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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 57

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2 Under the authority of art. III, sec. 23, of the Alaska Constitu-  
3 tion, and in accordance with AS 24.30.130(b), I order the following:

4 \* Section 1. FINDINGS. As governor, I find that it would be in the  
5 best interests of efficient administration to rename the Alaska State  
6 Office and to move it from the Office of the Governor to the Department of  
7 Commerce and Economic Development, the department responsible for adminis-  
8 tration of economic development programs.

9 \* Sec. 2. AS 44.33.020 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (26) administer the Alaska Foreign Office established by  
11 AS 44.33.530.

12 \* Sec. 3. AS 44.33 is amended by adding new sections to read:

13 ARTICLE 12. ALASKA FOREIGN OFFICE.

14 Sec. 44.33.530. ALASKA FOREIGN OFFICE ESTABLISHED. There is  
15 established in the Department of Commerce and Economic Development an  
16 Alaska Foreign Office to be opened and maintained in Tokyo, Japan, as  
17 an outlet for economic development, resource, and trade information,  
18 and as a contact point for government and private industry of Alaska  
19 and the Far East in promoting and carrying on trade between the state  
20 and the Far East.

21 Sec. 44.33.535. PERSONNEL. The office shall be staffed by  
22 personnel selected by the commissioner of the Department of Commerce  
23 and Economic Development on the basis of experience, training, and  
24 linguistic ability. The staff may include subordinate personnel whom  
25 the commissioner finds necessary to hire.

26 Sec. 44.33.540. INFORMATION. The governor, at the request of  
27 the commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Economic Develop-  
28 ment, shall direct the cooperation of all state agencies and request  
29 the cooperation of the federal government and private industry in

1 providing the office with necessary reports, brochures, and informa-  
2 tion requested by that office.

3 Sec. 44.33.545. ANNUAL REPORT. The commissioner of the Depart-  
4 ment of Commerce and Economic Development shall annually report to the  
5 legislature on the activities and accomplishments of the office.

6 Sec. 44.33.550. EXPENSES. The expenses of operating the office  
7 are to be included in the appropriations made to the Department of  
8 Commerce and Economic Development.

9 \* Sec. 4. AS 44.19.074 -- 44.19.082 are repealed.

10 \* Sec. 5. TRANSITION. All litigation, hearings, investigations, and  
11 other proceedings pending under a law repealed by this Order, or in con-  
12 nection with functions transferred by this Order, continue in effect and  
13 may be continued and completed notwithstanding a transfer or repeal  
14 provided for in this Order. Certificates, orders, and regulations issued  
15 or adopted under authority of a law repealed by this Order remain in effect  
16 for the term issued, or until revoked, vacated, or otherwise modified under  
17 the provisions of this Order. All contracts, rights, liabilities, and  
18 obligations created by or under a law repealed by this Order, and in effect  
19 on the effective date of this Order, remain in effect notwithstanding this  
20 Order's taking effect. Records, equipment, and other property of the  
21 office whose functions are transferred under this Order shall be trans-  
22 ferred commensurate with the provisions of this Order.

23 \* Sec. 6. NAME CHANGE. To be consistent with the changes made by this  
24 Order, wherever in the Alaska Statutes and in regulations adopted under  
25 those statutes "Alaska state office" and other terms identifying that  
26 office are used, they must be read as referring to the Alaska foreign  
27 office. Under AS 01.05.031, the revisor of statutes shall implement this  
28 section in the statutes, and, under AS 44.62.125(b)(6), the regulations  
29 attorney shall implement this section in the administrative regulations.

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\* Sec. 7. This Order takes effect July 1, 1984.

DATED: Jan 9, 1984

Bill Sheffield

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Governor