

Juneau, Dec. 14, 1917. O. B.

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A. B. Stewart, Chairman,

SEATTLE.

Reference yours eighth have issued proclamation released today urging Alaskans to give all possible support to Red Cross work and am confident they will do so.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to Governor.

December 5, 1917

99-15B

Mr. Joe Pierson,
R. F. D. No. 2,
Ferndale, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to this office, inquiring with regard to draft matters, is today being referred to Mr. J. Lindley Green, clerk of Local Board No. 13, Seward, Alaska, which board, I believe, has possession of your registration card. Mr. Green has been requested to write you and advise you as to what your serial number is.

No drawing has yet been had in Alaska and it is not likely that we shall reach that point before the 15th of January next, and possibly not until a later date. Under the new plan recently adopted by the War Department, local boards are required to forward to each registrant under their jurisdiction a question blank to be answered by the registrant and returned to the board. This form will soon be distributed to the various boards in the Territory and the work of mailing them to registrants will then begin. You will receive one of these blanks from the local board at Seward in due course, and, in the meantime, if you should change your post office address,

you should notify Mr. Green and leave an order with the post-
master at Ferndale for the forwarding of your mail.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor



December 5, 1917

99-23B

Mr. H. McPhoe, Jr.,
921 West 61st street,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 27th ultimo, addressed to the Governor, in which you say that there are a number of Alaskan registrants in Seattle who are anxious to know when the drawing will take place in this Territory.

In reply I beg to advise that we cannot say definitely at this time when the drawing will take place, but from present indications, it will not be had prior to January 15 next and in all probability not until a later date.

Under the new regulations which have recently been issued by the War Department, each local board is required to mail to the registrants under its jurisdiction a questionnaire form to be filled out and returned to the board by the registrants. The forms which have been provided for use under the new regulations will be distributed to the various boards in Alaska in the near future and these boards will then begin the work of mailing question blanks to the persons whose registration cards they hold. It is important, therefore, that the various boards in the Territory should know the

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present post office addresses of all persons under their
respective jurisdictions.

I enclose herewith a copy of a circular issued by this
office, establishing the jurisdiction of the various boards
in the Territory, and have noted on this circular the name of
the chairman of each local board.

I would suggest that you and your friends at once write
to the boards which have jurisdiction over you, advising
definitely where you can be reached by mail. This will avoid
delay and may save you much inconvenience.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 6, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have pleasure in recommending the bearer of this letter, Mr. J. G. Shepard, as a young man of excellent character and ability. Mr. Shepard has grown to manhood in this city and is now desirous of serving his country in the war for peace which it is waging, and is seeking an opportunity to enter the aviation service. I bespeak for him such consideration and courtesies as it may be possible to render him.

Juneau, Dec. 6, 1917. O. B.

99-16 B2

Dwyer, Chairman Local Board,

Anchorage.

Reference yours yesterday relative case of Maxwell M. Henley your message indicates that your board returned papers direct to local board Spokane instead of sending them to Divisional Board at Valdez which is the way you should have handled the matter. In future the papers in such cases must go to Lyons chairman divisional board at Valdez and that board will forward them to the original local board.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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December 6, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. Walter L. Waite is a young man of excellent character and ability who has been a resident of Juneau, Alaska, for the past five years. Mr. Waite is desirous of serving his country in the war for peace which it is waging and is seeking an opportunity to enter the aviation service. I, therefore, bespeak for him such consideration and courtesies as it may be possible to render him.

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Juneau, Dec. 6, 1917. O B Govt NITE. Chg. War Dept. a/e Provost
Marshal General.

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Provost Marshal General,

WASHINGTON.

Number three period Pending qualification of J. T. Hunt as dis-
bursing officer in connection with his appointment as assistant
to the Governor with rank of captain in connection with selective
service comma I authorized to continue as disbursing officer
period

SHORTHILL, Disbursing Officer
and Agent for Alaska.

Disbursing Officer and Agent, Alaska.

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December 7, 1917

99-7B

Mr. R. P. Denegri,
Consul General of Mexico,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th ultimo, with which you enclosed some letters which you requested this office to forward to Francisco Godines at Ketchikan. The letters were forwarded on November 27 to Mr. M. J. Heneghan, Chairman of Local Board No. 4, at Ketchikan, with instructions to deliver them to Godines.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 7, 1917

99-19B

Mr. Robert E. Steel,
Chairman Local Board No. 16,
Eagle, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 15th ultimo, together with form 101, containing a list of the names of persons whose registration cards are in the possession of your local board.

I note what you say with reference to the Roger brothers, registrants No. 7 and 8, being now located at Franklin, Alaska, while the home address on the registration cards was given as Boylston, Mass. Also note that registrants 10 and 12, who registered at Jackwade, but who gave home addresses in Washington, went outside before the close of navigation.

Before this letter reaches you, you will have received telegraphic instructions from this office to the effect that where registration cards in the possession of your board show the home addresses of the registrants to be at points in the States, such cards are to be forwarded to the adjutants general of the States named, so that these officers may, in turn, deliver the cards to the proper local boards having jurisdiction of the places given as the homes of the reg-

istrants. This plan will be followed except in special cases where local boards have personal knowledge that registrants whose cards show home addresses in the States are actually in Alaska and their Alaskan addresses are known to the local boards. In such cases the cards should be retained by the local boards. Following out this plan, your board should retain the cards of 7 and 8, but should forward to the Adjutant General of the State of Washington the cards of Nos. 10 and 12.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

December 7, 1917

99-10B

Mr. Charles Armstrong,

Westport, Washington

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Miss Magnil Nelson, deputy county auditor, Pacific County, Washington, requesting that we advise you as to your serial number.

By reference to the list furnished this office by local board No. 8, Wrangell, Alaska, I find the name of Charles Armstrong, serial No. 192, in the list of persons registered at Kake, Alaska. It is noted that you gave your home address as Westport, Washington. Under instructions just received from the Provost Marshal General, the local boards in Alaska are being instructed that where the card of a person registered in Alaska shows his home address as in some town or city in one of the states, his card shall be forwarded by the local board to the adjutant general of such state. The adjutant general, upon receipt of such card, will forward it to the proper local board in his state. Under this plan your registration card will be forwarded to the Adjutant General of the State of Washington, who in turn will send it to the

local board having jurisdiction over persons residing at
Westport.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Juneau, Dec. 7, 1917

O. B.

99-22B

Geo. F. Bemis,
Chairman Local Board,
Tanana

Reference your letter November five, entirely new plan handling
draft recently adopted by War Department. Copies of new regulations
and blanks for use will be forwarded earliest possible date. Exe-
cution law and regulations in Alaska will have to take into account
slow and infrequent mail service.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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December 7, 1917

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The Chief of Ordnance,
War Department,
1330 F. street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of August 30, 1917, and to your favor of September 15 (No. G.O.54003503), I beg to advise you that the Anchorage Home Guard and the Anchorage Loyal League, of Anchorage, Alaska, have been organized for the protection of public property. They are receiving regular military instruction from army officers and hold themselves in readiness to render any service which may be required by the properly constituted authorities. I have, therefore, to request that there be issued to the Governor of Alaska, for the use of the above organizations, 100 rifles, model 1898, and 800 rounds of ammunition, together with such other equipment as usually accompanies supplies of this kind.

These should be addressed to the Governor of Alaska, in care of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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December 7, 1917

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Major Frederick Mears,
Alaskan Engineering Commission,
Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Major Mears:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the sixth, as follows:

"Reference my letter October nineteenth, guns for Loyal League, Anchorage, has anything further developed?"

I also, at this time, acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 19, with apologies for my delay in replying thereto, necessitated by the unusual press of business in my office, the result being that your letter was in some manner mislaid. Replying to the interrogatory contained in your telegram, I have to advise that I have made a requisition upon the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., for fifty rifles for the Anchorage Loyal League and fifty rifles for the Anchorage Home Guard, together with 400 rounds of ammunition for the use of each organization; also such other material as usually accompanies supplies of this kind.

