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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED

CITIZENS OF SEWARD ARE OPPOSED, AT THIS TIME, TO ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF SEWARD OF ALL THE WATER AND LAND ENCOMPASSED IN THE TEN (10) SQUARE MILE STRIP KNOWN AS THE PROPOSED FOURTH OF JULY CREEK ANNEXATION AREA.

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THOMAS TAGGART
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20 FEBRUARY, 1977

SENATOR JOE ORSINI
FOUCH V
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811

RE: Senate Joint Resolution #9

Dear Mr. Orsini:

Your letter of 2-18-77 requesting additional information on the Seward annexation attempt has been heartily received. I believe the deadline for both houses to vote on this would be February 28th, so I hope you will act quickly upon the following information, if you think it prudent to do so.

My original petition apparently did confuse some people who signed, since the City's counter petition succeeded in removing about 1/3 of the names from it. When that petition was circulated (Nov.-Dec., 1976) there were two annexations still under consideration locally. The Boundary Commission hearing on the step 2 (Lowell Point) annexation was not cancelled until 1-6-77, three hours before it was scheduled to happen.

In late January, 1977, when it was abundantly clear that only the 4th of July Creek annexation was to be considered by this session of the legislature, another petition was circulated to support the one which I had done earlier. To insure that no one became confused about the scope of their petition, Mr. Willard Midby & Mr. Edward Zimmerman, longtime Sewardites, even took a map of the 4th of July Creek area with them as they gathered signatures. Within a few days they succeeded in gathering an additional 175 signatures in opposition to the 4th of July Creek annexation proposal. Mr. Zimmerman has informed me that his petition contained the signatures of eight (8) Seward school teachers, among others. Mr. Midby is at present circulating yet another petition among the Seward business community with the same objective.....to negate this annexation attempt. What I am attempting to impress upon you is the fact that widespread opposition to this annexation exists, from within as well as without the Seward City limits. Mr. Midby's

The reasons that approximately 250 Sewardites are now on record opposing this annexation are many and varied. I believe I speak for the majority of petitioners by saying that I do not want the City of Seward to exercise an undue influence over the growth patterns of any of the outlying areas surrounding this town. It is the quality of our lives which will be affected by the City Administration's plans, and we should be able to exert an influence over those plans. When the City went ahead and scheduled hearings on the step 2 annexation proposal after 69% of the electorate asked them not to last Nov. 2nd, many people here were outraged that the City Administration had so little regard for the voter's opinion.

Apparently the conclusion was drawn at the February 3rd hearing that the 4th of July Creek area is the most likely place for O.C.S. development to occur. I don't believe that is a very sound conclusion. The Seward city limits already encompass the entire northern end of Resurrection Bay where very little development has yet taken place. It is in this general area that future development will occur due to the ARR and Seward Highway access into the area. Exxon and Dresser have leased small tracts in this area north or town, rather than out on the Bay.

There are eight (8) permanent residents in the area to be annexed. I believe the McNutt's wrote a letter to you this past week, and Ms. Ernst of the other household sent a letter to Representative Smith for inclusion in the Feb. 3rd hearing record. All of these people have been there for approximately 2 years and are opposed to the annexation attempt. McNutt's address is Box 864, Seward, Ak. 99664. I am not sure of the mailing address for the Ernst-McKinnon household, but they are well known in Seward and could probably be reached through a general delivery address. All of the adults in the annexation area signed my original petition except John McKinnon who was out of state.

The McMutt's live on the property of E. W. Hundley, President of Continental Van Lines of Seattle, Anchorage and Fairbanks. I talked with Mr. Hundley on 2-15-77 and he indicated that he had only recently become aware of the annexation attempt, and that he did not think it to be a very good idea. He further indicated that he would contact you that very day via phone and telegram from his Seattle office. I understand that he did contact a business acquaintance of his in Anchorage, Mr. Ted Meining of Nikiski Marine Company, who subsequently phoned Rep. Rudd and the Senate CRA Committee about the issue. Mr. Meining expected the Senate CRA Committee to return his call, which apparently was not done. Mr. Hundley's Seattle number is 937-2261, and Mr. Meining's Anchorage number is 279-0227. You could also contact Mr. Edward Zimmerman of Seward at 224-3647 or 224-5720. Mr. Zimmerman is the elected leader of the Seward anti-annexation element and could probably give you more extensive information than I could.

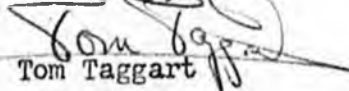
If any development does occur within the annexation area, it will likely be on Mr. Hundley's property since it is much more accessible than property farther out at 4th of July Valley, and because Hundley's property has an existing pier. Conversely, not only is 4th of July Creek proper undeveloped, access is barred by one mile of sheer cliffs.

Mr. Paul Conger has informed me that the Senate CRA Committee did not actually obtain a copy of the 3rd petition until this past week, after I called him, and 2 full weeks after the Feb. 3rd hearing. As previously stated, that petition was expressly drawn up to negate the 4th of July Creek annexation, and I believe considerable emphasis should be given to the views of these petitioners. According to the minutes of the hearing, only passing mention was made of this petition, and it was certainly not understood that it was aimed at the 4th of July Creek annexation only.

At the public hearing on May 21st, 1976, nine people including three local government representatives gave testimony on this proposal. Five (5) persons were opposed. They were: Penny Hardy, Warren Huss, DDS, Mary Fackler, Ardene LaCaze, and myself. I have attempted to obtain a transcript of that hearing from Patrick Poland of the Department of Community & Regional Affairs for corroboration. Mr. Poland informed me that no such transcript was available and I would have to pay for it myself, although he did say I could get a copy of a tape. This all transpired 1-2 months ago and I have not heard anything further about the offer of a tape recording of that hearing, although I did indicate a desire to receive the tape.

I hope you can help us with this matter. Our own elected representatives, Specking, and to a lesser extent Kerttula, have been unresponsive to our petitions. At the very least, disapproval of this annexation would only delay it by one year, and that delay would not be injurious to the Seward area.

Sincerely,


Tom Taggart

- PS: The following corrections should be made in the minutes of the Joint CRA hearing on 2-3-77:
- 1) The annexation area contains 6400 total acres, not 6400 private acres.
 - 2) Reference is made to a Boundary Commission member called Sheila Gallagher; whose last name is purported to be "Jones" in State files.
 - 3) The names of the Boundary Commission Chairman and myself are misspelled.
 - 4) The statement attributed to the Seward City Manager on page 3, paragraph 6 is confusing, and if accurate, indicates that he himself is quite confused.
 - 5) Mr. Schaefermeyer's contention on page 3 that the children had to climb a mountain to get to school is absurd. They do walk 1½ miles along the beach to catch a bus.

CC: Representative Lisa Rudd

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Jesse I. Williams	Box 574	Seward 2-15-77
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Richard Hibbells	Box 1081	SEWARD 2-15-77
Michael J. Spinski	Box 1132	Seward 2-15-77
Sandy I. Spinski	Box 1132	Seward 2-15-77
Shirley Freeman	Box 1132	Seward 2-15-77
Dorcas Turner	Box 114	Seward 2-15-77
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Linda Graham	Box 361	Seward 2/15/77
Audrey J. Collins	Box 361	Seward 2-15-77
Cyril Chambers	PO Box 983	Seward 2/15/77
Carl T. Norman	Box 496	Seward 2/15/77
James E. Hellingworth	See Del	Seward 2/16/77
KEN SPALDING	Box 1587	Seward 2/16/77
Robert A. Richey	Box 724	Seward 2/16/77
May Faebler	Box 1192	SEWARD 2-16-77
Manuel Johansen	Box 186	Seward 2/16/77
Robert J. Sweet	Box 1047	Seward 2/16/77
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CITY OF SEWARD



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COMPTROLLER CA 4-5218
INFORMATION CA 4-5215
CITY POLICE CA 4-5201

February 10, 1977

Honorable Joseph Orsini
Chairman
Senate Committee on Community
and Regional Affairs
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Following the hearing on February 3 regarding Seward's annexation petition for the Fourth of July Creek area, you requested that we provide you with additional information concerning the residents of the annexation area.

We have identified eight people who are residing at the present time within the boundaries of the proposed annexation. There is a family by the name of McNutt living in an old building owned by Mr. Eugene Hundley of Everett, Washington, one of the two private property owners in the annexation area. We were able to make contact with Mrs. McNutt and she advised that the family has verbal permission from Mr. Hundley to reside on his land. The McNutt's have four children, three of which attend Seward public schools. This was verified by the Assistant Principal of William H. Seward Elementary School. A check with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assessor's Office revealed only Mr. Hundley's name on the property tax rolls. (He owns approximately ten acres in the annexation area). The Borough has not assessed any property tax on the building now resided in by the McNutt's because it was heretofore vacant and determined to be of no value for taxation purposes.

Two other residents of the proposed annexation area, a Fredricka Ann Ernst and a Jussi Mackinen, have taken over an old cabin built several years ago by a man who homesteaded the area. This man died and his family failed to obtain patent to his homestead. The land has since been nominated for state selection under provisions of the Alaska Statehood Act.

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February 10, 1977
Honorable Joseph Orsini

In addition to the eight people above, we have been informed of one other man living in the Fourth of July Creek area, however we have not been able to identify him other than by his first name, Peter.

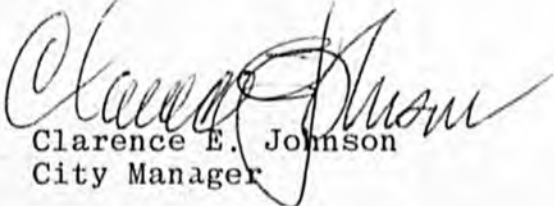
We feel it is significant to note that none of the above residents own any real property in the area. None, it appears, can produce any documented proof of lawful entry on the property where they reside. Only the McNutt family claims a verbal agreement with the lawful owner of the property. This has not been substantiated by the City.

Finally, we can find no provision of the law regarding local annexation that has not been complied fully with by the City of Seward and Local Boundary Commission. Section 10.100 of Title 19 of the Alaska Administrative Code provides for the proper filing of an Answering Brief to a Petition for Annexation. To our knowledge, no such Brief's have been filed by an residents or property owners in the Fourth of July Creek annexation area. In fact, the largest private property owner, Mr. Dale Lindsey, has openly supported the annexation in the Local Boundary Commission hearing on May 21, 1976, and in a letter submitted to Chairman Rudd on February 3.

The majority of those residents who have signed petitions opposing the Fourth of July Creek annexation reside outside the present corporate boundaries of Seward and, with the exception of the individuals identified above, none reside in the annexation area.

We trust that this has provided further clarification concerning Seward's petition for annexation. If there is additional information you wish to have from the City, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,


Clarence E. Johnson
City Manager

cc: Honorable Lisa Rudd, Chairman, House Committee on Community
and Regional Affairs
Honorable Keith Specking
Honorable Jalmar Kerttula
Members of House & Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committees
(listed below)

Ed Willis
Frank Ferguson
Glenn Hackney
William Sumner
Tim Kelly

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Al Ose
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Kris Lethin
Merle Snider

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Tom Taggart *TL*
Box 1195
Seward, Ak. 99664
2 February, 1977

Representative Charlie Parr
Pouch 7
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: Senate Joint Resolution 9

Dear Mr. Parr:

A vote on SJR9 will likely come before the Legislature soon.

In your recent correspondence to me concerning this matter, you indicated that you may rely heavily upon the Local Boundary Commission recommendation and the opinion of the Seward Legislators. I ask that you do not, for the following reasons....

- 1) The LBC recommendation was contrary to the public sentiment expressed at the hearing, and was rendered in haste.
- 2) Since I sent the petition to you a few weeks ago, yet another petition with an additional 175 signatures has been sent to the House Community & Regional Affairs Committee. Nearly half of Seward's electorate have now signed the two petitions opposing this annexation.
- 3) Unlike yourself and many of your colleagues, the Seward Legislators have thus far been totally unresponsive to this issue.

Please vote to disapprove the LBC recommendation.

Sincerely,

Thomas Taggart

CC: Representatives Miller, Malone, Smith, Rudd, Osterback, Guy, Mockins, Buchholdt, Duncan, McKimmon, Kelly, Snider, Bradley, Severnson, Phillips, Miles, Cotten, Gardiner, Akers, Haugen, Brown, Swanson, Nakek, Schaeffer; Senators Huber, Ferguson, Rader, Willis, Sackett, Meland, Orsini, Holman.

MS. SMITH: PLEASE EXCUSE THIS COPY,
BUT TIME IS SHORT AND I HAD TO
GET THIS OUT IN A HURRY.

Tom Taggart

copy of petition on file
in Smith's office -

Seward, Alaska
Feb 1, 1977

copy

Re: Petitions relative
to legislative action on
Fourth of July Creek

Representative Sally Smith

Dear Ms. Smith:

This envelope contains signature petitions from over 170 Seward citizens requesting that the recommendations of the Boundary Commission which convened here in May be completely annulled, rejected, and set aside.

It is only fair that you do this because the first boundary commission hearing held here, caught the community off guard. I am told there was a very small attendance, and I know that I was not even aware it had taken place until I read of it in the local paper.

There has been a lot of agitation, in Seward, for and against annexation, during the past year, but the conflict seems to be primarily between City Hall and the people, rather than a real division among the people themselves.

If the city's failure to reach the people is due to their policy of Futuristics, or to ²ster-_neotyped bureaucratic approach, ~~we will never~~ or to the sheer reality of a rather depressed economy we will never know, and it is of small import now. I emphasize the here and now because as of this present date, Feb. 1, 1977 the people have spoken, and after all is said and done, democratic government still remains; essentially, a process, from, through, and for the common people.

