to the Governor, in which you express your desire to serve your country during the present war by enlisting in the United States aviation corps.

Your letter is being forwarded to the Secretary of War, Washington, D. C., with the request that he advise you as to the opportunities for service in the aviation corps.

I have no doubt that, should you realize your ambition, you will render valuable service to your country.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, July 10, 1917 O. B.

W. L. Clark, Secretary,
Association Pacific Fisheries,
Seattle

Replying your radiogram ninth to secretary, Governor's office has already arranged for registration all cannery employees third judicial division, using revenue cutter for that purpose. Cutter will leave Valdez about fifteenth instant visiting all canneries. Thank you for your offer, but believe revenue cutter can cover entire field. Divisional registration board for third division is entirely conversant with situation and details are being handled by it.

DAVIDSON, Acting Governor

Secretary

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The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C

Sir:

By direction of the Acting Governor, I beg to transmit herewith letter of the 28th ultimo, addressed to this office by William S. Barquist, Tyee Harbor, Alaska, who expresses a desire to enlist in the United States aviation corps. Mr. Barquist has resided in Alaska for the past 16 years, with the exception of four years, during which he was attending school in the State of Washington.

It will be appreciated if you will kindly advise Mr. Barquist as to the possibility of his realizing his ambition to serve his country by enlisting in the aviation corps.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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July 11, 1917

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Mr. Royal R. Pullen,
Treadwell, Alaska

My dear Mr. Pullen:

Referring to our telephone conversation this morning with regard to your registration card, I beg to advise that a letter has today been addressed to Meyer Ashley of Skagway, requesting him to have your card returned to this office so that it may be sent to the registrar at Treadwell for filing and the issuance of a certificate to you. Your card was sent to Meyer Ashley on the sixth instant, and it may be that in the meantime the registrar there filed the card and issued a certificate to you, in accordance with instructions given in the letter transmitting the card. In this event, when you receive the registration certificate card from Skagway, you will please forward it to this office so that it may be returned to the registrar at Skagway for cancellation.

As stated to you this morning, your card was sent to Skagway for the reason that you showed that place as your home address when you filled out the card, and it was assumed that you wished to be registered there.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Howard Ashley, Mayor,

Skagway, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Referring to office letter of the sixth instant, enclosing registration card of Mr. Royal N. Pullen, I now have advice that Mr. Pullen did not leave the Territory, as he expected to do, when he signed the card. On the contrary, he remained at Treadwell and has today telephoned, saying that he wishes to be registered from that place instead of Skagway.

Will you kindly instruct your registrar to cancel his endorsement on Mr. Pullen's card and forward it to this office so that it may be sent to the registrar at Treadwell with proper instructions as to its disposition. If a registration certificate has been issued to Mr. Pullen by your registrar, we will require Mr. Pullen to surrender it and it will be returned to you for cancellation.

This letter is written pursuant to instructions given me by the Acting Governor.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Samuel Nixon, Mayor,

Haines, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that we have received telegraphic instructions from Washington to the effect that persons who shall have attained the age of 21 years on or before September 2, 1917, must register, while those who shall have attained the age of 31 on or before that date will not be required to register. Please see that your registrars understand this ruling.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Mr. Essey Valentine, Mayor,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that we have received telegraphic instructions from Washington to the effect that persons who shall have attained the age of 21 years on or before September 2, 1917, must register, while those who shall have attained the age of 21 on or before that date will not be required to register. Please see that your registrars understand this ruling.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Honorable Elmer E. Smith, Mayor,

Douglas, Alaska

My dear Sir:

This is to advise you that we have received telegraphic instructions from Washington to the effect that persons who shall have attained the age of 21 years on or before September 2, 1917, must register, while those who shall have attained the age of 21 on or before that date will not be required to register. Please see that your registrars understand this ruling.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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