I trust that this requisition will be promptly honored and that the supplies will be received in due course.

Yours very truly,

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Governor

December 8, 1917

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Mr. W. M. Whitney, Chairman,
Local Board for Division No. 6,
309 County-City Building,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I am returning herewith all papers in the case of
Walter A. Wheeler, serial No. 433, which case was referred
to Local Board No. 10 at Anchorage, Alaska, for physical
examination.

The letter next attached, addressed to this office
by Mr. T. D. Dwyer, Chairman of Local Board No. 10, advises
that Mr. Wheeler has returned to Seattle, and the papers
are, therefore, returned to you.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Juneau, December 8, 1917. O. B. Govt. Mite Pd. CHG. WAR DEPT. ACCT.
PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL.

Provost Marshal General,
WASHINGTON.

99-213

Number fifty one period Reference your number A-three eighty six
period Situation referred to due largely to fact that many registrars
in remote places where they were not in touch with registration boards
did not rightly understand how to handle cases of nonresidents who
were temporarily in Alaska and also to fact that some actual residents
of Alaska gave their home addresses in the states period The local
board at Juneau has sent nearly six hundred letters of inquiry to
registrants who gave home addresses in states or foreign countries and
has found majority not at places named on cards and letters are being
returned unclaimed to the board or to the registrants many of whom
have remained in Alaska and on receiving letters back from addresses
in states have called in person on local board period Many nonresidents
who were registered in Alaska have returned to states but not to places
named as home addresses there period Inasmuch as practically all
local boards in Alaska have completed work of making duplicate sets of
cards and lists on form one hundred one respectfully suggest that less
trouble and confusion for all concerned will result if cards allowed
to remain with Alaska boards at least until these boards are unable
to locate registrants period Many will no doubt be located in the
Territory in which event I assume they would be subject to jurisdiction
of Alaska boards comma while cards of those not located could then be
mailed to adjutants general of states indicated and further search

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made for them by proper local boards in states period To issue general order to Alaska boards to mail all cards to adjutants general which show home addresses in states will undoubtedly result in much trouble and confusion for local boards in states and in not a few instances cards of men who have remained in Alaska will thus be sent outside Territory and cases will eventually have to be referred back inasmuch as men are actual residents of Alaska and now in Territory period will issue such order however if you still deem that the proper procedure comma or will appreciate any modified instructions you may wish to give period Would also suggest that elimination of such cards at this time will require each Alaska local board to renumber remaining cards and make up new lists on form one hundred one period

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

Juneau, Dec. 10, 1917 O. E.

99-15B

J. Lindley Green,
Clerk Local Board,
Seward

Have you record registration Louis Jacobson, Bristol Bay,
August fourteenth? If so, advise registration and serial num-
bers, name of registrar and home address.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

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December 10, 1917.

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The Provost Marshal General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Herewith I have the honor to transmit my accounts for the month of November, 1917, as follows:

1. Account current.
2. Abstract of Disbursements.
3. Abstract of Funds Received from Officers by Transfer.
4. Abstract of Funds Received from Sources Other than Sales.
5. Paid vouchers Nos. 17 to 24, inclusive.

Respectfully yours,

Disbursing Officer and Agent,
for Territory of Alaska.

Encls.

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December 10, 1917

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Mr. R. A. Gunnison, Member,
Legal Advisory Board,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Judge:

In compliance with your oral request, there is enclosed
herewith a list of the members of the advisory boards in the
Second, Third and Fourth judicial divisions.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

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Juneau, Dec. 11, 1917. O B Govt Nite Pd. CHG. WAR DEPT. ACCT. PROVOST
MARSHAL GENERAL.

R. P. Denegri,
Consul General of Mexico,
SANFRANCISCO.

Francisco Codines sentence of ten days in jail expired November
nineteenth.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 11, 1917. Night Letter COLLECT.

Louis Jacobson,

Care Sailors Union Hall,

TACOMA, Wash.

Clerk of local board Seward Alaska wires this office Louis Jacobson registered Hushagak August fourteenth before M. W. Torben card number six serial number seventeen hundred eighty eight. Registration card with Seward local board.

STRONG, Governor.

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Juneau, Dec. 11, 1917. O B Govt. Night Pd. CHC. WAR DEPT. ACCT.
PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL.

Provost Marshal General,
WASHINGTON.

Number fifty two period Recommend appointment of Alfred E. Walthby
as member local board number three Juneau comma vice J. T. Hunt
resigned account appointment assistant to governor period
STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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December 13, 1917

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To the Chief of Engineers,
United States Army,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am advised that Mr. Frederick J. Wettrick, of Juneau, Alaska, is desirous of serving his country in the Engineers' Corps, United States Army, and, therefore, it gives me pleasure to recommend Mr. Wettrick as a young man of splendid education, integrity and ability. He has been a resident of this city for a number of years, during all of which time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession, and I am confident that in the service of his country he would apply the same zeal and ability that have characterized him in his professional duties.

Respectfully yours,

Governor

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December 14, 1917

99-31

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am advised that Mr. George W. Fowler, of Anchorage, Alaska, is desirous of serving his country in the present crisis and that he has selected the aviation division of the United States Army for this purpose. I have to say for Mr. Fowler that he is a young man of splendid character and ability, and I am sure that he would render faithful service in any position to which he may be assigned and discharge with fidelity every trust that may be imposed upon him.

Governor

December 14, 1917

99-31

Mr. H. T. Fowler,

Everett, Washington

Dear Mr. Fowler:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 6, in which you state that your son, Mr. George W. Fowler, treasurer of your company and manager of your Anchorage, Alaska, branch, is desirous of serving his country and has selected the aviation division of the United States Army for this purpose; and you ask, inasmuch as he requires a recommendation, that I forward him one in your care. This I have done, as you will notice by the letter enclosed, which I have addressed "To Whom It May Concern." I so addressed the letter of recommendation because I am not familiar with the name of the chief of the aviation division of the United States Army.

Expressing the hope that your son's ambition may be gratified and that he may return to you safely, I am,

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Governor

CONFIDENTIAL

December 14, 1917

Mr. Chris Peterson,
Chichagof, Alaska

99-26

Dear Sir:

I am advised that a man now in Sitka, whose name is Adolph (his surname being unknown to me), had informed you confidentially last summer that he is an escapee from an interned German ship in the Argentine Republic. If this be true, it is quite necessary that the United States Government should be advised as to the truth or falsity of this report, which has reached me in a somewhat indirect way.

Will you, therefore, kindly advise me at your earliest convenience as to what you know concerning the above-named man? The information supplied by you will be considered absolutely confidential and will be used for the apprehension of said prisoner only if it should be necessary.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 15, 1917

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Hon. Arthur G. Sheup,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Arthur:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram with reference to one Adolph, now in Sitka, and who is supposed to be an escaped prisoner from an interned German ship in the Argentine Republic. Following your suggestion, I have today addressed a letter to Chris Peterson at Chichagof, asking him the extent of his knowledge concerning the said Adolph. If it shall develop that this man is an escapee, as indicated, steps will be taken for his apprehension.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 14, 1917

99-26

Mr. James A. Suizer,
United States Attorney,
Juneau, Alaska

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter which is self-explanatory.

I know nothing of any order having been issued for the disarmament of aliens in this Territory and, therefore, refer this letter to you for such action as you may deem fit and proper in the premises.

Yours truly,

Governor

Enc.

December 13, 1917

Major C. S. Sapp,
Captain Alaska Loyal League,
Anchorage, Alaska

99-1

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of November 27, in which you state that the organization, of which you are the commanding officer, is desirous of securing rifles from the Government for use in drilling, etc.