Respectfully yours,

Willard Midby

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Edward M. Moe	Old Nash Road	1/28/77
Bob Duck	Mile 5 Nash Road	1/28/77
W. H. HARRISON	Mile 5 Nash Road	1/28/77
William Hansen	Nash Road	1-28-77
Clifford Johnson	Nash Road	1-28-77
Arthur W. Johnson	Nash Road	1-28-77
Ben Allison	Nash Road	1-28-77
David Allison	Nash Rd	1-28-77
Phillip Faulkner	Mile 3, Seward Hwy.	1-28-77
Frank Wlastart	Box 111 Seward, Ala.	1-28-77
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Escher Heinbaugh	509 Madison Ave. Seward	1-29-77
Ernie Starr	601 5th Ave	1-29-77
Merle Starr	601 5TH AVE.	1-29-77
Robert McKean	Bear Creek	1-29-77
Robert O. Orestad	Seward (the) Box 1521	1-29-77
Raymond Kibgaard	Seward, Ak. Box, 1114	1-29-77
M R Broadbent	Box 967, Seward	1-29-77
E. R. Johnson	Box - 1194 Seward	1-29-77

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Mike A. Miller	PO 81 Seward	1-30-77
Helen Nelson	Res RD	1-30-77
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Jim Ross	NASH RD.	1-30-77
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Marshall M. Manus	Star Pt Seward	1-30-77
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Lilly M. Thorne	Box 894 Seward, Alaska	1/29/77
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Jimmy T. Martin	Box 816 SEWARD, ALASKA	1/29/77
Sumner Martin	Box 816 SEWARD, ALASKA	1/29/77
Mr. & Mrs. James Stavrinides	Box 1447 Seward, AK	1/29/77
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Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lynch	Str. Route Mile 3 1/2 Seward AK	1/29/77
Dale Schutte	Box 451 Seward ALASKA	1/29/77
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John L. Cahley	Box 1356 Seward AK	1/29/77
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Paul Paquette	Box 711	Seward 1-29-77
Demi Paquette	Box 011	Seward 1-29-77
George H. Smith	Box 431	MILE 3 1-29-77
Jois Grinnell	Box 421	MILE 3 1-29-77
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George Zimmerman	Star Rt Seward	1-30-77
Jane Zimmerman	Star Rt Seward	1/30/77
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Marshall B. Renne Jr	Mile 7 Seward AK	1-30-77
Edna L. Puruley	Mile 7 Seward, Alaska	1-30-77
Mrs. Rose M. Jensen	Mile 7 Seward, Alaska	1-30-77
Sam Daniel	Mile 7 Seward, Alaska	1-30-77
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Elaine March	mile 5 1/2	1-30-77
Louise March Jr.	mile 5 1/2	1-30-77
Mrs. Helen March	Mile 5 1/2	1-30-77
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Truman Baling	Box 232 mile 5 1/2	1-30-77

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Brent A Stephens	SP# 10 Bear Creek Ct	1-30-77
Costance C Stephens	" " " " "	1-30-77
Gerald T. Swin	Bear Creek Park	1-30-77
Sharon L. Swin	Bear Creek Tr. Park	1-30-77
Mary Sanden	mile 6 Hwy	1-30-77
Arleta K. Suburack	Bear Creek Tr. Park #7	1-30-77
Martin C. Suburack	" " " " "	"
John W. Sanden	mile 6 Seward Hwy	1-30-77
Jess E. Sweet	538 6 th Ave Seward	1-30-77
Clarence S. Ballard	mile 3 1/2 Seward Hwy	1-30-77
Betsy C. Ballard	mile 3 1/2 Seward Hwy	1-30-77
John T. Hough	mile 5 1/4 Seward Alaska	1-30-77
Edith Hough	mile 5 1/4 Seward, Alaska	1-30-77
Mary A. Brewer	mile 6 1/2 Seward, Alaska	1-30-77
Leland P. Brewer	mile 6 1/2 Seward Alaska	1-30-77
Oral Bryan	mile 6 1/2 Seward Alaska	1-30-77
Walter Bryan	mile 6 1/2 Seward Alaska	1-30-77
Louis C. Dick	mile 6 1/2 Seward Alaska	1-30-77
Shelli Dick	mile 6 1/2 Seward Alaska	1-30-77
Victor C. Witherup	mile 6 1/2 Seward Alaska	1-30-77
Lucile Witherup	mile 6 1/2 Seward Alaska	1-30-77
Jean Porter	Seward Pt Seward, Alaska	1-30-77

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Richard Frank	Box 861	1-28-77
Melody Jordan	Box 1162	1-29-77
Aileen Trigglett	Box 1162	1-29-77
Starkey Randon	Box 811	1-29-77
Lyle C. Keyes	General Delivery ^{mile 7}	1-30-77
Tom Ballinger	POY 1373	1-30-77
William Vincent Jr	Box 1564	1-30-77
Marsha Vincent	Box 1564	Jan 30 1977
Ed. A. M. Richey	Box 724	1/30/77
Robert A Richey	Box 724	1/30/77

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SIGNATURE

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Virginia E. Ronne	P.O. Box 1087	MILE 8 Seward	01-27-77
Kate Remington	Box 1073	Seward	1-27-77
Henry Marshall	Box 854	Seward	1-27-77
Richard E. Marshall	Box 854	Seward	1-27-77
L. A. Hasty	419 6th	Seward	1-26, 77
Rosene Hasty	419 6th	Seward	1-26, 77
Earl R. Duncan	Nash Rd.	Seward	1-27-77
Theresa Duncan	Nash Rd	Seward	1-27-77
Jan Andrews	Mile 7	Seward	1-28-77
Louis E. Diefly	Mile 6 1/2	Seward	1-28-77
Sandra M. Andrews	Mile 7	Seward	1-28-77
Phyllis Riel	Mile 6 1/2	Seward	1-28-77
Douglas McFadden	Mile 3 1/2	Seward	2-1-77
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Robert N Storm 215 5th Seward 1-26-77

Ronetta McConnell P.O. Box 757 1-26-77

Lundy Dewitz P.O. Box 757 1-26-77

*Oscar H Bailey Star Route 1-28-77
1-30-77*

Betty Jo Kuller P.O. Box 1025 Seward, Alaska 99664

Luther B Sully P.O. Box 1225 Seward A.K. 99664

Robert D. Peterson Box 697 Seward AK 2/1/77

THOMAS TAGGART
BOX 1195
SEWARD, ALASKA 99664

13 JANUARY, 1977

Dear Alaska State Legislator:

The most volatile issue in the Seward area this past year has been the attempt at annexation of state lands by the City of Seward.

The city administration justifies their piecemeal annexation plan upon the premise of preparing for O. C. S. development. They refer the people to the study which they contracted (The Seward Concept Plan) as supportive of their position that annexation is desirable and/or necessary.

The facts do not support the city's contention that annexation is necessary for orderly development in the Seward area. Some of the more important arguments against these annexation proposals are:

1) The "Seward Concept Plan" has been adjudged by state and federal authorities as inadequate for O. C. S. planning and subsequent funding.

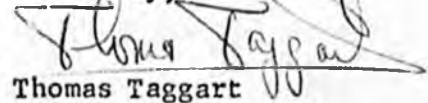
2) Exxon and Dresser, which have selected Seward as their base, have chosen small tracts of less than 5 acres each in close proximity to the Alaska Railroad. Their choices would seem to indicate a precedent for any companies which may follow. There is much land already within city limits and extending along the ARR with good transportation access. These are the logical places for growth to occur, rather than in a wilderness setting with all the attendant expense involved in developing such a site.

3) Most of the proposed annexation areas are rugged terrain with slopes in excess of 30° which would preclude any sort of tax base from developing there. Verily, in any direction from Seward except north, rugged wilderness is encountered within a few miles of town.

This issue was brought before the local electorate on November 2nd, 1976 in a straw poll conducted at City Hall, Seward. At that time nearly 75% of the total voters rejected the city's annexation proposals which were put before them.

The signers of the attached petition ask the legislators to override any recommendations from the Local Boundary Commission for annexation of lands in the Seward area.

Sincerely,


Thomas Taggart

PS: Please note that page 3 of the petition contains about 15 signatures which are duplicated on pages 1 & 2. The petition was revised to a condensed form, thus accounting for a few duplicate signatures from the original petition.

CC: Alaska State Legislators, Juneau
Honorable Jay Hammond, Juneau

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* J. W. M. M.	Box 901 Seward	* David Suddath	Box 1174 Seward
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* J. W. M. M.	Box 901 Seward	* Barbara E. W. W.	Resurrection
* Catherine M. M.	Box 1233 Seward	* Laurel M. M.	Resurrection
* K. M. M.	Box 185 Seward	* Doug Smith	PO 1523 Seward
* W. M. M.	Box 185 Seward	* Ch. M. M.	Box 772 Seward
* H. M. M.	Box 185 Seward	* J. M. M.	" " "
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* Marshall M. M.	Box 185 Seward	* Julie Johnson	Box 643 "
* G. M. M.	Box 1195 Seward	* M. M. M.	PO Box 1274
* H. M. M.	Box 1423		
* Roy Starnes	Box 921 Seward		
* Mrs. M. M. M.	Box 7447		
* J. M. M.			
* J. M. M.	Box 305 Seward		
* J. M. M.	Box 156		
* J. M. M.	Box 521 Seward		
* Dennis M. M.	Box #47 Seward		
* Louis O. O.	Box 154 Seward		
* J. M. M.	Box 154 Seward		
* J. M. M.	C. D. SEWARD		
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We ask that the Legislators prudently consider the results of a poll taken at Seward City Hall on November 2nd, 1976 pertaining to annexation proposals, as follows...

	No. of VOTERS	Annexation(s) FOR.....AGAINST
SEWARD PRECINCT # 1	187	35.9% 64.1%
SEWARD PRECINCT # 2	336	33.0% 67.0%
BEAR CREEK PRECINCT	205	11.9% 88.1%

NAME	ADDRESS
1. Eddie Wilson	Box 697 (Mile 7) Seward, Alaska
2. Russ L. Lemus	Box 661 (Mile 6 1/2) Seward Alaska
3. Loralei Winters	Box 1193 (7 mile) Seward, Ak
4. Sharon Bensen	Box 1372 (7 mile) Seward, Ak
5. Richard Carlson	Box 1162 (6 1/2 mile) SEWARD, AK
6. Robert W. Williams	Box 697 Mile 7 Seward Alaska
7. Ed. Marden	Box 163 (Mile 5 1/2) Seward, Alaska
8. Gilbert Hibernick	Box 834 - Bear Creek, 1/2 Mile Seward, Ak.
9. Eileen Calligan	Box 163 (Mile 5 1/2) Seward, Ak.
10. Robin Lemus	Box 661 Mile 6 1/2 Seward
11. Tom Henderson	Box 816 Mile 6 1/2 SEWARD
12. Ed DeLorenzo	Box 895 220 North Seward.
13. Mary A. Bixler	Box 1325 mile 6 1/2 Seward
14. David A. Eliss	Box 1027 Nash Road Seward Alaska
15. Barbara D. Wynne	P.O. Box 343 Resurrection Rd Seward Ak
16. Esther Jones	P.O. Box 723 Seward AK.
17. Carolyn Subar	P.O. Box 92 Seward (Salmon Rd)
18. Tom TASSART	Box 1195 " NASH RD
19. Michael VanDeusen	Mile 7 1/2 Seward, Alaska
20. Mary Zimmerman	Mile 7 1/2 Seward, Alaska

SEWARD - ANTI - ANNEXATION PETITION

NAME	ADDRESS	* ADDRESS
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22. [unclear]	[unclear]	[unclear]
23. Joseph Ontholder	[unclear]	[unclear]
24. Karim Elias	[unclear]	[unclear]
25. Nora Karshauer	[unclear]	[unclear]
26. David Karshauer	[unclear]	[unclear]
27. Sandy Lemus	[unclear]	[unclear]
28. Mary De Neupertis	[unclear]	[unclear]
29. Vincent De Neupertis	[unclear]	[unclear]
30. Andrea Anderson	[unclear]	[unclear]
31. Susan Broughton	[unclear]	[unclear]
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Thomas Taggart
Box 1195
Seward, Alaska 99664

16 February, 1977

Representative Sally Smith
Fouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

COPY

RE: SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION #9

Dear Ms. Smith:

I again apologize for my abrasive letter and phone call. Tact is not one of my virtues. However insignificant this issue may be in the general context of your duties in Juneau, you must understand that it is very important to Sewardites.

I became involved with this issue because I live adjacent to the area which is proposed for annexation. Your statement that our case was full of "untruths," and that the residents in the annexation area were "squatters" was a bit much for me to take. I will make this as short as possible....

My petition was conceived and circulated last November & December to stop the 4th of July Creek annexation attempt and also Step 2 of the City's annexation plan. That step was still very much alive when the petition was circulated, although 69% of Seward's voters asked the City to drop it at the last general election. It was only cancelled at the last moment (1-6-77), and not by the City.

After adding my petition with 109 signatures to all Legislators on 1-13-77, I was publicly castigated by the Seward Mayor for exercising my right to petition the government. The Mayor and his cohorts disapproved of my objectives, so they interpreted my efforts as being detrimental to society, when in fact the exact opposite was the case.

The City's next step was an attempt to discredit my petition by circulating a counter petition asking people to remove their names from mine. I believe they succeeded in removing up to 40 names from my petition.

The City's counter petition inspired the leaders of the Bear Creek Anti-annexation League to circulate yet another petition, which purportedly was worded exactly like mine, and which was intended to show support for my petition. Their petition added 175 additional signatures in opposition to the 4th of July Creek annexation. IT MUST BE NOTED, THAT WHEN THE THIRD PETITION WAS CIRCULATED, IT WAS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ONLY ANNEXATION BEING CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATURE WAS THE 4TH OF JULY CREEK AREA. If there was any misunderstanding as to the scope of my petition, there was certainly none concerning the third petition.

By my reckoning there are now about 244 people within and without the Seward City Limits who are on record as being opposed to the annexation of 4th of July Creek. This is a sizable portion of the 728 voters who turned out here in the last general election. These petitioners do not all live outside the city limits, own no property, or reside here only a few months at a time, as the Seward City Manager was quoted in the minutes of the February 3rd hearing. Among other signers were the following city residents: 1) Virginia Darling, owner of Brown & Hawkins' store who has resided here since about 1925. 2) Bob & Eddie Wilson, who own one of Seward's three grocery stores. 3) Rosa Lemas who owns property near the airport and who has been here about 25 years. 4) Earl Duncan, who was at one time general foreman at Seward Fisheries. 5) Frank Diekgreoff, ex-city councilmember who owns the Letco Construction Co. 6) Joann Hoogland, who is a schoolteacher and property owner who has been here since 1943. 7) Willard Midby, property owner and city resident who has lived here 20 years. 8) Phil Hardy who homesteaded Lowell Point about 30 years ago.

Contrast these people and the other petitioners to Mr. Johnson, the City Manager who has lived here about one month, and the credibility of his statement at the hearing is somewhat wanting, to say the least.

The people whose presence you summarily dismissed as "squatters" are the McNutts, who live on the property of Mr. E. W. Hundley. The City recently attempted a "witchhunt" against these people, not realizing that they lived ~~there~~ with Mr. Hundley's blessing. Apparently the McNutt's crime in the City's eyes, was the fact that they had the audacity to sign an anti-annexation petition. Three of their children do indeed walk 1½ miles to catch a school-bus each day, and their mother walks at least twice that far each day to get to her nursing job at the hospital. I hope you can be objective enough to recognize the similarity between the entrenched Sewardites who label these people as squatters, and the entrenched Juneauites who castigate you for your unique lifestyle in the Juneau small boat harbor.

I spoke with Mr. Hundley of Continental Van Lines on 2-15-77, and he was not even aware of the annexation attempt until recently. A business acquaintance of his representing Nikiski Marine Company of Anchorage has recently contacted Rep. Rudd about the annexation attempt. Since Mr. Hundley is probably the biggest taxpayer in the annexation area, I would suggest you contact him in Seattle at 937-2261. If any industrialization does occur within the annexation area, it is likely to be on Mr. Hundley's property, because it is much more accessible than 4th of July Valley proper. Mr. Hundley owns a pier which is probably of great value.

During our phone conversation on 2-15-77 you stated that the 3rd petition was received in time for consideration at the February 3rd hearing. You went on to say that all such relevant material was duly copied and passed out to Committee members. Your statement is not consistent with the information given me by Paul Conger of the Senate CRA committee on the same day, and also when I talked to him on 2-14-77. He stated that the Senate Committee had only become aware of the 3rd petition this week, since I called him about it. His views are supported by the minutes of the February 3rd hearing, page 4, paragraph 5, where it is clearly implied that the 3rd petition was not materially present at the hearing. Since the 3rd petition was expressly drawn up to negate the 4th of July annexation, great emphasis should be placed upon it...And soon. If we, the people, cannot reach the legislators by petition, how else can we reach you?