In reply I have to advise you that a requisition has already gone forward, asking for a supply of arms and ammunition for the use of the Loyal League as well as the Anchorage Home Guard. It is assumed that this requisition will be honored and that rifles, etc., will reach you in due course.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, Dec. 15, 1917. O. B.

I. J. Erickson, City Clerk,

PETERSBURG.

On October eleventh wired you to forward complete summarization report covering registration in your town during period July second to September second but have not yet received the report. What is cause of delay? Please forward report first mail.

STRONG, Governor.



Secretary to the Governor.

December 18, 1917

99-31

Mr. Archie F. Hunter,
c/o Ajax Rubber Co.,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Archie:

Your letter of December 6 has been received, confirmatory of your telegram of November 28, in which you asked for a letter of recommendation which you desired to use in connection with your application for a commission in the aviation corps. You are advised that on November 30 I forwarded you the necessary letter, which I assume you received in due time.

Cordially yours,

Governor

December 21, 1917

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Mr. Harry V. Hoban.

Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Upon the recommendation of the Seward branch of the Alaska Territorial Council of Defense, you are hereby appointed a member of that Council for the town of Seward, vice Samuel McDonald, not now a resident of Seward.

Trusting that you will accept this appointment, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 20, 1917.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

99-31

The bearers of this letter, Mr. Ralph Keys and Mr. George Keys, have been residents of the Territory of Alaska during almost their entire lives, coming to the Territory when mere children. I have much pleasure in testifying to their general worth and excellence. They are young men of the highest type and of the strictest integrity. I am advised that they are desirous of enlisting in the service of their country in the present war, preferably in the Aviation Department of the United States Army, and I hope that their desire will be gratified.

I therefore bespeak for them the consideration of all those whom they may meet.

Governor of Alaska.

December 28, 1917

99-29

Mr. F. E. Ryus, Secretary,
Alaska Council of Defense,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 22, with reference to the organization of the the members of the Alaska Council of Defense for the Ketchikan district.

Permit me to extend my congratulations upon the promptness you have shown in thus giving effect to the organization.

It is noted that the Council is at a loss how to proceed, as to whether it is necessary for them to subscribe to oaths in accepting appointment. In reply I have to advise you that it is not necessary that any oath be subscribed to. It is, of course, believed that each member of the Council will accept the full responsibility of all the duties that may devolve upon him during this crisis by which the country is confronted, and I am sure that the members of the Council, without exception, realize the responsibility that rests upon every individual, not only in Alaska, but throughout the entire nation.

In the appointment of the Alaska Council of Defense, it was stated that for the present, or until some organization could be effected, the Juneau membership would constitute the executive council of the Alaska Council of Defense, and I am advised that the organization has been completed. I shall ask the secretary to communicate with you as soon as may be and acquaint you more fully with the scope and objects of the Alaska Council of Defense and what line of activities it may be expected to engage in.

Of course, many questions will arise not now dreamed of and it will be up to the local members of the Council to deal as intelligently as possible with local affairs generally.

An act of Congress, approved June 14, 1917, authorizes the Secretary of War, during this existing emergency, to issue from time to time to the several states and territories, for the equipment of such home guards, having the character of state police or constabulary, as may be organized by the several states and territories and the District of Columbia, and such other home guards as may be organized under the direction of the governors of the several states and territories, rifles and ammunition therefor, cartridge belts, haversacks, canteens, etc., in such limited quantities as available supplies will permit; provided that the property so issued shall remain the property of the United States and shall

be receipted for by the governors of the several states and territories.

It will, therefore, be quite possible for your Council to organize a home guard, and, if such should be done, upon a properly executed request addressed to this office, a requisition will be made upon the Secretary of War for the necessary equipment.

The officers of home guards will not receive commissions, according to my understanding of the law, although they will, of course, be entitled to some military rank, but just what I am not prepared to say at this time. Home guards have been organized at Seward and Anchorage.

It is noted that your council believes that Secret Service men could be of great service at this time in Ketchikan. I shall ask you to advise me more particularly the nature of the assistance that would be required and why you believe that Secret Service men should be sent to your city. Information on this point will be considered entirely confidential.

Yours very truly,

Governor

December 28, 1917

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The bearer of this letter, Mr. W. H. Seeley, has been a resident of Juneau, Alaska for a number of years past, and is now desirous of offering his services to his country as a pharmacist, pharmacy being his profession. Mr. Seeley has the reputation of being thoroughly posted in his business, and I am satisfied that if his services can be utilized in this or any other capacity, he would render the utmost satisfaction and faithfully discharge every duty which may be reposed in him.

Governor

December 28, 1917

99-31

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known the bearer Mr. D. J. Kinzie for a number of years past, and it affords me pleasure to testify to his general worth and excellence as a man and a citizen. Mr. Kinzie is a son of the late Brigadier General David H. Kinzie, U. S. A., and he has resided in this section of Alaska for the past thirteen years, during nine years of which he has been employed in the capacity of labor agent for the Alaska-Treadwell Gold Mining Co., at Treadwell. He has also had extended experience in government fortification work in San Francisco and on the Columbia River. I believe Mr. Kinzie to be a man of more than ordinary ability, of the strictest integrity, and I am fully satisfied that he would discharge with the utmost fidelity any trust that might be reposed in him.

January 3, 1917

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Provost Marshal General,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I am transmitting herewith Authority No. 1, dated December 12, 1917, covering the employment of one chief clerk in the office of the Assistant to the Governor, in connection with the selective service act, the compensation authorized being at the rate of \$125 a month; and Authority No. 2, dated December 15, 1917, authorizing the employment of one chief clerk at \$100 a month, by Local Board No. 3, City of Juneau.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

Encs.

January 3, 1918

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The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am requested by John G. Bishop to present his request to you for permission to enlist in the United States Army, the 20th Engineers or some other branch of the engineer service preferred. Bishop advises that he holds continuous service certificate No. 28,744, United States Navy.

Respectfully,

Governor

January 3, 1918

99-26

Hon. Arthur G. Sheup, Supt.,
Alaska Pioneers' Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Arthur:

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter received from
Kristen Pedersen concerning Adolph Thomsen, suspected German
of whom you wrote recently. The letter is self-explanatory,
but I think that it might be a good idea to have Thomsen
looked up a little by your deputy marshal.

Please advise me of any developments.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

January 3, 1918

Mr. James H. England,
Alaskan Hotel,
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 17th of November, in which you ask to be put in touch with the head of the United States Secret Service, with a view to your entering that branch.

In reply I have to advise you that you should address the United States Bureau of Secret Service, Washington, D. C., and I assume that it will reach the proper official. A change has been made in the head of the Service, I noticed through the press recently, the head of the Service being a man by the name of Moran. I do not know his initials, however

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 3, 1917

99-29

Mr. F. C. Walton,
United States Food Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 10, in reply to my letter of November 21, for which I thank you.

I note you say that a curious situation has developed with reference to the available supply of whiskey in Alaska, and that you had a talk with Mr. Sulzer in trying to help him solve the dilemma. I do not understand that any dilemma is involved in this question. The Territory became dry on January 1 and, if any stocks remain in the Territory, none have been so far reported. It is quite possible, however, indeed probable, that more or less whiskey has been secreted for personal use, some of which may find its way into the hands of the bootlegger. Inasmuch, however, as the law is a drastic one in every particular, it should be comparatively easy of enforcement.

I shall be glad to hear from you as to the exact nature of the dilemma you have in mind, as the dry law was carried by an overwhelming majority and, consequently, most of the

people desire to see it strictly enforced.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 3, 1918

99-26

Mr. L. A. Feike,

Killisnoo, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your letter concerning the taking of fire-arms at Killisnoo, I have to advise you that the matter was referred to the district attorney for his opinion and he has advised me that under sections 1 and 3 of the President's Proclamation of April 6, 1917, the commissioner had a right to take charge of said firearms. The question as to their disposition is a new one, however, and he has asked for instructions from the Department of Justice, of which you will be advised in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 3, 1918

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Major Frederick Mears,

Anchorage, Alaska

My dear Major Mears:

I am in receipt of a communication from the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., advising me that his office had allotted, for the use of the Anchorage Home Guards, 50 Springfield rifles, caliber .45, and 750 rounds of ammunition therefor. I am also advised that a similar allotment was made for the use of the Anchorage Loyal League of Anchorage. The Chief of Ordnance states that these stores will be shipped as directed in my communication to him, under the authority of the act of June 14, 1917. These supplies, therefore, will be shipped in care of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Anchorage, Alaska, and it is probable that the two allotments will be contained in one unit, but each organization is to have 50 rifles and 750 rounds of ammunition.

Yours very truly

Governor

January 3, 1918

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Captain Thomas Dwyer,
Anchorage Home Guards,
Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

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Yours very truly,

Governor

January 4, 1918

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Mr. J. B. Marshall, Secretary,
Alaska Council of Defense,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a communication from the Council
of National Defense, for your information and such action
as it may be deemed advisable for your Council to take in
the premises.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Enc.

January 4, 1918

99-29

Mr. J. B. Marshall, Secretary,
Alaska Council of Defense,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise you that Mr. C. F. M. Cole, of McCarthy,
has been appointed a member for the town of McCarthy, of the
Alaska Council of Defense, vice M. V. Lattin, who has left
the Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 4, 1918

99-29

Mr. C. F. M. Cole,

McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby appointed a member of the Alaska Territorial Council of Defense for the town of McCarthy, vice Mr. M. V. Lattin, who has left the Territory.

I have received no information as to the organization of a local body, but I would suggest that you organize and elect a chairman and secretary as soon as may be convenient, and that you also supply the Council with such stationery as may be necessary to carry on its work, forwarding duly attested voucher to this office for payment.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 4, 1917

99-29

Mr. C. F. M. Gale,

McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 13, with reference to the Alaska Territorial Council of Defense. It is noted that Mr. M. V. Lattin, a member of the Council for McCarthy, has left the country, and that you offer your services thereon.

I have to thank you for your offer, and I shall name you on the Council in Mr. Lattin's place.

I have received a copy of your paper and I wish you the greatest success. If you will send the paper regularly, addressed to the Alaska Historical Library and Museum, a voucher in payment will be issued for the subscription price in due course.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 4, 1918

99-29

Dr. W. H. Chase,
Cordova, Alaska

My dear Doctor:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 16.
I am glad to know that your Council of Defense was so promptly
organized, and I trust that it will be of benefit to your
community and the Territory generally. I am also pleased to
learn that the food conservation and Red Cross work is going
forward so nicely.

With best wishes for the new year, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

January 4, 1917

Mr. Charles E. Naghel, Secretary,
Igloo No. 6, Pioneers of Alaska,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have for acknowledgment a copy of the resolution adopted by Igloo No. 6, with reference to the present emergency and offering its services to the President as a home guard or for any other purpose that the President may deem necessary in order to relieve the able-bodied Alaskans for service at the front.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 8, 1918

99-31

The Surgeon General,
United States Army,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am advised that Mr. H. E. Moe, of Juneau, Alaska, is desirous of tendering his services to the United States in the present war, preferably in connection with the United States Hospital Service. Mr. Moe is an experienced masseur and chiropedist, and, I am informed, has had an extended experience in hospital and kindred work; and I have no doubt that he would serve efficiently and faithfully in any capacity which he is capable of filling and to which he might be assigned.

Yours very truly,

January 8, 1918

99-31

Dr. J. H. Romig,

Seward, Alaska

My dear Doctor Romig:

I have your letter of December 28, in which you state that your son Robert is desirous of entering the service of his country in any capacity in which he may be the most useful; and you ask, in view of the fact that he wishes to give the best physical and mental service of which he is capable, that I suggest the service for which he should volunteer.

In reply I have to say that while I would gladly do so, it is a difficult question for me to solve. There are many branches of the service in any one of which I believe he would acquit himself with great credit. There is the aviation service, for instance, in which many young men are now enlisting and which seems to offer special opportunities. So far as safety is concerned, I am advised that this service is just as safe as land service, and, indeed, some say it is more so. As to that, I cannot say, however. The Quartermaster's Department also offers opportunities.

Speaking generally, I should judge that the Government needs competent young men to try out and then place them in the service

for which they are best fitted.

I may add that it will give me great pleasure, indeed, if I can be of any assistance to your son in this or any other matter, and if he will write me as to the service which he has selected, I shall be pleased to give him letters of recommendation.

Appreciating the courtesy you have done me in asking my opinion in this matter and commending your son for his patriotism in this time of the country's need, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

January 8, 1918

99-29

Mr. H. G. Steel,
Secretary Local Branch,
Alaska Territorial Council of Defense,
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With reference to the organization of your branch of the Territorial Council of Defense, I have to advise you that any necessary expenses that may be incurred by the Council for such purposes as printing and stationery, etc., will be paid through this office, upon presentation of properly certified vouchers. It will undoubtedly be necessary for you to have a supply of stationery for correspondence, and probably for some other purposes. As the fund is limited, it will be necessary to exercise strict economy.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 8, 1918

99-29

Mr. George C. Hazlet,
Chairman Cordova Branch,
Territorial Council of Defense,
Cordova, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hazlet:

I have your letter of December 21, suggesting that the name of Mr. James L. Galen be added to your local council.

In reply I beg to advise that this has already been done and the secretary of your local council has been advised of Mr. Galen's appointment. I may say, in explanation, that I overlooked the fact that Mr. Galen was a resident of your city, or he would have been included in the original list of appointments.

I am satisfied that your branch will do meritorious work at all times.

Very truly yours,

Governor

January 8, 1918

99-27

Mr. Hervey Lindley, Chairman Northwestern Division,
American Red Cross,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 8,
which reached this office on January, in which you suggest that
I, as Governor, issue a proclamation about December 14, in the
interest of the Red Cross.

In reply I have to advise you that this action was taken
and I think I may say that the general result of the Red Cross
Christmas drive in Alaska has been very satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 8, 1918

99-29

Mr. Geo. C. Haselet,

Cordova, Alaska

My dear Mr. Haselet:

I have your letter of December 30, with reference to the appointment of a director for the Territory who will conduct an intensive campaign for the sale of thrift stamps and war savings certificates, and suggesting that if I should be asked to submit names of suitable persons for this important work, I favorably consider Mr. Alva Eames of your city, chief postal clerk for the Third division.

In reply I have to advise you that if I should be asked to act in the capacity referred to, I shall have pleasure in recommending Mr. Eames for appointment.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 8, 1918

99-29

Mr. Wm. H. Whittlesey, Secretary,
Seward Branch of Territorial Council of Defense,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 22 and note, with satisfaction, the organization of the Seward Council. I am sure that the members will give excellent service to the Territory and to the nation in this time of stress and storm.

Acting upon your suggestion, I have already appointed Harry V. Heben a member of the Council.