There have been over 100 responses from legislators to the people who signed the original petition which I mailed out. Distressingly, none of those responses came from Specking or Kerttula who we elected to represent us. There apparently exists here a buffer zone between the petitioners and the lawmakers. It is comprised of people who have very well-defined and narrow interests, and their actions are contrary to the public sentiment.

The way I understand democracy, we have voiced enough opposition to this annexation to have it disapproved.

Sincerely,


Thomas Taggart

CC: Representative Lisa Rudd
 ✓ Senator Joe Orsini
 Senator Ed Willis
 Senator Jay Kerttula
 Representative Keith Specking



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February 17, 1977

Senator Joe Orsini, Chairman
Senate Community and Regional
Affairs Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Orsini:

Thank you for taking time to send us a copy of Senate Bill No. 50 and for soliciting our comments.

We have reviewed this proposed legislation and believe that it is in the best interest of our company as well as our customers. We would support the passage of such legislation. If we can be of any service to you in this respect, we would be pleased to do so.

Thank you again for considering our views.

Sincerely yours,

Vern R. Chesbro
President

VRC:pls

cc: E. K. Larsen

Swedish Embassy

George H. Byer
P.O. Box 445
Hemet, California 92343

Dear Mr. Byer:

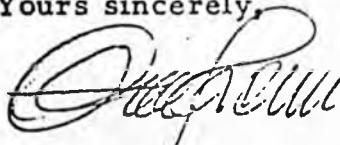
I am awfully sorry that we - by mistake - have not answered your letter to the Ambassador dated November 28th.

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The Swedish participation in the U.S. Bicentennial celebrations includes various activities as you can see on the list of Swedish plans for the American Bicentennial year which is enclosed. The activities are to a large extent concentrated on Swedish-American relations. None of them, however, deals with issues which are of mutual interest to arctic countries.

As we think that your idea of a meeting in Alaska is very interesting, we are looking forward to an invitation from the State of Alaska, and we would do our best to promote Swedish participation.

Yours sincerely,


Ove Svensson
Cultural Attaché

JCE.. THIS IS WHAT THE EMBASSIES ASK FOR SO THE GOV. OUGHT TO PROMPTLY WRITE THEM EXPRESSING HIS WELCOME, SUPPORT & COOPERATION AS WELL AS TO THE MAYOR & CITY ASSEMBLY, STATE DEPT, MRS CARTER & PRES. CARTER. WHAT'S THE HOLD UP: WE NEED SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT SO WE CAN GET ON WITH THE JOB.

PS. THIS IS WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR THAT PERSONAL INVITATION FROM THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA.

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

REPRESENTATIVE CLARK GRUENING
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

940 Tyonek Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

February 8, 1977

Dear George,

The Arctic-Alaska International Conference sounds like a great idea and I'm willing to work for an appropriation.

I wonder if you would work up a more detailed budget of what this money is to be used for. Also, do you intend to be the executive director, or who will continue to carry the ball?

I am enclosing SB 63, and plan to introduce one on the House side.

Cordially,

Rep. Clark Gruening



LISA RUDD

ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, POUCH V, JUNEAU 99811

Dear George,

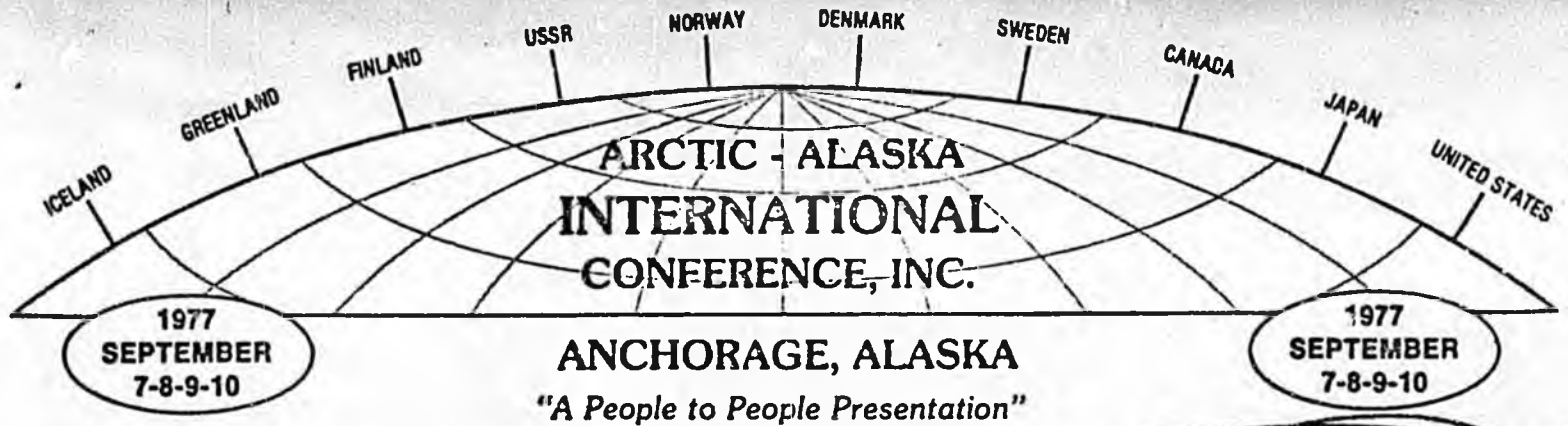
Many thanks for sending me the material on the Arctic-Alaska International Conference. It is a marvelous idea and I will certainly support the funding you seek.

Yours,

Lisa Rudd

AS CHAIRWOMAN FOR THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SHE IS GIVING HER FULL SUPPORT FOR THIS HISTORICAL AND WORTHWHILE PROGRAM

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President Bradshaw of ARCO...

I had a very nice letter from Mr. Slack in Anchorage in the response from my two letters to you. And why I am again now writing to you is because of the "Take Stock In America", ad that appeared in the Los Angeles Times. I liked what I read and it is understandable why you have long been interested in the Arctic for your vision and imagination is beyond the horizon.

Perhaps, to help clarify any reasons why I am a conference coordinator living in Hemet, my roots of 25 years in Alaska, an ex-mayor of Anchorage and a candidate for governor, are deep and of a perspective interest.

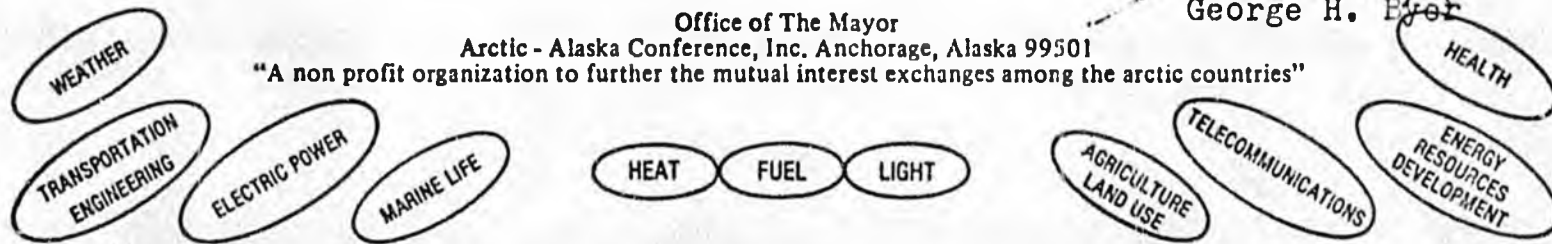
You believe in Alaska, I believe in Alaska so let us take stock in Alaska as well as America. NOW'S THE TIME, you say and this 77 conference is only a front runner of things to come and a good step toward a 78 or 79 economic conference of oil producers. So this year is very important in laying the ground work and to participate in the energy subject of

the conference. TOO, we feel it an appropriate time for ARCO or under your name to establish an Energy Foundation grant for the University of Alaska at Anchorage for the studies of energy on the Alaska scene and to help formulate the pending conference of oil producers.

I would like nothing better than to have lunch with you in Los Angeles and share ideas relative to the above.

Sincerely,
George H. Eyer

Office of The Mayor
Arctic - Alaska Conference, Inc. Anchorage, Alaska 99501
"A non profit organization to further the mutual interest exchanges among the arctic countries"



With compliments

from

the Director and Staff



UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701

January 31, 1977



Mr. George H. Byer
Box 445
Hemet, California 92343

Dear Mr. Byer:

The University will assist in all possible ways in the planned symposium of September, 1977, so long as we know, well in advance, the specific intent and topics of your conference.

I have referred your letter to Dr. Hunsucker and Mr. Siegrist. You may also be interested in the Annual Report of the Geophysical Institute for 1974-75, a copy of which is enclosed.

Concerning the research of the University, the best persons to contact would be the directors of units, as follows:

Geophysical Institute	T. Neil Davis, Acting Director
Institute of Marine Science	John J. Goering, Acting Director
Institute of Water Resources	Robert F. Carlson, Director
Agricultural Experiment Station	James Drew, Director
Institute of Arctic Biology	George C. West, Acting Director
Institute of Social and Economic Research	E. Lee Gorsuch, Director
Center for Northern Educational Research	Frank Darnell, Director
Sea Grant Program	Donald H. Rosenberg, Director
Arctic Environmental Information and Data Center	David M. Hickok, Director
The Biome Center	George C. West, Director
Alaska Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit	David R. Klein, Leader
Mineral Industry Research Laboratory	Earl H. Beistline, Director
Forest Soils Laboratory	Keith Van Cleve, Director
WAMI Program	Wayne W. Myers, Director
Naval Arctic Research Laboratory	Gary A. Laursen, Acting Director

Sincerely,

Keith B. Mather
Vice Chancellor for Research and
Advanced Study

KBM/afs

Enclosure



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vision and plans for a better tomorrow. It would be a fulfilling realization, in the fall of 77, to all join in a common bond of dedication for what "the interest in others program" can do for the betterment cause.

Your visionary plans and the willingness to go forth with it has renewed my spirit! But like all worthwhile endeavors, it can use some added interest and encouragement for vision is not always understood nor is it something people are easily enthused about. After 25 years in Alaska as city councilman, borough assemblyman, mayor and candidate for governor, my roots are deep, my interest and efforts for this international purpose anxiously given as coordinator.

Plans for coming to D.C. are being coordinated and should your busy schedule permit a few moments in the common hope of international peace through the exchange of people, I would be delighted.

Office of The Mayor

Respectfully... *George M. Sullivan*

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Rosalynn Carter's Ambitious Plan for World Peace

By TOM SMITH

Rosalynn Carter, America's new First Lady, is busily laying the groundwork for an ambitious plan to promote world peace — a people-to-people exchange between the U.S. and other nations around the world.

Under this program, dubbed "Friendship Force," which is still in the early, formative stage, planeloads of people, ordinary citizens from every state in the union, would be shuttled to "sister states" around the globe.

These grass-roots goodwill ambassadors would then invite people from the other countries to pay a return visit to their homes in America.

Friends of Rosalynn say she's "very excited" by the prospect of bringing people of the world closer together through these people-to-people exchanges — and they say President Jimmy Carter is solidly behind her plan.

Mrs. Carter has already held one meeting with the man who helped her organize a similar exchange program between the people of Georgia and their sister state in Brazil, Pernambuco, while Carter was governor.

"She and I have agreed we will work on this together," said the Rev. Wayne Smith of Decatur, Ga., who met with Mrs. Carter in September to discuss the Friendship Force program. "She is very interested in helping to promote world peace.

"She thought that these citizen exchanges might be a way — something without govern-



NEW FIRST LADY Rosalynn Carter foresees planeloads of grass-roots ambassadors from the U.S.

ment involvement, but with its approval and encouragement."

It's not yet known who will pay for the Friendship Force, or how much it will cost. The visits between the people of Georgia and Brazil were paid for by those involved.

In Washington, Rosalynn's transition staff says the Friendship Force plan is one of her top three priorities.

"It's an idea that she is very interested in and wants to pursue as First Lady," said Kathy Cade, 29, transition projects coordinator. "She has said it is something she really wants to do."

Mrs. Carter has also written to the Partners of the Americas organization, which conducts similar people exchanges among Latin-American countries, asking for help in launching the Friendship Force, according to David

Luria, associate director of the Partners organization.

Luria, who's based in Washington, D.C., told The ENQUIRER: "The Carters first got involved in the exchange program when Jimmy, as governor of Georgia, was honorary president for the Partners organization in Georgia. He and Rosalynn took deep interest in the Brazilian-Georgian partnership, both official-ly and unofficially."

A longtime close friend of the Carter family, John Pope, 56, of Americus, said Rosalynn had discussed her Friendship Force program with him and his wife in November.

"She said she was anxious to get it going internationally, and got very excited talking about it," Pope said. "I think it's her baby, but Jimmy is right behind it and very much in favor of it.

"I am sure you will find that she is going to play a bigger part in trying to achieve things on an international level than any other First Lady," Pope added.

Copy

Tom Taggart
Box 1195
Seward, Ak. 99664
2 February, 1977

Representative Charlie Parr
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: Senate Joint Resolution 9

Dear Mr. Parr:

A vote on SJR9 will likely come before the Legislature soon.

In your recent correspondence to me concerning this matter, you indicated that you may rely heavily upon the Local Boundary Commission recommendation and the opinions of the Seward Legislators. I ask that you do not, for the following reasons....

- 1) The LBC recommendation was contrary to the public sentiment expressed at the hearing, and was rendered in haste.
- 2) Since I sent the petition to you a few weeks ago, yet another petition with an additional 175 signatures has been sent to the House Community & Regional Affairs Committee. Nearly half of Seward's electorate have now signed the two petitions opposing the annexation.
- 3) Unlike yourself and many of your colleagues, the Seward Legislators have thus far been totally unresponsive to this issue.

Please vote to disapprove the LBC recommendation.

Sincerely,

Thomas Taggart

CC: Representatives Miller, Malone, Smith, Rudd, Osterback, Guy, Meekins, Buchholdt, Duncan, McKinnon, Kelly, Snider, Bradley, Severnson, Phillips, Miles, Cotten, Gardiner, Akers, Haugen, Brown, Swanson, Nakek, Schaeffer; Senators Huber, Ferguson, Rader, Willis, Sackett, Meland, Orsini, Hohman.

DEAR MR. ORSINI PLEASE EXCUSE THIS COPY, BUT TIME IS SHORT AND I HAD TO GET THIS OUT IN A HURRY.
Tom Taggart

Einar Meinung
279-0007
Anchorage, Ak

President of McKisic Marine
& McKisic Off shore Supply Corp
Have Eastbay dock & North Gulf
list as a marine base.

Does not want annexation
intoeward at this time!

Called 3:45, Tues. Feb 15th

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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature
Senate

February 9, 1977

Mr. Johnny Johnson
City Manager
City of Seward
P.O. Box 337
Seward, Alaska 99664

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Per your request, please find your copy of the Minutes in reference to the Joint Senate and House Community and Regional Affairs Committee Hearing discussing the proposed annexation of territory in the Seward area.