I have also to add that an allowance will be made from the Territorial treasury to cover such expenses as it may be necessary to incur in carrying out the work of your branch. Receipted subvouchers should be forwarded to this office, duly certified, upon receipt of which, a voucher in payment thereof will be issued.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 8, 1918

99-29

Mr. H. G. Steele,
Secretary Cordova Branch,
Territorial Council of Defense,
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that Mr. James L. Galen, of your city, has been added to the Council of Defense for your town. I am sure that Mr. Galen will prove a valuable addition to your Council.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

Governor

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January 8, 1918

99-29

Mr. John B. Marshall, Secretary,
Territorial Council of Defense,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The following additional appointments have been made to
the Alaska Council of Defense:

James L. Galen, Cordova
C. A. Berner, Nenana
M. J. Cooney, do
Wm. A. Coghill, do
James Hagan, do
W. J. Hubbach, do
R. C. Merree, do
Robert Mitchell, do
J. C. Murphy, do
J. D. O'Neil, do
Geo. W. Pennington, do
F. S. Rius, do
H. N. Shaw, do
Edward J. Stier, do
J. C. Vancredel, do
Ed. Williams, do
Robert J. Diven, do

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 8, 1918

99-29

Mr. Howard P. Curtis,

Nenana, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your telegram, suggesting that, if practicable, the membership of your council be increased by the addition of the names of--

C. A. Boerner
M. J. Cooney,
Wm. A. Coghill,
James Hagen
W. J. Hubbach
R. C. Morree
Robert Mitchell
J. C. Murphy
J. D. O'Neil
Geo. W. Pennington
F. S. Rius
H. N. Shaw
Edward J. Stier
J. C. Vanersdal
Ed. Williams
Robert J. Divens

In reply I have to advise you that these appointments have been made. Will you please notify these members of their appointment to the Nenana branch of the Territorial Council of Defense.

Wishing you every success in your work, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

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January 9, 1918

99-31

Major L. B. Moody,
Auto Motive Section, Carriage Division,
Ordnance Dept., War Department,
1703 New York Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am advised by Mr. H. E. Garlock, of Thane, Alaska, that he is desirous of tendering his services to the Air Craft Board in connection with its war activities, and with especial reference to its air craft production program.

In behalf of Mr. Garlock, I have to state that it affords me pleasure to testify to his ability as a mechanic and his integrity as a man and citizen, inasmuch as he is ^{offering} ~~rendering~~ his services through a patriotic desire to serve his country in this time of stress and storm. Mr. Garlock has since January 1, 1915, been chief of the mechanical department of the Alaska Gold Mines Company, Juneau, Alaska; prior to that time he was connected with the mechanical department of the Utah Copper Company, of Salt Lake City, Utah. I am advised that he is a thoroughly competent mechanic, has splendid executive ability, and I am satisfied that he would discharge every duty with which he might be entrusted with great fidelity. Mr. Garlock is in the prime of life, being only 37 years of age, and it is my belief that he would render satisfactory services in any

position which he might be competent to fill.

Respectfully yours,

TERRITORY OF ALASKA

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

JUNEAU

January 8, 1918

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**Messrs. C. A. Boerner,
M. J. Cooney,
Wm. A. Coghill,
James Hagen,
W. J. Hubbash,
R. C. Morros,
Robert Mitchell,
J. G. Murphy,
J. D. O'Neil,
Geo. W. Pennington,
F. S. Rius,
H. N. Shaw,
Edward J. Stier,
J. G. Vanorsdel,
Ed. Williams,
Robert J. Diven,**

Kenama, Alaska

Dear Sirs:

**You are hereby appointed members of the Alaska Territorial
Council of Defence for Kenama.**

**Enclosed is a copy of a circular issued to all members of
the Council originally appointed. A list of their names appears
on the last page of the circular, and, with the exception of a
few changes and additions, the list is complete.**

Yours very truly,

J. F. Strong
Governor

January 10, 1918

99-27

Mr. Louis F. Paul,
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 28, in which you direct my attention to what you believe is a "feeling of prejudice which is forcing the Indians of Alaska to organize auxiliary Red Cross societies."

This is a phase of the matter that has not been brought to my attention at any time, although I understood that the Indians of Juneau had a local Red Cross organization of their own. I am not familiar, however, with what they are doing or under whose direction this society was organized. I want to say, however, that this is no time for divisions of this kind. The present crisis which confronts this nation is a grave one, and it will call for the united action of all Americans. In most Alaska towns, it is to be regretted that there are factional difficulties and local jealousies and prejudices, which seem to be unavoidable, probably because the people will not take the larger view of things which are absolutely necessary to unity and the production of harmony. I cannot conceive why there should be any objection, if there be objection, to the active supervision, by members of local Red Cross chapters, of native members. That is a matter,

however, in which I cannot interfere and each community must solve its own problems in this respect. All that I can do is to urge that all personal or racial differences be laid aside at this time in a united effort to discharge the obligations we owe to humanity. I stand ready to use my influence in every way possible to secure the cooperation which you request.

Thanking you for your letter, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 10, 1918

The Judge Advocate General,
United States Army,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am advised that Mr. Arthur G. Shoup, Sitka, Alaska, is desirous of receiving an appointment in the office of the Judge Advocate General, and I desire to say in his behalf that he is actuated only by a sincere desire to be of some service to his country in the crisis now confronting it. I have known Mr. Shoup for many years, and it is a pleasure for me to testify to his patriotism, to his ability and his large experience in matters of law as well as in practical affairs of life. He is a young man, active, enthusiastic and intelligent, and I do not hesitate to say that he would discharge every duty imposed upon him with the greatest fidelity.

Yours very truly,

January 7, 1918

99-29

Mr. James L. Galen,
Cordova, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Upon the request of the Council of National Defense, a
Territorial Council of Defense has been appointed for Alaska,
and you are hereby notified that you have been appointed a
member of such Council for the city of Cordova.

Trusting that you will accept this appointment, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 12, 1918

99-31

The Commandant,
United States Navy Yard,
Bremerton, Wash.

Sir:

I am writing you in behalf of E. D. Ralston, a resident of this city who is desirous of serving his country in this time of trouble, in some capacity connected with the Navy. Mr. Ralston's only disqualification, in my opinion, is in the matter of age, he being now fifty years old, but of robust physique and in first-class physical condition. He has been a mariner nearly all his life, both as a deep-sea navigator and as captain of river steamers in Alaska and Yukon Territory. I am also advised that he is a ship carpenter and that he is familiar with ship building in most of its phases. If the Government can make use of his services, I am sure that he would give the best that is in him to the faithful performance of any duty with which he might be entrusted.

May I ask you to advise me at your earliest convenience in this matter?

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 14, 1918

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Mr. J. B. Marshall,
Secretary Executive Committee,
Territorial Council of Defense,
Juneau, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Herewith I beg to transmit letter of October 24 last,
addressed to this office by Mr. William Tutherly, secretary
of the American Defense Society, Inc., together with a
copy of the Governor's reply under date of December 1.

This correspondence is transmitted for the considera-
tion of the Executive Committee and such action as it may
deem appropriate.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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January 14, 1918

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Mr. G. A. Adams,
Nome, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 30th of October last, addressed to the Governor, enclosing consolidated summarization blank covering registration in the Second division outside of the incorporated town of Nome, vouchers covering services donated by nine registrars, a voucher showing donation of building for registration purposes, voucher signed by yourself for \$75, for services rendered in connection with the work of the Divisional Registration Board, and a copy of a receipt from Local Board No. 9, covering the registration cards, records, etc., turned over to that Board by the Divisional Registration Board.

With respect to the voucher submitted by you, covering your services in connection with registration matters, I am directed by the Governor to advise you that under the Regulations, this claim cannot be paid. In this connection, I beg to call your attention to section 16, page 5 of the pamphlet entitled, "Regulations Governing Disbursements Incident to the Registration and Selective Draft," which reads as follows:

"No person who is receiving compensation from Federal funds for services rendered in any other capacity, shall receive compensation from any appropriation disbursed by disbursing officers and agents under these regulations."

Since you occupied the position of clerk of the United States district court for the Second judicial division during the period covered by the voucher submitted by you, you are barred, under the provisions of the section quoted, from presenting a claim for services rendered in connection with the registration.

Yours respectfully,

Secretary to the Governor

January 14, 1918

The Surgeon General,
United States Army,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Doctor W. P. Kirby, a graduate physician of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., 1906, is desirous of enlisting in the Medical Reserve Corps.