It was a pleasure meeting you, and if you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Paul Conger,
Administrative Assistant
Senate Community and
Regional Affairs
Committee

PC/js

Enclosure: As stated



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Mr. Thomas Taggart
Box 1195
Seward, Alaska 99664

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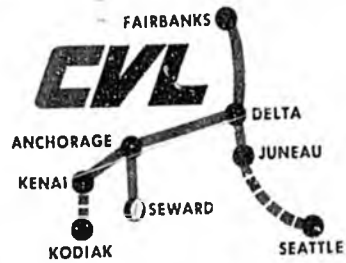
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February 21, 1977

Senator Joseph Orsini
Alaska State Senate
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Senator Orsini:

I am the owner and builder of the dock and terminal located on ten acres of land on the Eastern Shore of Resurrection Bay opposite the town of Seward. I feel you should be advised that I am opposed to the City of Seward's proposed annexation of this and other properties North and East of Nash Road.

I already have a substantial investment in this property and arrangements have been completed for immediate and extensive further development to accommodate oil drilling related industry. These developments are being accomplished by private enterprise and the City's annexation can be harmful to the future of this Eastern Shore Area.

It is important to note that I have never been contacted or advised by the City of Seward of their efforts or intent although the City Manager knows my address.

It is only through the efforts of all of the other property owners in the Nash Road Area who strongly oppose this annexation attempt that I have recently learned of the City's maneuver.

I wish to request your assistance in defeating this annexation proposal. There are no benefits for this area that would derive from annexation. The results would be harmful and would discourage development by private enterprise. These lands are now under the Kenai Burrough and there should be no change in the "status quo" at this time.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

EWH/k

cc: Mr. Jack Stern
P. O. Box 1672
Anchorage, Ak 99510

Mr. Ted Meining
1111 F Street
Anchorage, Ak 99501

Sincerely,

E. W. Hundley
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STATEMENT OF CLARENCE E. JOHNSON BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS REGARDING ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY
TO THE CITY OF SEWARD - FEBRUARY 3, 1977

MADAM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. MY NAME IS
~~CLARENCE~~ ^{JOHNNY} JOHNSON AND I AM CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF SEWARD. I
AM PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR TODAY TO EXPRESS THE
POSITION OF THE CITY OF SEWARD AND THAT OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF
ITS RESIDENTS ON THE PROPOSED FOURTH OF JULY CREEK ANNEXATION.

IN DECEMBER 1975, THE CITY PURSUANT TO TITLES 29 AND 44 OF
THE ALASKA STATUTES AND TITLE 19 OF THE ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE,
FILED A PETITION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL
AFFAIRS REQUESTING THE ANNEXATION OF 6,400 ACRES OF TERRITORY
ADJACENT TO THE PRESENT CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF SEWARD, IN AN
AREA COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS FOURTH OF JULY CREEK. THE PETITION
WAS MADE ONLY AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATION,
COUNCIL, AND PUBLIC.

ON MAY 21, 1976 THE LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION HELD A PUBLIC
MEETING IN SEWARD TO HEAR TESTIMONY ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION.
AT THIS HEARING, THE MAJORITY OF TESTIMONY GIVEN EXPRESSED SUPPORT
FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY CREEK ANNEXATION. NO PRIVATE PROPERTY

OWNERS IN THE ANNEXATION AREA VOICED ANY OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL, IN FACT, THE LARGEST SUCH OWNER SUBMITTED TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE ANNEXATION.

THE LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT OF DECISION APPROVING WITHOUT RESERVATION THE CITY'S PETITION, CITING THE FACT THAT THE ANNEXATION IS A POSITIVE APPROACH TOWARDS RESPONDING TO GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AND AROUND THE CITY.

MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE NATURAL AND POLITICAL BOUNDARIES THAT SURROUND SEWARD. TO THE SOUTH IS SITUATED RESURRECTION BAY, TO THE WEST MOUNTAINS AND HARDING ICEFIELD, TO THE EAST MOUNTAINS, AND TO THE NORTH MOUNTAINS AND THE CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT SEWARD IS TOTALLY DEVOID OF ANY AREA FOR GROWTH AND EXPANSION, HOWEVER SUCH AREA IS SEVERELY LIMITED BY NATURAL AND POLITICAL BOUNDARIES WHICH NECESSITATES THE ANNEXATION BY THE CITY OF THOSE LANDS THAT WILL BE DEVELOPED NOW AND IN THE FUTURE IF THE CITY CAN EVER HOPE TO MEET DEMANDS FOR SERVICES AND AT THE SAME TIME

MAINTAIN A SOUND FINANCIAL FOOTING. ALREADY THE CITY IS FACED WITH AN UPHILL CLIMB FINANCIALLY. WITH A CURRENT TAX BASE OF ROUGHLY \$11,000,000 THE CITY IS VERY HARD PRESSED TO MEET THE SERVICES THAT ARE INCREASING ALREADY DUE TO OCS AND RELATED DEVELOPMENT. IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT THE CITY HAVE THE TAX BASE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE DEMANDS FOR SERVICES BROUGHT ABOUT BY NEW GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

SEWARD CANNOT POSSIBLY AVOID THE IMPACTS THAT HAVE COME AND WILL BE COMING FROM OCS DEVELOPMENT. ALREADY EXXON, TEXACO, GULF, SHELL, AND ATLANTIC RICHFIELD HAVE SELECTED SEWARD AS A PRIMARY OR SECONDARY STAGING AREA FOR EXPLORATORY DRILLING IN THE GULF. ACCOMPANING THESE MAJOR OIL COMPANIES ARE A HOST OF SMALLER FIRMS SUCH AS BARIOD, HALLIBURTON SERVICES AND SEVERAL OTHERS. THE CITY HAS RECENTLY NEGOTIATED A LONG TERM LEASE WITH DRESSER INDUSTRIES AND THIS COMPANY PLANS TO INITIATE DOCK CONSTRUCTION ADJACENT TO THE SMALL BOAT HARBOR BREAKWATER THIS SUMMER. THIS IS JUST THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. AHEAD OF US REMAINS OIL EXPLORATION OF FUTURE LEASES OFF KODIAK ISLAND AND EVENTUALLY OIL PRODUCTION FROM THE

SHELF. I AM CONVINCED THAT SEWARD'S PROXIMITY TO ANCHORAGE, THE LOCATION OF THE ALASKA RAILROAD TERMINUS, THE ALL-WEATHER STATE HIGHWAY TO THE INTERIOR, AND AN ALL-WEATHER PORT WHICH COMPARES WITH ANY IN THE UNITED STATES WILL PLACE TREMENDOUS DEMANDS ON THE COMMUNITY ONCE FULL SCALE OIL DRILLING AND PRODUCTION ARE UNDERWAY.

HAVING RESIDED IN KENAI THE PAST EIGHT YEARS, I AM INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED WITH THE IMPACTS OF OIL DEVELOPMENT ON A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A LIMITED TAX BASE. THE INABILITY OF THE CITY OF KENAI TO ACQUIRE AN ADEQUATE TAX BASE HAS RESULTED IN SEVERE LONG TERM PROBLEMS FOR THAT COMMUNITY AND THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH. THE RESULT HAS BEEN A TERRIBLE TAX BURDEN FOR KENAI RESIDENTS AND SEVERAL ABORTED ATTEMPTS TO ANNEX THE DEVELOPED AREAS OR CREATE A NEW BOROUGH. THE ONLY SOLUTION REMAINING FOR KENAI APPEARS TO BE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIFIED GOVERNMENT FOR THE AREA WITH AREA-WIDE POWERS. THIS HAS MET WITH STRONG RESISTANCE BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF CITY IDENTITY THAT WOULD OCCUR.

IT IS SEWARD'S WISH TO AVOID THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE PLAGUED KENAI AND I URGE THE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE ANNEXATION PETITION FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY CREEK AREA.

I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY AND WILL BE HAPPY TO ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS THE COMMITTEE MIGHT HAVE ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION.

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

DEPT. OF COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

POUCH B - JUNEAU 93311

January 14, 1977

*1/18 referred to
C + RA Committee*

The Honorable Hugh Malone
Speaker of the House
of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article X, Section 12 of the State Constitution, AS 29.68.010(a), and AS 29.68.500(c), transmitted herewith are recommendations of the Local Boundary Commission and proposed local annexations to and the dissolution of certain municipalities.

The recommendations will become effective forty-five days after presentation or at the end of the session, whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members of each house.

Sincerely,

Lee McAnerney
Lee McAnerney
Commissioner

Enclosures

STATE OF ALASKA

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

JUNEAU, ALASKA

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

SUBMITTED TO THE TENTH STATE LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED

SUBMITTED JANUARY 14, 1977

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S

- I. *Recommendation for annexation of territory to the City of Palmer*

- II. *Recommendation for annexation of territory to the City of Seward*

STATE OF ALASKA

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

JUNEAU, ALASKA

RECOMMENDATION FOR ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF
PALMER, ALASKA

SUBMITTED TO THE TENTH STATE LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED

SUBMITTED JANUARY 14, 1977

RECOMMENDATION FOR ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY

to the

CITY OF PALMER

WHEREAS, petitioner, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has requested that certain territory be annexed to the City of Palmer, to wit: an area contiguous to and north and east of the City of Palmer including residential, commercial and municipal school properties; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to giving proper notice, the Local Boundary Commission conducted a public hearing in Palmer on Saturday, April 3, 1976, to consider whether the territory for which the Matanuska-Susitna Borough petitioned should be annexed to the City of Palmer; and

WHEREAS, the Local Boundary Commission at a public meeting held in Palmer on Saturday, April 3, 1976, reviewed the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's petition, supporting brief and all testimony received prior to and during the April 3, 1976, public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Local Boundary Commission has determined that the territory sought to be annexed meets the standards for annexation in that the Palmer High School which has been constructed in the territory is in need of municipal water, sewer, police and road maintenance services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palmer is the only local government located proximate to the territory which has the capability of providing the needed services; and

WHEREAS, the annexation of the territory would further accomplish a valid public purpose by placing a major public facility under the police protection services of the City of Palmer;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Local Boundary Commission recommends that pursuant to Article X, Section 12, of the Alaska Constitution, Alaska Statutes 44.19.260, and Alaska Administrative Code 19 AAC 05.010 (a)(4)(5) and (9), that the petition to annex territory to the City of Palmer be approved and that the following described property be incorporated within the corporate limits of the City of Palmer:

The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, the South fifty (50) feet of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and the South fifty (50) feet of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, all in section 32, Township 18 North, Range 2 East, S.M.

In accordance with Article X, Section 12 of the Alaska Constitution, this recommendation shall become effective forty-five days after presentation to the Legislature or at the end of the Session, whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members of each House.

STATE OF ALASKA

LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION

JUNEAU, ALASKA

RECOMMENDATION FOR ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO THE
CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA

SUBMITTED TO THE TENTH STATE LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION ASSEMBLED

SUBMITTED JANUARY 14, 1977

RECOMMENDATION FOR ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY

to the

CITY OF SEWARD

WHEREAS, petitioner, the City of Seward, has requested that certain territory be annexed to the City of Seward, to wit: territory located south and ~~west~~^{EAST} of the present corporate boundaries of the City of Seward; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to giving proper notice, the Local Boundary Commission conducted a public hearing in Seward on Friday, May 21, 1976, to consider whether the territory for which the City of Seward petitioned, as well as other areas contiguous and adjacent to the City, should be annexed to the City of Seward; and

WHEREAS, the Local Boundary Commission, at a public meeting held in Seward Friday, May 31, 1976, reviewed the City of Seward's petition, supporting brief and all testimony submitted prior to and during the May 21, 1976, public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the territory sought to be annexed by the City of Seward meets the standards for annexation in that the territory will be subject to future growth and development and annexation will enable the City to assist in and receive benefits from that development;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Local Boundary Commission recommends that pursuant to Article X, Section 12, of the Alaska Constitution, Alaska Statutes 44.19.260, and Alaska Administrative Code 19 AAC 05.010(a)(4), that the petition seeking annexation of territory to the City of Seward be approved and the corporate boundaries of the City of Seward be amended to read as follows:

Beginning at the N.E. corner of Sec. 28, T1N, R1W (projected), Seward Meridian, State of Alaska; thence S45°00'00"E to the N.W. Corner of Sec. 1, T1S, R1W; thence East to the N.E. Corner of Sec. 1, T1S, R1W; thence South to the S.E. Corner of Sec. 1, T1S, R1W; thence East to the N.E. Corner of Sec. 9, T1S, R1W (projected); thence South to the S.E. Corner of Sec. 16, T1S, R1W (projected); thence West to the S.W. Corner of Sec. 16; T1S, R1W (projected); thence North to the N.W. Corner of Sec. 28, T1N, R1W (projected); thence East to the N.E. Corner of Sec. 28, T1N, R1W (projected), being the place of beginning, containing 22 square miles more or less.

In accordance with Article X, Section 12, of the Alaska Constitution, this recommendation becomes effective forty-five days after its presentation to the Legislature or at the end of the Session, whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members of each house.

31 Jan, 1977

REPRESENTATIVE SALLY SMITH
POUCH V, JUNEAU, AK 99811

DEAR MS. SMITH:

ATTACHED FIND A COPY OF MY COMMENTS
ON THE SEWARD LAND ANNEXATION PROPOSAL;
THE ORIGINAL WAS SENT TO THE SENATE COMMUNITY
& REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

I DO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL BIT OF INFORMATION
OF GREAT IMPORTANCE WHICH I ASK YOU TO INCLUDE
IN THE HEARING RECORD. . . . AS NOTED ON
PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE ATTACHMENT,
MR. WILLARD MIDBY OF SEWARD HAS CIRCULATED
A PETITION ASKING PEOPLE TO REAFFIRM THAT
THEY ARE OPPOSED TO THE 4TH OF JULY CREEK
ANNEXATION. OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS, MR.
MIDBY AND MR. ED ZIMMERMAN HAVE COLLECTED
APPROXIMATELY 200 SIGNATURES ON THAT PETITION.
THEY WILL HOPEFULLY HAVE MAILED IT TO YOU IN
TIME FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE HEARING/ON
FEBRUARY 3RD. I BELIEVE THAT THEIR PETITION
SPERKS VOLUMES ABOUT THE PUBLIC OUTRAGE
CONCERNING THIS ISSUE.

SINCERELY,

Thomas Taccart

THOMAS TACCART
Box 1195
SEWARD, AK 99664

31 Jan, 1977

Thomas Targart
Box 1195
Seward, Ak. 99664

30 January, 1977

Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

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RE: Proposed Annexation of State Lands to the City of Seward

Dear Chairman Orsini:

Thank you for informing me of the forthcoming hearing in Juneau pertaining to Seward's attempt at annexation of State lands. I do have additional information which should be considered at that hearing.

The City Manager of Seward indicated to me that he had notice of the February 3rd hearing as early as Thursday, January 27th. Despite that, there have been no announcements via the local media informing the general citizenry that they could input testimony at that hearing. I believe this nonaction by the City Administration indicates that they are hoping to keep testimony at the hearing to a low key, and should be duly noted as an act contrary to the public interest.

The City of Seward has a 3 step plan to annex up to 65 square miles of State property. The Local Boundary Commission has twice scheduled & cancelled public hearings on step 2, the latest instance being on 1-6-77. Because of this, it is now apparent that only step 1 of the City's plan will be considered this year by the Legislature. I shall consequently attempt to limit my comments to step 1, or Lth of July Creek, as much as possible.