Doctor Kirby has been a resident of Alaska since 1914, where he has been assistant surgeon for the Alaska-Gastineau Mining Company, Juneau, and for the Chichagoff Mining Co., of Chichagoff. He is 34 years of age and in excellent physical health. He also advises me that prior to coming to Alaska, during the years 1907 and 1908, he was surgeon for the Home for the Aged, Blue Plains, D. C., and that in 1909 he was in the United States Indian Service, Blackfoot Reservation, Montana. He was also attached, for a period of 4 months, to the Naval Hospital at Washington, D. C., where, he informs me, he received an undesirable discharge, which, no doubt, is noted in the records of that institution. He now desires to be rehabilitated, so to speak; hence his effort to be enlisted in the medical service, in order to redeem himself from the stain caused by the aforesaid undesirable discharge. I.

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therefore, have the honor of placing this matter before you
for such action as you may see fit to take in the premises.

I am,

Respectfully,

January 15, 1918

99-29

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

On December 20, 1917, I received a letter from a member of the Ketchikan Council of Defense in which it was stated that there was a considerable pro-German element in that town, and that one or more Secret Service operatives should be sent there for the purpose of investigating the alleged conditions and ferreting out those guilty of seditious or treasonable utterances or actions. On December 28 I wrote for additional information and received a somewhat comprehensive reply, from which the following extracts, illustrating the actual conditions at Ketchikan, are taken:

"A situation presents itself here which is extremely delicate and must be handled with caution. This letter which I am writing to acquaint you with the facts, is in no sense an official communication from the local Council, but entirely confidential and for your guidance.

"In charge of the local Catholic parish here is Rev. Paul Kern, a German by birth, who served his time in the German army, where he attained a lieutenancy. He is a pronounced German in every way and even by his parishioners is acknowledged to be a German sympathizer. At the last meeting held by the local Council, his name was brought up by one of his own members in the attempt to show the local council that he was not attempting to do harm. Another member of the Council who is generally presumed to be of that faith, made the statement that at a recent Sunday morning service, Father Kern made the statement in the pulpit that 'the French were now getting their just deserts.'

Another member of the Council stated that while he was not present at the service, he did not believe that such a statement was made. He stated that Father Kern was a frequent visitor at his home and that while he knew him to be of strong German sympathy, he had warned him to be very careful of what he said for the reason that it might come up against him. He further made the statement that he did not blame Father Kern for his feeling toward England, for he himself had 'felt that he would like to see England get a _____ good licking, but that since the United States had entered the war, he of course, had to change his feelings.'

"It is a known fact that previous to the entry of the United States into the war, that Father Kern had met secretly with other proGermans in Ketchikan, and it is believed that meetings of this nature have also been held since. It is noted that none of the Catholic ladies of the town have taken or displayed any interest in Red Cross work, though one of them stated to a worker here that the Father had told them to attend once a month.

"On another occasion a member of the Council also made the statement that Father Kern had stated to the son of one of his parishioners here, before the boy left to join the Marine Corps, that he was 'crazy to enlist to fight the Germans.'

"In writing this letter, I have gone into considerable detail in the matter for the reason that I want to acquaint you with the facts as they are here. This man yields probably the greatest influence of any man in the community and a large percentage of his following is of foreign birth, and a great many of them are in a position to do harm if so inclined. At the New England Fish Company's plant, practically all of the employees are of Austrian birth, and all are followers of this man, and while they of themselves probably would not do anything, yet, being of an ignorant type, the power of suggestion might work upon them strongly. We also have in the community a large, foreign population of the Socialist type who are opposed to the Government on general principle and their opposition has been felt more or less, particularly in Red Cross work.

"Should men be sent here, for obvious reasons, they should be men free from alliances, who can place blame where it belongs, and be prepared to take any or all whom they find to be opposed to the interests of the Government in this crisis. Their presence in the com-

unity should be secret until such time as they desire to make themselves known.

"There is a great deal more to be said along this line, but I deem the foregoing sufficient to acquaint you with the conditions."

The writer of the letter from which the above extracts have been taken is personally known to me to be a reliable man in every way and a loyal citizen, and I am of the opinion that a situation exists there and also probably in the town of Petersburg which should be investigated. In order to do this thoroughly, a skilled man should be employed, and I know of none such in this Territory. However, I have to say that if through the Department a skilled operative could be sent to Alaska and the expense entailed could not be paid by the Federal Government, I will make provision for such expenses from a Territorial fund created by the legislature of 1917 for this and similar purposes. It has occurred to me that some capable man, connected with the United States Secret Service and stationed at Seattle, or some other point on the Pacific coast, might be available for this work. The matter is, therefore, submitted to you for such action as you may think proper in the premises.

Respectfully,

Governor

January 17, 1918

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Mr. S. A. Hemple,
1216 Ninth Avenue,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 3, with reference to your appointment as a member of the Alaska Council of Defense for the town of Valdez, and stating that you will not return to Valdez before June 1.

In reply I have to state that the fact that you are not at the present time in Valdez, will not operate against you as a member of the Council. I am sure that upon your return you can be of much service to your town and Territory as a member of the Alaska Council of Defense.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 17, 1918

99-29

Mr. Floyd E. Ryus, Secretary,
Local Branch, Alaska Council of Defense,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 17,
with respect to the need of Secret Service men in your city.

In reply I beg to advise you that I have read your letter with much interest, and I have referred the whole matter to the proper Department at Washington.

Upon being notified of the Department's determination in the matter, you will be duly advised.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 17, 1918

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Mr. Lloyd Taylor, Chairman,
Universal Military Training Committee,
The National Security League,
19 West 44th street,
New York City

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 5, in which you ask to be furnished with a list of the names and addresses of the presidents of home defense organizations in this Territory.

In reply I have to state as follows: The Chairman of the Alaska Council of Defense is W. A. Clark, Juneau, Alaska, and the Secretary is John B. Marshall, Juneau, to whom all communications should be addressed. Besides, there are the following organizations, but I am not advised as to the chairman:

Alaska Loyal League, Fairbanks,
do Anchorage

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 17, 1918

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The Serbian National Defense Committee,

Juneau, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 7, in which you express to me the deep appreciation that your countrymen feel regarding the entrance of the United States into the war against Austria-Hungary.

In reply I have to thank you for your communication, and I desire to felicitate you upon the sentiments therein expressed. I am sure that the entrance of the United States into this great world-war, in behalf of democracy and humanity, will find a responsive chord in the breast of every person who believes in human rights and human freedom.

Expressing the hope that your country may soon be rehabilitated and that the sunshine of peace and prosperity will once more overspread your historic land, I am,

Cordially yours,

Governor

January 17, 1918

99-29

Mr. J. B. Marshall, Secretary,
Alaska Council of Defense,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith two letters from the Council of
National Defense, Washington, D. C., which are self-explanatory
and which the Alaska Council of Defense may find of interest.

Will you be kind enough to address George F. Porter, Chief
of State Councils Section, and acknowledge receipt of his
letter?

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 17, 1918

Mr. Wm. A. Hesse,
Kennebott, Alaska

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My dear Mr. Hesse:

I have your recent letter, in which you ask for such information as I may have with respect to the regiment of engineers to be organized in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that about the only information I have on this matter is what I have obtained through the public press. It is proposed to raise a certain number of men (engineers) in Alaska, but how many, I do not know. I would suggest, however, that you write to Mr. H. P. Warren, in care of the Alaskan Engineering Commission, Seattle, Wash. Mr. Warren, I understand, is authorized to receive applications for enlistments.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 17, 1918

99-29

Mr. Forest J. Hunt, President,
Local Branch, Council of Defense,
Ketchikan, Alaska

My dear Mr. Hunt:

I have your letter of January 12, with reference to certain suspicious and treasonable activities in your city.

In reply I beg to advise you that your Secretary, Mr. Ryus, in a recent letter to this office, went into this matter with considerable detail, whereupon I placed the situation as I believed it to exist in Ketchikan, before the proper Department at Washington. As soon as I am advised of the Department's action, you will be duly advised.

I have to thank you for your letter, and I have to say that it is my earnest desire to cooperate with you and all others in matters pertaining to the public safety and welfare of the Territory.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 17, 1918

99-29

Mr. Floyd E. Ryan, Secretary,
Local Branch, Council of Defense,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 12, with reference to the formation of a home guard for your city, and in which you request that a requisition be made upon the War Department for the necessary equipment and supplies for a company of sixty men, made up as follows: 1 captain, 2 lieutenants, 1 first sergeant, one quartermaster sergeant, 3 third sergeants, six corporals, 42 privates and 3 musicians.

In reply I have to advise you that before such requisition can be made, you should take steps to organize your home guard by enlisting and enrolling the requisition number of men and by electing such officers as may be necessary. When you shall have done this, kindly forward to this office the names of the officers selected and, upon its receipt, I will make a requisition for equipment, which cannot be for more than fifty men, under a ruling of the Department.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 19, 1918

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Mr. J. B. Marshall, Secretary,
Alaska Council of Defense,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a letter and circular from
the State Council Section of the Council of National Defense,
for your information.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, Alaska, December 26, 1917. O B Govt. Night paid cash.

Quartermaster General,

WASHINGTON.

Thomas Banbury took examination for Quartermaster Officers Reserve Corps in August last at Juneau. Can he be admitted to Quartermaster Corps training camp Jacksonville, Florida for second course. Banbury fully competent. Please advise.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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January 22, 1918

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The Commanding Officer,
Benicia Arsenal,
Benicia, Cal.

Dear Sir:

By direction of the Governor, I enclose herewith copies of invoices of stores, Nos. 585 and 586, dated September 29, 1917, duly receipted by the Governor.

The stores in question were furnished to the Home Guard organization at Seward, Alaska, upon requisition of this office.

Respectfully yours,

Secretary to the Governor

January 22, 1918

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Mr. L. A. Fieke,

Killisnoo, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from the United States Attorney at Juneau, dated the 19th instant, in which he states that he has received instructions from the Department of Justice to the effect that it is the opinion of the Department that it is not compulsory upon the officials of the United States to deliver firearms to the purchasers until the war is over; and he adds that the Department believes that if there is no particular reason to suspect that the person or persons buying these guns will return them to their original owners or put them to improper use, the sale should be allowed and the property should be turned over to the new owners. He also states that if these guns should turn up again in the hands of the alien enemies from whom they were taken, these persons should at once be arrested and interned for the duration of the war.

This letter is the outcome of the matter of firearms taken up by you with this office and which, you were advised, had been referred to the District Attorney, who advises me that he has also written you in accordance with these instruc-

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tions.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 22, 1918

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Mr. E. J. White, Chairman,
Local Branch Alaska Council of Defense,
Douglas, Alaska

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request made by you on yesterday,
through Mr. Shorthill, you are authorized to add the names of
the following to the membership of the Alaska Council of
Defense for Douglas.

H. M. Horton
George Johnson
M. S. Hudson,
Harry Cester
Jack Wilson (of Treadwell)
Lee Demytt

Mr. Shorthill advises me that it is your desire that no
public announcement be made of the appointment of these addi-
tional members. You will, therefore, be good enough to advise
each of the gentlemen named of such appointment.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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Juneau, January 25, 1918. O B Hite Govt paid cash.

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A. Mitchell Palmer,
Alien property custodian,
WASHINGTON.

Reference yours even date please advise what if any compensation and expense allowance attaches to position. Would probably be necessary travel more or less and maintain office.

STRONG, Governor.

[Handwritten signature]
Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, Jan. 26, 1918 O. B.

Council of Defense,

Fairbanks, Alaska

Your telegram twenty-fifth has been referred to Provost Marshal General who alone has authority to comply with your request.

STRONG, Governor

Stenographer

January 25, 1918

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The Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

At the request of Mr. Fred C. Sheridan, of Sitka, Alaska, I have the honor to offer his services to the Government for enlistment in the infantry branch of the United States Army. In attempting to further this desire of Mr. Sheridan, I have to say that he has served for about six years in the United States Marine Corps, with the following record: Enlisted October 26, 1910, at Philadelphia; good conduct medal No. 1785. Served for a period and again reenlisted and was discharged; character excellent in every respect. His last discharge was upon the report of the Board of Medical Survey, "Disease or injury not in line of duty." In connection with this report, I am enclosing herewith a medical certificate showing the applicant to be in excellent health in all respects.

I have to add that Mr. Sheridan is now 34 years of age, and I believe that if his services can be made use of, he would discharge every duty with which he might be entrusted with the greatest fidelity. I have also to add that it is Mr. Sheridan's

desire to secure a commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps,
should applications for such be still in order.

Respectfully,

Governor



January 26, 1918

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It gives me pleasure to state that the bearer of this letter, Mr. R. A. Bakke, of Juneau, Alaska, is a young man of excellent character and ability. He has been a resident of this city for the past four years, during which time he has established an excellent reputation both as a man and as a citizen. Mr. Bakke is desirous of entering the service of his country, preferably in the United States Merchant Marine. He was connected for some six years with the United States Coast Guard Service and the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in an engineering capacity, and bears excellent discharges in all respects. I am satisfied that Mr. Bakke is fully capable of discharging the duties of any position to which he might be appointed.

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Juneau, January 28, 1918. O B Nite Govt. paid cash.

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Palmer, Enemy Property Custodian,

WASHINGTON.

Reference your telegram twenty sixth recommend for appointment custodian enemy
alien property Alaska John N. Willis banker of Juneau.

STORRS, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

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Juneau, January 28, 1918. O. B.

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Whittlesey,

Seward.

Matter referred to in your telegram under investigation
and will advise conclusion in due course.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

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Juneau, January 28, 1918. O. B.

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Brenneman, US Marshal,

Valdez.

In your opinion is there any need for stationing US soldiers at Seward to protect public property.

STRONG, Governor.

Secretary to Governor.

SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY
WASHINGTON-ALASKA MILITARY CABLE AND TELEGRAPH SYSTEM
TELEGRAM

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SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

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Juneau, January 19, 1918. O B Govt. Night. CDS. WAR DEPT. A/G PROVOST MARSHAL GEN'L.

CROWDER,

WASHINGTON.

Number seventy one period Reference your number A thirty seventy two period Returns
 from registration in Alaska not quite complete there being a few precincts yet to hear
 from period According to returns at hand total registration was eleven thousand and
 seventy one period Total of citizens including declarants six thousand eight hundred
 forty five period Total aliens three thousand nine hundred seven total alien enemies
 three hundred twenty six seven total colored one hundred eighteen period Total white
 registrants ten thousand nine hundred fifty three which however includes all persons
 other than negroes period Summarization blank for returns by registrars did not
 provide separate report as to citizens seven these being included with declarants
 from countries with which U S was not at war period Alien enemies as reported covers
 subjects Germany only seven but quite large number Austrians in Territory who would
 now be classed as enemies period Forgoing figures of doubtful value this time
 owing to recent order directing that cards of all registrants who gave home addresses
 in states be sent adjutant these states seven which will very materially reduce
 total and change all other figures period From information now available estimate
 approximately four thousand cards will be sent out under order mentioned period

STRONG, Governor.

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Juneau, Alaska, January 29, 1918. O B Nite Govt. paid cash.

Wm. E. Hall,
Public Service Reserve,
WASHINGTON.

Recommend R. N. Robertson for appointment Alaska director public service.

Strong, Governor.

Secretary to the Governor.