I have recently learned that the City Administration has sent a telegram to all State Legislators urging approval of this annexation proposal. Among other things, the telegram purportedly states that: 1) there are zero residents in the area to be annexed; 2) the majority opinion at the public hearing was in favor of the proposal. Both of those statements are patently false. There are eight (8) permanent residents in the area to be annexed, including four children, three of which attend Seward schools. Three of the adults of that area signed the petition which I sent to legislators on 1-13-77, and the other one was vacationing "outside" when it was circulated.

At the public hearing on May 21st, 1976, six (6) private citizens gave testimony on the Lth of July Creek annexation proposal. The one citizen who spoke in favor of the proposal was a man who owns 128 acres of land there, although he does not live on that land. Also favoring the proposal were representatives of three local governmental bodies, i.e. Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning & Zoning Commission, Seward Planning & Zoning Commission, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor. The five citizens who expressed displeasure or outright opposition to the proposal lived on adjacent Resurrection Bay Road or within the area encompassed by step 2 of the City's piecemeal annexation plan. In rendering their decision inaudibly after the hearing (without playing back the tape recording), the Local Boundary Commission in section (2)(c) of their statement said that "The majority of the testimony at the public hearing was in favor of the annexation..." That was an untrue statement. Furthermore, "...the City's long range annexation plans..." as mentioned in section (2)(b) of the statement have become a moot point since the November 2nd election pertaining to this issue. That, of course, is providing that the City Fathers honor the results of the straw poll which indicated that 72.1% of the total voters opposed implementation of steps 2 & 3 of the City's plan. Had the people been given a chance to vote on step 1 at that time, it is likely that it too would've suffered an ignominious setback. Most of us here believed that the LBC recommendation was blithering and that step 1 was a lost cause.

Here are the attachments from the Alaska Division of Lands, Alaska Conservation Society, Friends of the Earth. These letters raise the important issue of 4th of July Creek as a potential critical habitat area. This position is supported by the ADL&G's authoritative publication entitled "Alaska's Wildlife & Habitat," and is a very serious consideration in light of the City's desire to annex the area. That publication has been used extensively by the Corps of Engineers, BLM, and others in preparing Environmental Impact Statements. On page 70, column 1 of that publication the area in question is clearly defined as "critical habitat" for black bear, although it has not yet been formally designated as such by the Legislature. The area is also one of the best places for goat & bear hunting by local as well as non-local Alaskans. That status would be denied the area if it were within the Seward City limits.

Attached is a copy of a letter from Councilmember Vincent to the local paper outlining some reasons why the City should not proceed with the step 2 annexation proposal. Some of his reasons, such as road maintenance along a vertical coastline would apply to step 1 as well as step 2. This position is elaborated upon in a recent (10-76) study done for the Department of Community & Regional Affairs by the Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys. Their report is entitled "Preliminary Evaluation of Geologic Factors Bearing on Development in Upper Resurrection Bay." Among other negative factors which would discourage development at 4th of July Creek is the stated opinion that the present gravel road which extends in that direction would be impossible to maintain, thus effectively barring land access to the area unless a prohibitively expensive road was constructed at the 700 foot elevation of the mountain. Due to tidal erosion the existing road is now about 1 1/2 miles shorter than depicted on the most recent topographic map, which is 27 years out of date. That road now effectively terminates in Section 1, T.13, R.1W.

This same report describes the extent of Exxon's involvement here at 2.6 acres. This parcel is near the Alaska Railroad and Seward Highway where Exxon expedites pipe for their oil rig which will drill near Yakutat. The other company interested in Seward as an O. C. S. base has leased 3 acres within the existing City limits. These are very logical site selections and would certainly indicate a precedent for any future companies. The one thing which Seward has going for it is its highly accessible existing transportation facilities. What we are dealing with here is a blatant land grab attempt by the City of Seward, with little or no justification whatever. The people of this area recognized this land grab for what it was on November 2nd and resoundingly said No! We ask that the Legislature echo our sentiments by passing a joint resolution overriding the Local Boundary Commission recommendation.

In closing I make note that Mr. Oscar Bailey has asked to have his name withdrawn from the petition which I circulated, due to a misunderstanding on his part as to the scope of it. It should also be noted that Mr. Herman Leirer of the Seward Planning & Zoning Commission is now circulating his own petition asking people to support the 4th of July Creek annexation proposal. Furthermore, Mr. Millard Midby of Seward is circulating yet another petition asking people to reaffirm that they are supportive of the petition which I mailed to Legislators on 1-13-77.

Whatever the outcome of all these petitions, it should be obvious that grassroots democracy is presently flourishing in the Seward area, and a very healthy climate now exists for a Local Boundary Commission hearing on any proposed annexation attempts by the City of Seward. This climate did not exist last May 21st when the LBC was here, as witnessed by the very small turnout for that hearing. At the very least we are entitled to another public hearing on this highly controversial matter. The Local Boundary Commission recommendation should be overturned.

Sincerely,

Thomas Taggart

Attachments (7)

cc: Representative Sally Smith w/o attachments

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF GEOLOGICAL & GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

3001 Porcupine Drive
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

February 4, 1977

Mr. Paul Conger
Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Conger:

I am sending herein copies of those pages from the 1976 DGGS report which address the issue of constructing overland access from the head of Resurrection Bay to the flats at the mouth of Fourth of July Creek.

The purpose of the report, I believe, is adequately set forth in the first three pages of the report (copies included). As you will see, nowhere does the report state that construction and maintenance of a road to Fourth of July Creek would be impossible.

Because the report is mainly a synthesis of the literature, it is not given open-file status. Consequently, only a limited number of copies were made. I think that Kevin Waring's office may have a copy, and a copy is available for public inspection at the Mining Information Office in Juneau (465-2414).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,



J.R. Riehle
Geological Engineer

Enc.

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS

Guy R. Martin - Commissioner
Ross G. Schaff - State Geologist

PRELIMINARY EVALUATION
Geologic Factors Bearing On
Development at Five Sites In
Upper Resurrection Bay

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I. INTRODUCTION

This report is an attempt to identify the geologic factors which should be considered in planning for potential on-shore facilities in upper Resurrection Bay. The report is based on a review of the available literature and a brief inspection of sites near the head of Resurrection Bay by DGGs personnel.

The essence of this report is that significant geologic constraints, in particular submarine slope stability and potential for inundation by seawaves, are present at 4 of the 5 sites considered here. As indicated by the tables in Section VI, there are presently not adequate data available for many of the geologic factors upon which to base site-specific conclusions regarding potential effects of the geologic factors on construction and operations at the sites. However, it is not the intent of this report to recommend or imply that planning for utilization of lands adjacent to upper Resurrection Bay cannot be undertaken due to geologic factors. Rather, the purpose of the report is to list the geologic factors which should be considered during planning, and to suggest where additional data are required for a more complete evaluation of each factor.

II. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

Two Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys personnel visited upper Resurrection Bay to inspect potential sites of on-shore facilities for three days in October of 1976. The investigation was undertaken at the request of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, State of Alaska. The Survey team drove to Seward; site inspections were carried out on foot, and an overflight of the coastline was made by air charter. Due to limitations of time and of legal access, most inspections were confined to the beaches and to existing roads.

Available data on geologic conditions in upper Resurrection Bay are primarily those in a report on subsurface conditions in and near the city of Seward by the consulting firm of Shannon and Wilson, Inc. (1964), and a subsequent report by Lemke (U.S.G.S. Prof. Paper 542-E, 1967) which is based in part on data and conclusions presented by Shannon and Wilson, Inc. Both reports were written as a result of extensive damage generated by the major earthquake of March 27, 1964. The report by Shannon and Wilson, Inc. is mainly an engineering evaluation of stability conditions along the Seward waterfront and at the head of Resurrection Bay. Lemke provides a comprehensive description of the sequence of events at Seward during and immediately after the earthquake, and describes the geology of an area at the head of Resurrection Bay of about 25 square miles. Lemke's report was used extensively in preparation of the data tables (Section VI) for this report.

Specific sites considered in this report are shown on Plate 1 and in order of presentation in Section VI are as follows:

- 1) Center, head of Resurrection Bay
- 2) Fourth of July Creek alluvial fan
- 3) Lowell Point alluvial fan
- 4) Thumb Cove
- 5) Northeast corner, head of Resurrection Bay

Sites 1 through 4 are those suggested by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. Site 4 at Thumb Cove was not visited by DGGs personnel, due to limitations of time and weather.

The purpose of this report is to list those geologic factors at the five sites in upper Resurrection Bay which, in the opinion of the DGGs, should be adequately

considered in order to design, construct, and operate potential facilities with a reasonable degree of safety. All factors of potential significance considered in this report are presented for individual sites in tabular form in Section VI. Where site-specific data on any factor are not available, the entry "unknown" or "data are not available" is made. Where the available data are limited in scope or specificity, the entry "uncertain" or other qualifying remarks are made. Where adequate data are not available, suggestions as to the type or specificity of data required for more complete evaluation of the geologic factor are made in the column "Interpretation or comment." Such suggestions are not meant to be exhaustive, but are intended only as an example of the scope of further study which is necessary.

Section V is a summary of the geologic factors which, in the opinion of the DGGs based on available information, are potentially of greatest significance at each site.

Section V also contains a summary of the suggestions for future studies which the DGGs believes are necessary to more fully assess the main geologic factors.

III. LOCATION, LAND OWNERSHIP, WATER PERMITS, AND PRESENT OCS - RELATED DEVELOPMENT

Upper Resurrection Bay is on the southeastern coast of the Kenai Peninsula at 60°51'N latitude, 149°24'W longitude (Fig. 1), about 75 airmiles SSE of Anchorage. Resurrection Bay extends north for about 16 miles from Cape Resurrection; it is about 2 miles wide near the head.

The city of Seward is located at the northwest corner of Resurrection Bay. Development in and adjacent to the city of Seward extends into the alluvial valley of the Resurrection River, north of Resurrection Bay. Small settlements, presently or recently inhabited, are located on some of the alluvial fans at the mouths of rivers which enter Resurrection Bay south of Seward. (See U.S.G.S. quadrangle Seward (A7), minor revisions 1975).

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- 1) Stability of the steep submarine slopes at the site should be evaluated; such a study should include detailed bathymetric contouring and bottom sampling on the slopes.
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- 3) Any design plans for facilities at the site should address the potential for damage by seawave inundation, potential effects of flooding by the Resurrection River on operations at the site, and the potential for contamination of the bay due to continuous or periodic submergence of the site.
- 4) Currents and rates of sediment transport across the site should be determined, so that potential effects of structures on sediment erosion/deposition patterns on the intertidal and subtidal flats can be assessed.

B. Fourth of July Creek fan-delta (Site 2)

- 1) Submarine landsliding is reported to have occurred off Fourth of July Point in the 1964 earthquake; submarine slopes at any place around the seaward edge of the fan-delta may be prone to landsliding in future large earthquakes.

- 2) Overland access to the site could be costly to construct and maintain, due to steep slopes along most of the coastline between the site and the head of Resurrection Bay. Relatively flat ground is available along the mountainside at about 700' elevation, however.
- 3) Relatively steep slopes along the southern margin of the site appear to experience snow avalanches and locally channelized runoff during heavy rains.
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- 3) On-land studies should include evaluation of the bearing capacity and stability of fan deposits by borings or drillings and strength determinations, evaluation of the maximum probable flood discharge and flooded

area on Fourth of July Creek, and evaluation of slope stability on the mountain slope adjacent to the s.l.e.

- 4) Any design plans for facilities at the site should address the potential for damage by seawave inundation, and the feasibility of constructing and maintaining physical access to the site from the head of Resurrection Bay if such access is required.

c) Lowell Point fan-delta (Site 3)

- 1) Submarine landsliding is reported to have occurred off Lowell Point during the 1964 earthquake; presumably the submarine slopes at any place around the seaward edge of the fan-delta may be prone to landsliding in the event of future large earthquakes.
- 2) Overland access to the site from Seward would be difficult to maintain, owing to the high probability of landslides along the present road and to the frequency of snow avalanches.
- 3) Much of the site is within 30' of mean higher high water and is thus subject to potential inundation by seawaves of the magnitude experienced after the 1964 earthquake.

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- 1) The four recommended studies for Fourth of July Creek fan-delta (above) apply also to the Lowell Point fan-delta.
- 2) In particular, if access to the site is to be by overland road

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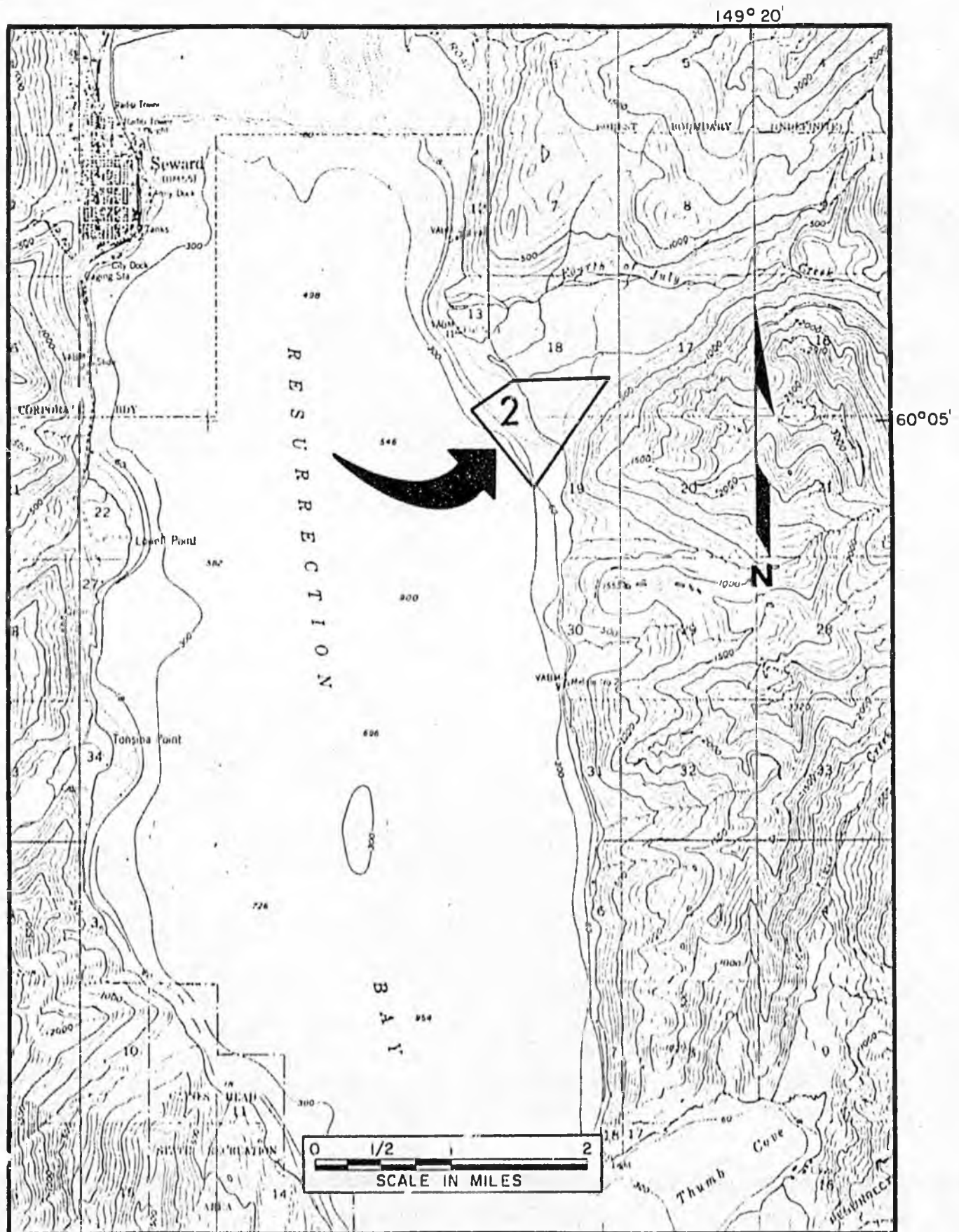


Figure 3. Location of Site 2.

SITE: Fourth of July Creek, Resurrection Bay

		FACTOR	FACTUAL DATA	INTERPRETATION OR COMMENT
B. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (CONT.)	3. Riprap	Locations of deposits	No data on physical properties of the bedrock adjacent to Fourth of July Creek are available. Armor rock for breakwaters at the Seward harbor was obtain from a quarry at the N end of Lowell Point (U.S.G.S. Prof. Paper 543-E, 1967, pg. E17).	The Lowell Point quarry site was chosen after testing of rock samples by the Corps of Engineers. It is likely that suitable rock (greywacke) can be found near to Fourth of July Creek, but a detailed site investigation and probably some testing of samples will be needed first.
		Estimated volumes of deposits	Detailed site investigation is required, to outline the volumes of suitable rock.	
		Potential problems of development	Speculative until specific deposits are outlined.	Steep bedrock slopes at the site may pose problems, due to potential rock-falls and landslides.
C. LAND CHARACTERISTICS	1. Mass movement	Areas of steep slopes	Bedrock slopes along the south margin of the site are variable, but may average 30° over distances of several hundred yards and may locally be nearly vertical.	See U.S.G.S. Seward (A-7) quadrangle. (Note: the average slopes along the coast between the site and the Resurrection River alluvial plain are 20° to 30° to elevations of 700'; any overland road access to the site would need to pass along or above such slopes.)
		Nature of materials underlying the steep slopes	Bedrock with local deposits of glacial drift, and mappable deposits of glacial drift above 600' elevation (U.S.G.S. Prof. Paper 542-E, 1967, Plate 1).	At least one long "chute", tentatively identified as talus and/or an avalanche chute, was seen by DGGs personnel along the slopes immediately S of the site, emerging on the valley floor about 1/2 mi. inland from the coast.
		Types of mass movement on the slopes	Probably snow avalanches and rockfalls; possibly slides or flows, and/or slow movement of talus or alluvium in alluvial channels. Site specific data are not available to DGGs.	

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DESCRIPTION:

ECOLOGIC MAP OF THE SEWARD AREA, ALASKA (XEROX COPY)

ALASKA DGGS PRELIMINARY EVALUATION, GEOLOGICAL FACTORS BEARING ON DEVELOPMENT AT FIVE SITES IN UPPER RESURRECTION BAY
OCTOBER 1976

TO: Senator Orsini

DATE: Feb. 3, 1977

FROM: Paul Conger

RE: SJR9

The following is an account of Thomas Taggart's, citizen of Seward, opposition to SJR9.

1) He maintains that there is opposition to this annexation by Seward citizens. He supports this claim by the petition forwarded to this office and straw poll vote taken at one of the local hearings where 72.1% expressed opposition.

2) There are 8 permanent residents that reside on the proposed area to be annexed. (I mention this because the telegram forwarded by the City of Seward requesting support of SJR9 states that there are 0 residents in this area. Also, the city states there is no opposition to the Resolution which Taggart is ostensibly challenging.)

3) Taggart also brings to light that the environmentalists have expressed disfavor with the annexation because the area has been designated a critical habitat area (due to black bears) by the ADF&G. However, it should be noted that this area has not been formally classified by our legislature as a critical area. The "Friends of the Earth" are particularly opposed to the annexation.

4) He states that this area cannot be considered a viable tax base because most of the area is very rugged terrain and any kind of development would be prohibited.

5) Another claim regarding opposition, according to Taggart, dealing with development, is that roads presently constructed that would feed into the area if annexed, are considered almost impossible to maintain (supported by a report by the Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys). Therefore, Taggart is claiming that this in itself would bar any access to the area.

6) Taggart, in referring to oil companies that have picked Seward as their base for O.C.S. operations, says they have not expressed an interest in this land but have selected small parcels next to the railroad which is already in the city limits. He feels that if any further oil companies take an interest in the Seward area, they will follow this precedent and choose not to situate in a wilderness area and incur the expenses of developing this area, especially since they would not be in the proximity of the railroad.

PC/js

TO: Senator Orsini

DATE: Feb. 3, 1977

FROM: Paul Conger

RE: SJR9

In response to Mr. Taggart's remarks regarding the report conducted by the Dept. of Natural Resources Geological and Geophysical Surveys, regarding construction of roads into the proposed area to be annexed. I contacted Jim Riley, geologist for the State, who did the report and asked him if there was any basis to the statements made by Mr. Taggart.

He commented that the work done was a preliminary study to determine what geological constraints should be taken into consideration if roads were constructed in the proposed area. He said the essence of his report regarding the above is as follows:

"Overland access to the site, could be costly to construct and maintain due to deep slopes along most of the coastline between the site and the head of Resurrection Bay. Relatively flat ground is available along the mountainside at about the 700' level, however" (this refers to the 4th of July Creek area that is to be annexed).

Riley stated that this report was requested by the Dept. of Natural Resources and did not infer that roads could not be built. The above was provided simply for them to consider. The expense of constructing the road could be subdued somewhat by going above the 700' level. However, you would have to incur the additional cost of constructing the road to that elevation.

PC/js

11-31-77

DR. CHAIRMAN:

I SEND THIS
COPY[Ⓢ] OF MY
COMMENTS ON SERQ
FOR THE FEB. 3RD HEARING
IN CASE THE ORIGINAL
DID NOT ARRIVE.

THOMAS TAGGART
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(LESS 7 ATTACHMENTS)

Thomas Taggart
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30 January, 1977

~~Representative Smith~~ SENATE COMM. ON COMMUNITY + REGIONAL AFFAIRS
Fouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: Proposed Annexation of State Lands to the City of Seward

Dear Representative Smith:

Thank you for informing me of the forthcoming hearing in Juneau pertaining to Seward's attempt at annexation of State lands. I do have additional information which should be considered at that hearing.

The City Manager of Seward indicated to me that he had notice of the February 3rd hearing as early as Thursday, January 27th. Despite that, there have been no announcements via the local media informing the general citizenry that they could input testimony at that hearing. I believe this nonaction by the City Administration indicates that they are hoping to keep testimony at the hearing to a low key, and should be duly noted as an act contrary to the public interest.

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Please note the attachments from the Alaska Division of Lands, Alaska Conservation Society, and Friends of the Earth. Their letters raise the important issue of 4th of July Creek as a potential critical habitat area. This position is supported by the ADF&G's authoritative publication entitled "Alaska's Wildlife & Habitat," and is a very serious consideration in light of the City's desire to annex the area. That publication has been used extensively by the Corps of Engineers, BLM, and others in preparing Environmental Impact Statements. On page 60, column 1 of that publication the area in question is clearly defined as "critical habitat" for black bear, although it has not yet been formally designated as such by the Legislature. The area is also one of the best places for goat bear hunting by local as well as non-local Alaskans. That status would be denied the area if it were within the Seward City limits.

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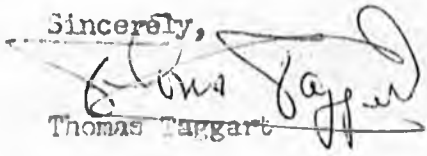
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In closing I make note that Mr. Oscar Bailey has asked to have his name withdrawn from the petition which I circulated, due to a misunderstanding on his part as to the scope of it. It should also be noted that Mr. Herman Leirer of the Seward Planning & Zoning Commission is now circulating his own petition asking people to support the 4th of July Creek annexation proposal. Furthermore, Mr. Willard Midby of Seward is circulating yet another petition asking people to reaffirm that they are supportive of the petition which I mailed to Legislators on 1-13-77.

Whatever the outcome of all these petitions, it should be obvious that grassroots democracy is presently flourishing in the Seward area, and a very healthy climate now exists for a Local Boundary Commission hearing on any proposed annexation attempts by the City of Seward. This climate did not exist last May 21st when the LBC was here, as witnessed by the very small turnout for that hearing. At the very least we are entitled to another public hearing on this highly controversial matter. The Local Boundary Commission recommendation should be overturned.

PS. I SPOKE WITH MR. MIDBY TODAY
AND HIS PETITION WHICH WAS SENT IN
ON 1.31.77 HAD ABOUT 175-180 SIGNATURES
OPPOSING THE 4TH OF JULY CREEK ANNEXATION.

Sincerely,



Thomas Taggart

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

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JIM KOWALSKY, *Alaska Representative*

January 25, 1977

Testimony regarding Seward land annexation

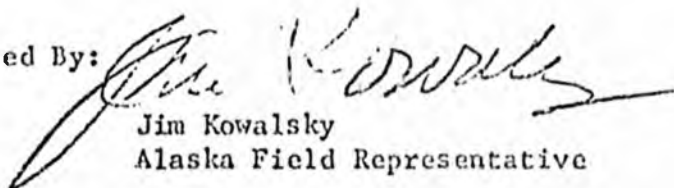
To be submitted in a hearing, January 31, 1977:

Friends of the Earth opposes annexation of the area known as "Fourth of July Creek" by the City of Seward.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, in its publication "Alaska's Wildlife and Habitat" has recommended this area and similar landforms within the game management unit as essential habitat for black bear. Also, the offshore waters provide habitat for several species of marine mammals.

We oppose the change in land status because the wildlife values in the area are best protected by leaving the land in a natural state.

Submitted By:



Jim Kowalsky
Alaska Field Representative

TO: Senator Orsini

DATE: Feb. 3, 1977

FROM: Paul Conger

RE: SJR9

I talked to Ronald Skoog, Chief Habitat Protection Service, Dept. of Fish and Game, and he said that the Fish and Game's position in reference to the annexation of territory in the Seward area is as follows:

1) The Fish and Game Dept. has no objection to the above referenced annexation.

2) The Fish and Game Dept. has no intention of declaring the area at issue a "critical habitat area".

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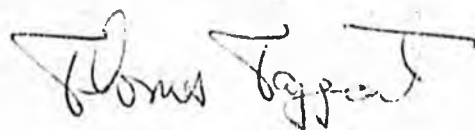
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FEBRUARY 3RD. I BELIEVE THAT THEIR PETITION
SPERKS VOLUMES ABOUT THE PUBLIC OUTRAGE
CONCERNING THIS ISSUE.

SINCERELY,



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31 Jan, 1977

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Thomas Taggart

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cc: Representative Selby Smith w/o attachments

Thomas Taggart
Box 1195
Seward, Ak. 99664
30 January, 1977

Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: Proposed Annexation of State Lands to the City of Seward

Dear Chairman Orsini: :

Thank you for informing me of the forthcoming hearing in Juneau pertaining to Seward's attempt at annexation of State lands. I do have additional information which should be considered at that hearing.

The City Manager of Seward indicated to me that he had notice of the February 3rd hearing as early as Thursday, January 27th. Despite that, there have been no announcements via the local media informing the general citizenry that they could input testimony at that hearing. I believe this nonaction by the City Administration indicates that they are hoping to keep testimony at the hearing to a low key, and should be duly noted as an act contrary to the public interest.

The City of Seward has a 3 step plan to annex up to 65 square miles of State property. The Local Boundary Commission has twice scheduled & cancelled public hearings on step 2, the latest instance being on 1-6-77. Because of this, it is now apparent that only step 1 of the City's plan will be considered this year by the Legislature. I shall consequently attempt to limit my comments to step 1, or 1/4th of July Creek, as much as possible.

I have recently learned that the City Administration has sent a telegram to all State Legislators urging approval of this annexation proposal. Among other things, the telegram purportedly states that: 1) there are zero residents in the area to be annexed; 2) the majority opinion at the public hearing was in favor of the proposal. Both of those statements are patently false. There are eight (8) permanent residents in the area to be annexed, including four children, three of which attend Seward schools. Three of the adults of that area signed the petition which I sent to Legislators on 1-13-77, and the other one was vacationing "outside" when it was circulated.

At the public hearing on May 21st, 1976, six (6) private citizens gave testimony on the 1/4th of July Creek annexation proposal. The one citizen who spoke in favor of the proposal was a man who owns 128 acres of land there, although he does not live on that land. Also favoring the proposal were representatives of three local governmental bodies, i.e. Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning & Zoning Commission, Seward Planning & Zoning Commission, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor. The five citizens who expressed displeasure or outright opposition to the proposal lived on adjacent Resurrection Bay Road or within the area encompassed by step 2 of the City's piecemeal annexation plan. In rendering their decision immediately after the hearing (without playing back the tape recording), the Local Boundary Commission in section (2)(c) of their statement said that "The majority of the testimony at the public hearing was in favor of the annexation..." That was an untrue statement. Furthermore, "...the City's long range annexation plans..." as mentioned in section (2)(b) of the statement have become a moot point since the November 2nd election pertaining to this issue. That, of course, is providing that the City fathers honor the results of the straw poll which indicated that 72.1% of the total voters opposed implementation of steps 2 & 3 of the City's plan. Had the people been given a chance to vote on step 1 at that time, it is likely that it too would've suffered an ignominious setback. Most of us here believed that the LBC recommendation was binding and that step 1 was a lost cause.

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PS: THE ABOVE MENTIONED PETITION BY WILLARD MIDBY
(AND ER ZIMMERMAN) IN SUPPORT OF MY PETITION
ALREADY HAS RECEIVED 200 SIGNATURES. 1/31/77

Sincerely,

Thomas Taggart

Attachments (7)

CC: Representative Sally Smith w/o attachments

"Don't annex" say voters

THE SEWARD PHOENIX LOG

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Teachers to vote bargaining agent

by Katherine Parker

With the Board in the middle, and the Kenai Peninsula Education Association and Kenai Peninsula Federation of Teachers vying to represent the teachers as bargaining agent, the Board's arrangements for an election November 4 left nobody happy at the School Board meeting Monday night.

An executive session to consider a grievance from KPEA brought a protest from attorney Ted Carson, representing the KPFT, who asked that the KPFT join the session since the grievance pertained to the election. Though the grievance concerned neither borough finances or personalities, the contract agreement

Tom Murphy, KPEA president, first asked the Board to hold off on setting an election until July 1977 "as per the negotiations agreement with KPEA." After a motion was passed for the election, he then asked that the election be held in abeyance until "adequate appeal of the grievance and resolution is accomplished," referring to a third-party appeal and resolution.

The Board, however, also rejected this request.

As set up the teachers would vote from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with Borough Clerk Frances Brymer in charge of the election.