January 31, 1918

99-29

Hon. Wm. H. Whittlesey, Local Secretary,
Territorial Council of Defense,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

With reference to the statements contained in your letter of January 25, concerning the refusal of Mr. H. V. Hoben to act upon the Council of Defense so long as W. M. Sauers was a member in charge of the Committee on Alien Enemies, I have to advise you that I have not received the communication referred to from Mr. Hoben. I knew nothing, of course, concerning Mr. Sauers or his alleged German sympathies. I simply knew that he had been engaged in business at Seward for many years and that he had been mayor and member of the city council for years also, and for these reasons he was appointed to the Council. It is regrettable, indeed, that Mr. Ray appointed him to the Committee on Alien Enemies, and probably, if Ray had been in his right mind, he would not have done so. However, I knew nothing about Mr. Sauers' attitude as regards the war, but trust that, notwithstanding Mr. Hoben's statement, he is a loyal citizen. I do not see how Sauers could be removed from the Council at this time, but if he entertains the

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sentiments as charged, he should forthwith tender his resignation.

Of course, I need not tell you anything about small communities and the spirit of distrust, suspicion, etc., that is usually found therein. I know many people who, prior to the United States engaging in the present war, were openly and avowedly pro-German---an attitude of mind which I frankly could not understand, especially, as I viewed it, in a fight between the powers of autocracy and democracy. At that, I know a man who is now judge of one of the district courts in this Territory, who was the most rabid pro-German prior to the entrance of the United States into the war that I have ever met, but I do not say, nor do I intend to imply, that he is now anything but loyal to the United States.

I shall be pleased to add anyone to your Council that you may suggest, knowing that you would make such recommendations with the sole desire of having efficient and loyal men associated with you in the work of your body.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 31, 1918

99-29

Hon. W. H. Whittlesey, Local Secretary,
Territorial Council of Defense,
Seward, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of January 17, to which I replied, stating that the matters referred to therein were being investigated, and also your letter of January 25.

Replying to the subject-matter of your telegram, I have to say that I believe it is inadvisable at the present time to ask that regular troops be stationed at Seward, inasmuch as you have a home guard which is organized under the act of Congress, of June 14, 1917, this military body, under that law, being directly charged with "the protection of the property of the United States, or the protection of supplies in the course of manufacture for the United States, or the protection of transportation lines where necessary, including rights of way, railroad bridges, etc. Therefore, in view of this and the further fact that the services of soldiers of the Regular Army could better be used elsewhere than in your community, I cannot recommend, at this time, that an assignment of troops be made as requested for Seward.

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With reference to your request that the registration be immediately made of all adults and minors over 14 years, coming and going through your port by railroad, steamer and trail I have to advise you that I do not believe that this step is necessary at this time, inasmuch as I am advised that on or about February 15, a registration will be made of all enemy aliens within the Territory which will also include the registration of all transients passing through any portion of the Territory. This, it seems to me, would take care of the situation as presented by your telegram.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 31, 1918

99-31

Mr. H. S. Loyd,

Kodiak, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 15, in which you ask if enlistments in the military service may be made in Alaska.

In reply I have to advise you that such enlistments may be made. If you desire to enlist, you should report to the nearest recruiting station, which in your case would be Fort Lisicum, Valdez.

You would not be reimbursed for traveling expenses or for subsistence, should you go to the States, as you suggest; neither would you be reimbursed for expenses incurred in going from Kodiak to Valdez. If you were accepted and were then transferred to some other post, of course, transportation and subsistence would be allowed you.

Yours very truly,

January 31, 1918

99-29

Mr. C. J. Skuse,
Mendenhall,
P. O. Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that you have been this day appointed a member of the Alaska Territorial Council of Defense, to represent Mendenhall precinct and contiguous territory. You are also advised that you should cooperate with the members of the Juneau branch of said Council whenever and wherever possible.

Yours very truly,

Governor

January 31, 1918

99-29

Mr. J. B. Marshall, Secretary.
Territorial Council of Defense,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I beg to advise you that Mr. C. J. Skuse, of Mendenhall,
has been appointed a member of the Alaska Territorial Council
of Defense, and it is suggested that he should act with the
Juneau members of the Council.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 31, 1918

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Mr. F. E. Rjus,

Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 29, in regard to the formation of a company of home guards, and in which you ask that a requisition for the necessary supplies be made.

In reply I have to advise you that the number of men enrolled is not given and, before a requisition can go forward to the Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., such will be necessary. Will you, therefore, advise me at your earliest convenience of the number of men which it is proposed to enroll in your military body.

Replying to your inquiry as to whether two companies could be organized in Ketchikan, I have to say that it seems to me that one company of, say, fifty members, should meet all the requirements of your section.

Yours very truly,

Governor

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January 31, 1918

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Mr. F. S. Ryan, Local Secretary,
Territorial Council of Defense,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 28, with enclosures, in which you state that the Ketchikan Council would like to know just what its powers are so far as the internment or incarceration of suspects--that is, enemy aliens--is concerned.

In reply I have to advise you that the Councils' powers are advisory only and they have no such power. It seems to me, however, that it would be in the line of duty of your Council to scrutinize any information that might come to it of the activities of suspects and, if reliable, place it in the hands of the district attorney's office, which office is empowered to take such action as the evidence would indicate to be necessary.

I may add that, evidently, judging by the copy of a letter you enclose, there must be a leak in the Council and that its work is being divulged. This is to be regretted. Your Council should at all times move carefully, of course, and take no action against any person unless it is thoroughly

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convinced, and has evidence to support it, that such action is necessary in the interest of the government of the country.

I have further to advise you that the matter of making investigations of certain alleged enemy alien activities in some of the towns of Alaska has been placed before the proper department in Washington, but I have received no advices as yet as to any probable action that may be taken.

Yours very truly,

Governor

Juneau, Feb. 1, 1918 O. B.

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Frank B. Hall,

Fairbanks

Your telegram thirty-first, your home guard seems to be fraternal society organization; therefore, impossible to use Territorial funds for purpose mentioned. To do so would create undesirable situation and serve to invite formation similar bodies by other fraternal societies.

STRONG, Governor

Secretary

February 4, 1918

99-29

Mr. W. R. Faddis.

McCarthy, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 19, with reference to the organization and objects of the Alaska Council of Defense, which you commend, but you state that you do not care to share ^{the} responsibility of the Council on account of certain activities of Mr. Cole.

In reply I have to advise you that it is difficult, apparently, to get together any number of men in Alaska who can agree upon any matter or even matters affecting the welfare of the Territory and the nation. Of course, it is impossible for me to know the likes or antipathies of most of the people of Alaska.

I am sorry to accept your resignation, but, of course, if you insist, I shall do so. I also note that Mr. Foster has moved to Cordova. Would you, therefore, be kind enough to recommend two good citizens for service on the Council for

the town of McCarthy in the place of yourself and Mr. Foster!

Yours very truly,

Governor



February 4, 1918

99-29

Mr. J. B. Marshall, Secretary,
Alaska Council of Defense,
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith certain communications from the
Council of National Defense, which may be of interest to
the Alaska Council of Defense.

Yours very truly

Governor

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February 4, 1918

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Mr. Thomas G. White,
Katalla, Alaska

Dear Sir:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 12, in which you criticize the appointment, as members of the Territorial Council of Defense for Katalla, of Falcon Joslin and C. K. Veidt, because Mr. Joslin is in Katalla only once a year and Mr. Veidt is suspected of pre-German sympathies.

In reply I have to advise you that it is difficult for anyone to know the sentiments of people at a distance. If Mr. Veidt is pre-German in his sympathies, of course, he has no place on the Council, but I would like to ask you if this fact can be established beyond the shadow of a doubt.

I shall be pleased to appoint you a member of the Council of Defense for Katalla, if you feel free to accept the place. Advise me as to your views in the matter.

Yours very truly,

Governor