All principals and administrators would be voting with a yellow ballot, as their right to be part of the election as KPEA members has been challenged by the KPFT. This would make it handy to discount these ballots should this legal technicality later be decided in favor of the KPFT. On

teacher-of-the-year was selected.

By reducing the hallway area including the foyer, and providing an elevator rather than ramps for handicapped use of the second floor, the \$650,000 was subtracted from the \$2.8 million plan for expanding the school.

Though the administration felt the original plan was legitimate as the first phase for the 9-classroom project, allowing for later additions, the reduced cost "could make a difference in whether the project passes the bond issue," said Supt. Paul Gallaher. "The savings could be translated into additional construction in the Homer area," he added.

A Mr. Hackett, architect on the Homer Hospital, said, "There is a lot of sentiment in Homer about completion of the middle school."

Keith Simons, a teacher at the Bob Bartlett school in Tyonek for the past seven years, was named

Results of an annexation straw poll taken during the state and federal election Tuesday showed conclusively that people both inside and outside the city limits of Seward reject annexation of both the Lowell Point area (south portion), and the Bear Creek, Salmon Creek area (north portion). Annexation of the two areas was considered by the City to help bring about planned and orderly growth of the entire Seward area. Mayor Neve, some members of Council and the city administration feel that the Gulf of Alaska oil exploration and drilling will greatly impact the community and fear that unplanned growth might be dangerous to the entire area.

Area follows statewide trend in balloting

Fifty four percent of the registered voters turned out in Seward Precincts 1 and 2 to vote in the federal and state election held Tuesday. Area voters followed closely the state trends, supporting President Ford and Congressman Don Young and voting along state lines for the various bonds and propositions on the ballot.

The two Seward precincts and Bear Creek precinct gave President Ford 403 votes to 289 for Jimmy Carter. Libertarian candidate MacBride received 52 votes.

Area voters gave Congressman Don Young 556 votes to 196 for Eben Hobson in Hobson's bid to unseat Young.

State Senator Jalmar Kerttula got a healthy 547 votes to Jean Marsh's 191. Running unopposed to retain his seat as this District's representative in the Legislature, Keith Specking received 626 votes.

Area voters gave Willow the most votes for the capital relocation site with 420 votes to 124 for Larson Lake and 96 for Mount Yenlo.

The people, however, expressed definitely negative feelings about annexation—at least at this time. The vote was not a formal one, but conducted in conjunction with the election in progress and drew "poll watchers" from the outlying areas where residents are adamantly opposed to annexation.

Seward Precinct 1 voted 71 yes to 115 no on annexation of the Lowell Point area, and 63 yes and 124 no on the north portion annexation. Seward Precinct 2 voted 119 yes to 215 no on Lowell Point, 102 yes and 234 no on annexation of the Bear Creek, Salmon Creek area. As might be expected, Bear Creek Precinct voters turned out in force and expressed more disfavor toward annexation than their neighbors inside the city. Bear Creek tallies were 35 yes to 164 no for Lowell Point annexation and 13 yes to 192 no on the Bear Creek, Salmon Creek proposal.

The vote followed two months of controversy and meetings between the Council and representatives of the people residing outside the city limits. An aggressive anti-annexation campaign had been waged the last week by the Bear Creek League, as some

residents call

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JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF LANDS

323 E 4TH AVENUE - ANCHORAGE 99501

April 3, 1977

James Tappert
P.O. Box 1195
Seward, Alaska 99664

Dear Mr. Tappert:

Please excuse our tardiness in answering your inquiry.

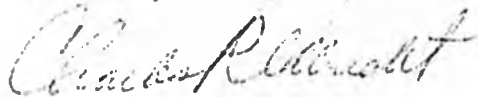
After researching the land records of the area known as Fourth of July Valley, it is found that it has not yet been classified as a critical habitat area. The area has been suggested to the legislature as a critical habitat area by the Department of Fish & Game.

Therefore, there are at this time no stipulations other than our classifications as to its use.

Again we apologize for any inconvenience this delay may have caused you.

If we may be of further service please contact us.

Sincerely,



Charles P. Albrecht
Information Officer
Alaska Division of Lands

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FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

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JIM KOWALSKY, *Alaska Representative*

January 25, 1977

Testimony regarding Seward land annexation

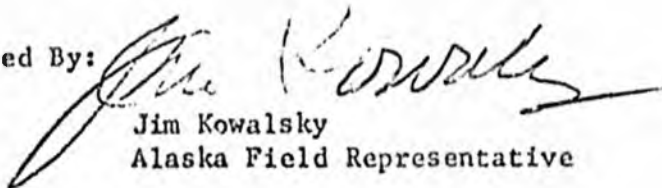
To be submitted in a hearing, January 31, 1977:

Friends of the Earth opposes annexation of the area known as "Fourth of July Creek" by the City of Seward.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, in its publication "Alaska's Wildlife and Habitat" has recommended this area and similar landforms within the game management unit as essential habitat for black bear. Also, the offshore waters provide habitat for several species of marine mammals.

We oppose the change in land status because the wildlife values in the area are best protected by leaving the land in a natural state.

Submitted By:


Jim Kowalsky
Alaska Field Representative

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January 17, 1977

Representative Hugh Malone
Pouch V
Juneau, Ak. 99811

Dear Hugh:

The Boundary Commission has recommended that the City of Seward be allowed to annex an area known as 4th of July Creek. This matter goes to the legislature to be either approved or disapproved.

The members of the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society recognize that the 4th of July Creek area is highly valuable for ~~salmon spawning~~ black bear habitat, and recreational use, and that it is being considered for critical habitat status. We do not believe that its best use is for annexation and industrial development.

In addition, the Boundary Commission's decision apparently contains some erroneous statements regarding testimony at a public hearing, and we believe that its recommendations are contrary to the will of the citizens of Seward and the surrounding area.

To disapprove this boundary change, a resolution passed by both houses is necessary. We ask that you sponsor such a resolution and give it your strong support.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lord
President

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Letter to

10-28-76

Letter to Editor

The citizens of Seward will be given the opportunity to voice their opinion via the ballot box on November 2 showing how they feel about the city's present plans on annexation.

As a member of the City Council I would of necessity weigh the outcome very seriously if the citizens were properly informed on this issue. At the moment I'm convinced they are not, because I do not believe the city has addressed itself to all the pro's and con's of this most ambitious move on the part of the city of Seward since its founding.

The proposed annexation to the south of the city, if successful, represents an area at least three times as large as our present boundaries; a large part of which is vertical coastline. Very little of this can be utilized by industry or residents.

I shudder to think of a school bus full of children traveling over the present road during the spring because of snowslides. What would be the city's legal position if a severe accident did happen? Heck! I wouldn't permit a child of mine to travel the present road come next spring. If we assume responsibility and attempt to bring it up to first class status, it could be a severe financial drain that would threaten the city's bonding position. At present, we have other problems of a much higher priority.

The city may be successful in annexing this area because there are few residents to oppose it; however, I feel we will impoverish the city for years to come if we do.

The area to the north upon which the city has been slathering for as long as ten years is a potential powder keg of dissent. When they raise the oft repeated question; what's in it for us, there seems to be no reasonable answers.

At present I don't believe the city can tell these prospective new

citizens what their taxes might be. Will they have additional fire protection? Will trailers still be permitted? How about the city's present ordinance on animals; will it apply equally? Will the electric surcharge be dropped? Who will maintain the roads in the area? How much additional revenue will be generated for the city? Will it purchase additional street maintenance equipment? Can it support more police officers? Can our present ordinances have a double standard? I don't think they can nor should they.

Until it was recently agreed upon to give the citizens of Seward a chance to vote on this issue I felt we were holding every citizen in contempt, they may not favor this power play.

I feel our present course is not based upon sound reasoning and business sense. It can do nothing but self destruct if finalized. We have failed to get our facts up front. Our desire to complete this move is based entirely upon what a few think or hope will happen.

At present there are no firm commitments in hand. The negative side of this issue is right up front. We cannot afford it at this time. We have not convinced many that we can, nor have we established a critical need to do so.

If at this late date annexation is not the topic of the day we had better turn off the T.V. and get turned on about what's happening here in town. I admit the city may acquire a few more assets, but frankly it's our added liabilities that scare me to death. If you are not up to date on annexation I suggest you pick up the phone and call your Council people. Call anyone except me. Shucks, I'm still trying to find something out myself.

Respectfully,
Bill Vincent

Letter to Editor

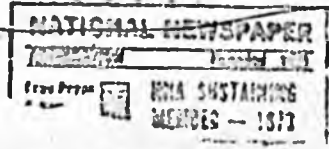
Salmon hatcheries can business for all Alaska
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RE: limited Entry
As a longtime Alaskan (boat and gear years) and as a Limited Entry Fisherman, I have somewhat to say.
It is my study that Limited Entry is a lousy and larcenous breach of our great bastion of free enterprise. It should be totally abolished by those who love America, free enterprise, democracy and last but not least Alaska, the Last Frontier.
Remember that all Communist dominated countries have limited entry about that.

I will not attempt to correct all the inequities and injustices in the present situation in the sake of brevity.

One of our problems is how well we are moving forward. Secondarily, we have a family which includes our daughter, who has boats. Three are respectively, fishermen who are overfished and overfished because of years of overfishing in Viet Nam.

There are many in our own country who are anxious to mention to the total population that as long as one person who qualifies has a Limited Entry License, WE should do it. To say that we should do it is to say that we should do it.



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The report is intended to identify the geologic factors which should be considered in planning for the utilization of lands adjacent to Resurrection Bay. The report is based on a review of the available literature and a brief inspection of sites near the head of Resurrection Bay in 1976.

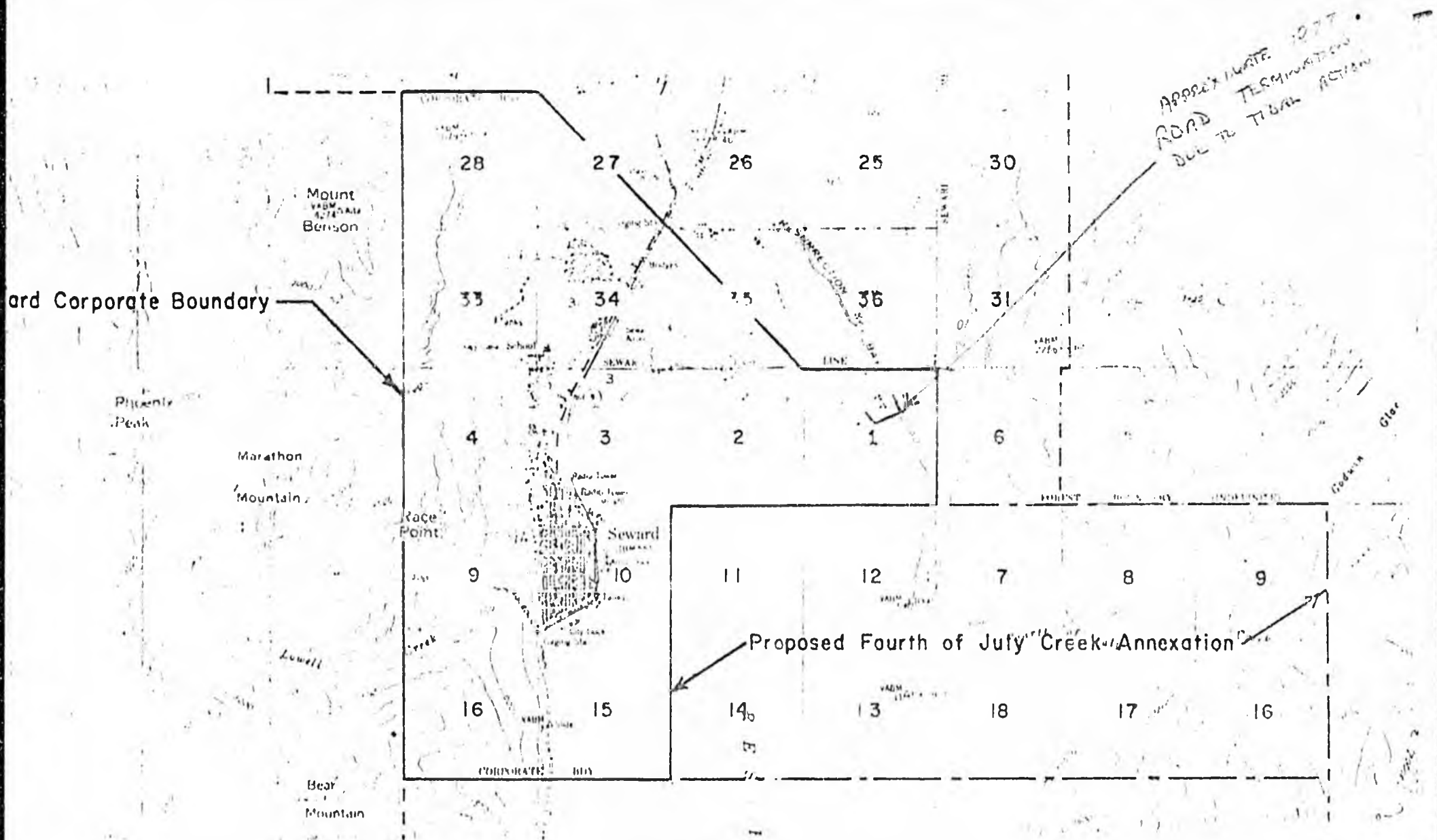
The purpose of this report is that significant geologic constraints, in particular relative slope stability and potential for liquefaction by seamounts, are present at 4 of the 5 sites considered here. As indicated by the tables in Section VI, there are presently not adequate data available for any of the geologic factors upon which to base site-specific conclusions regarding potential effects of the geologic factors on construction and operations at the sites. However, it is not the intent of this report to recommend or imply that planning for utilization of lands adjacent to upper Resurrection Bay cannot be undertaken due to geologic factors. Rather, the purpose of the report is to list the geologic factors which should be considered during planning, and to suggest where additional data are required for a more complete evaluation of each factor.

II. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys personnel visited upper Resurrection Bay to inspect potential sites for nuclear facilities for three days in October of 1976. The investigation was conducted at the request of the Department of Community and Regional Planning, State of Alaska. The survey team drove to several site inspections. Due to limitations of time and weather, not all sites were visited by air charter. The report is to be submitted to the Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys.

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TELEGRAM

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JUNEAU

URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF PETITION FROM THE CITY OF SEWARD REQUESTING ANNEXATION OF A TERRITORY KNOWN LOCALLY AS FOURTH OF JULY CREEK AREA TO THE CITY OF SEWARD THAT WAS FILED WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 29 AND 44 OF THE ALASKA STATUTES AND TITLE 19 ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. THIS AREA SPECIFICALLY UNDER CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS AS AN AREA THAT MEETS ALL THE PERTINENT CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SERVICE BASE THAT COULD SUPPORT THE GULF OF ALASKA OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT. THIS ANNEXATION IS A POSITIVE APPROACH TOWARDS RESPONDING TO GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AND AROUND THE CITY OF SEWARD. THE MAJORITY OF THE TESTIMONY AT PUBLIC HEARING WAS IN FAVOR OF ANNEXATION WITH NO OWNERS OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE ANNEXATION AREA REGISTERING OPPOSITION. THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN THE TERRITORY TO BE ANNEXED IS PRESENTLY ZERO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF SEWARD

February 2, 1977

The Honorable Lisa Rudd
Chairman
Committee on Community and Regional Affairs
Alaska House of Representatives
Juneau, Alaska 99811

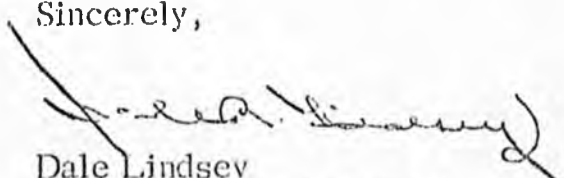
Dear Madam Chairman:

The matter of the Fourth of July Creek annexation is tremendously important to the future welfare and development of Seward. Attempts have been made to dismiss the importance of this area as it relates to the OCS impact this community is experiencing, and I am confident will continue to experience over the next several years. As the owner of by far the largest tract of private property within the annexation area, let me assure you that nothing could be further from the truth.

Alaska OCS oil exploration is already underway, and with this country's very serious energy crisis, the full and complete development of this source of petroleum and natural gas will occur. Ports with the benefits of Seward's are hard to find most places and this is particularly true in Alaska. Accordingly, it doesn't take very much foresight to realize that Seward is not going to be able to avoid sizeable OCS impact.

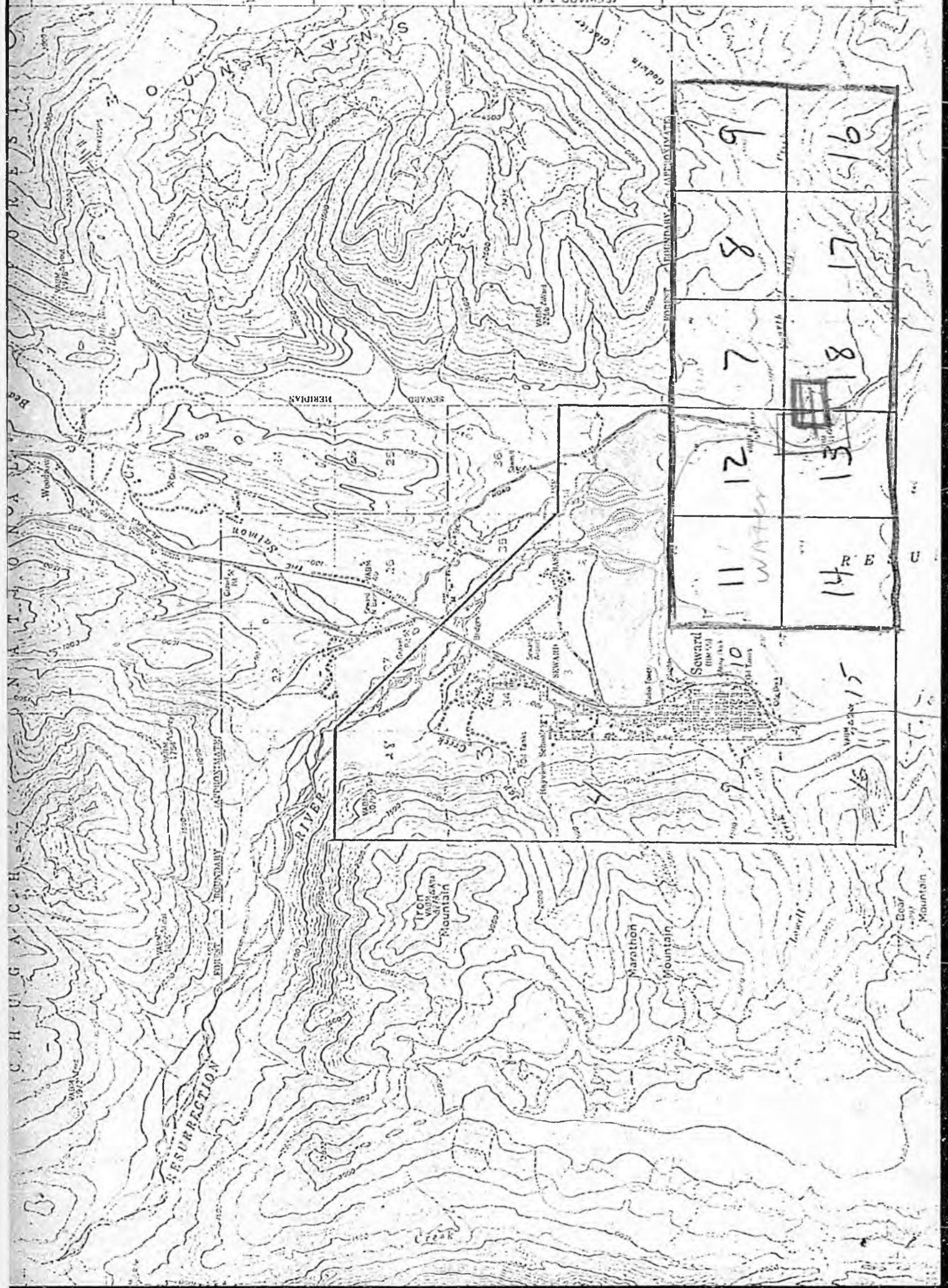
The Fourth of July Creek area is going to be developed. Seward is going to be called on to provide services for the area, but without having the area for a tax base this will be an insurmountable burden. I can see no purpose that would be served by denying annexation of this area. I urge the Committee's full support and approval of the City's petition.

Sincerely,



Dale Lindsey
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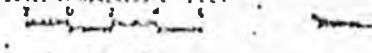
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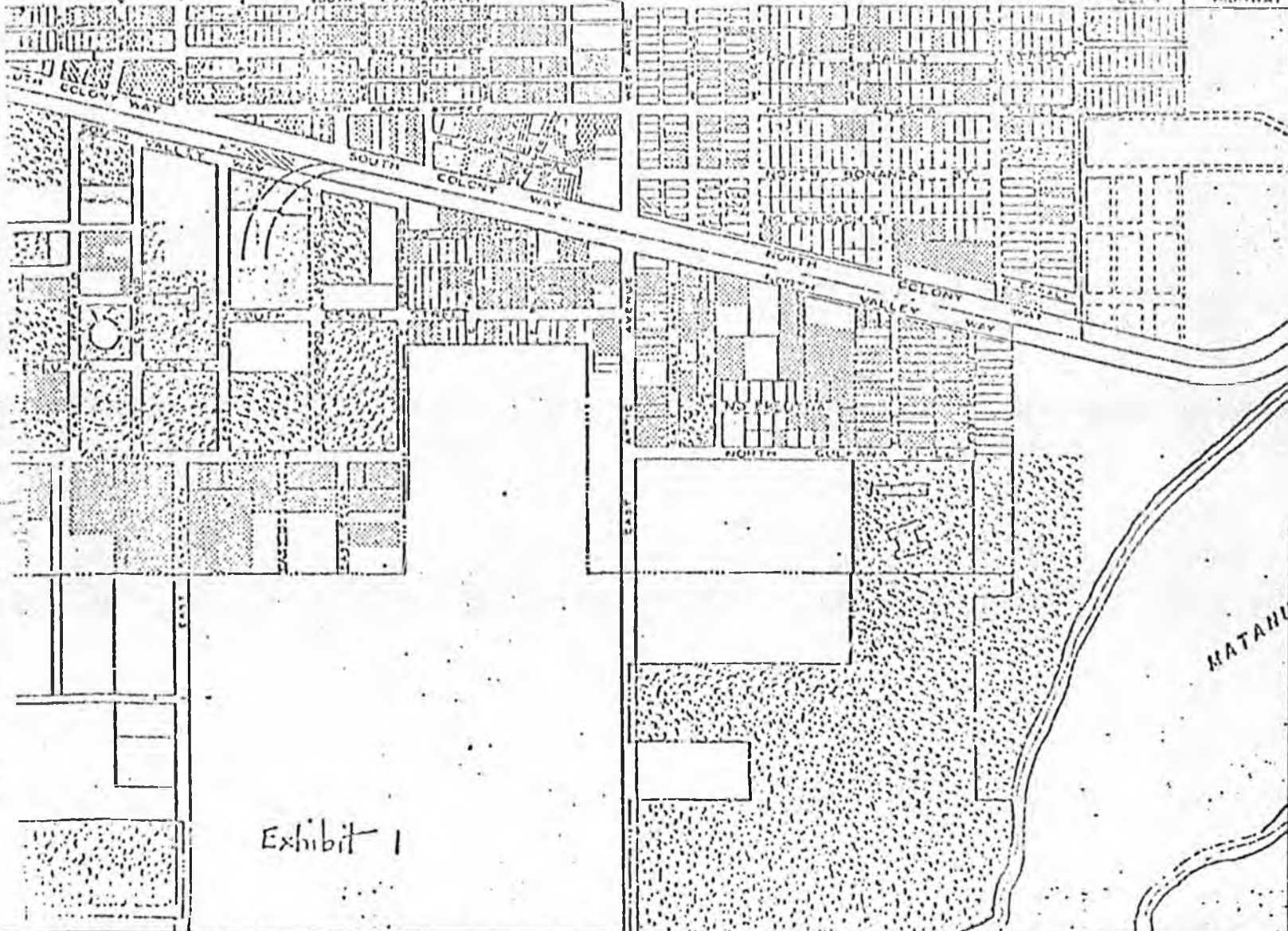


Exhibit 1

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JUNEAU ALASKA

Alaska State Legislature
House

January 31, 1977

Memo to: Members of C & R A

Re: Statements made on the black bear critical habitat subject during deliberations on Seward annexation

From: Sally Smith *JS*

A call was placed to Tom Trent, at Dept. of Fish and Game, Anchorage, to get his comments on the classification of Fourth of July Creek. (This in response to the Friends of the Earth letter on the subject). Mr. Trent states that although the Dept. of Fish and Game "Blue Book" refers to the area as critical habitat, it is not done so in a manner that would intend that the area be officially designated by the Legislature as a "Critical Habitat"

Continuing, Trent stated that Fish and Game had never, to his knowledge verbally referred to the Fourth of July Creek area as a critical habitat either during the background of the timber industry in the area or the OCS site research.

When asked whether he would please send a memo to my office with the above information, Trent referred me to Mr. Ron Scoug (sp.?) Chief of Habitat Protection, here in Juneau. Mr. Scoug was contacted, and is preparing a statement, which will first be sent to the Governor's office--via Mike Whitehead. A copy will then be turned over to the committee.

Additional pertinent information is attached.

Memo to: Committee Members, C. and R. A.
From: Office of Sally Smith
Date: Feb. 2, 1977
Re: Conversation with Dr. Richard Neve, Mayor of Seward, on January 25, 1977, on the annexation of lands to Seward.

Dr. Neve said that only Fourth of July Creek was to be annexed, but that many who signed the Taggart petition were under the impression that areas to the north and south were also being annexed.

Each land owner in the FJ area has been polled and is pro-annexation, according to Neve. Because of the furor, a straw poll was taken within the community on the north-south possibilities and annexation there went down 2 to 1. He said no one opposed the current FJ annexation. Further, he said that a couple of people are sorry they signed the petition, saying the issue had been misrepresented.

Oil companies are already coming into Seward and Neve believes one to already be locating in the proposed annexed area. He states that regardless of community and special interest response, development will occur and it is important that Seward be able to tax.

Recommended reading--SEWARD CONCEPT PLAN by Kramer, Chin and Mayo.

Neve says that an attempt will be made to have a representative present at the hearings.

Memo to: Committee Members, C. and R. A.
From: Office of Sally Smith
Date: Feb. 2, 1977
Re: Interpretation of "essential habitat" as used in the "Alaska's Wildlife and Habitat" book, put out by the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.

Pg. 56--- SPECIFIC HABITAT CONSIDERATIONS

"A few critical areas of spring concentrations are shown on the maps because of their size and traditional use by bears. In addition, many other south facing slopes are important early spring use areas due to early emerging grasses, sedges, horsetails, false hellebore, and herbs. Horsetails and foliage of salmonberry, cranberry and blueberry are used extensively in some areas. During summer and fall, bears switch to diets of mostly salmon and berries.

Black bear population levels in this area fluctuate a great deal year to year. This is probably because severe winters or late springs have serious effects on denning success, cub survival, and post-denning adult survival in areas where good habitat is limited.

The overlap of critical habitat for both brown and black bears in the unit demonstrates the two species do tolerate each other in some instances.

More likely, denning periods are similar to those of brown bears in the same areas. Denning usually begins by late October and lasts through April. Males and single bears seem to den later and emerge earlier than do sows with cubs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Protection of habitat in spring concentration areas, maintenance of salmon stocks and preservation of alpine and subalpine zones are necessary to proper black bear management. When logging occurs, small clearings are more beneficial to black bears than are larger ones. The release of berry-producing plants by the selective removal of mature timber should be considered when timber cuts are designed. "

Under the Brown Bear Section,
LAND USE CONSIDERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

"If care is taken to protect the critical high use areas, protect water quality and the salmon resource, and guard against extensive damage to the alpine and subalpine zones, and if direct human conflicts are kept to a minimum, little or no permanent damage to brown bear populations will occur. Given a minimum of protection, brown bears can coexist with human activities under most circumstances."

Upon interpretation, it appears that "critical" and "essential" must be taken in context. No mention is made of designating the areas as "Critical Habitat", as has been suggested by some. The terms are used to define the type of habitat available-- i.e.--"essential" habitat refers to an area that contains all of the elements necessary for existence of bears. "Critical" basically refers to an area where large numbers of bear are present. It does NOT necessarily refer to a problem in the existence of bear.

Please refer to map 53 C of the "Alaska's Wildlife and Habitat" book for analysis of the relatively small area referred to as Fourth of July Creek habitat, compared to the multitude of areas in Game Management Unit 6 and 7.

Above prepared by Ruth, for Sally Smith

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JIM KOWALSKY, Alaska Representative

January 7, 1977

The Honorable Sally Smith
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

The City of Seward is proposing to annex an area known as 4th of July Creek. There is considerable local opposition and the area has been recommended to the legislature by ADF&G as a critical habitat area for black bear. The area contains many other species of wildlife, including nesting eagles and mountain goats. The adjacent waters, also to be annexed, is heavily populated with sea otters, harbor seals, and sea lions.

Given the relatively pristine nature of this area, Friends of the Earth opposes the change in land status. We urge the adoption of a joint resolution of both houses of the state legislature to override the local boundary commission recommendation for annexation.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Sigman
Marilyn Sigman
Administrative Assistant
(for Jim Kowalsky,
Alaska Representative)

cc: Fairbanks legislators
Tom Taggart, Seward

Committed to the preservation, restoration, and rational use of the ecosphere

Seward, Alaska
Jan 27, 1977

Re: The proposed annexation, by Seward, of a large area called the Fourth of July Creek lands.

Representative Sally Smith

Dear Ms. Smith

I protest the annexation of the Fourth of July Creek area to Seward on the basis of two categories of reasoning, one, what we might call technical, is the mistake the city made in applying for many whole sections of land. It would have been more reasonable if they had outlined the specific area they could have used for industrial development. Their "block unit" approach reveals that they are thinking only as beaverats instead of realistically evaluating their move.

The second consideration follows from the first, but is a matter of principle that should be used in all public planning and that in a city such as Seward which has its dynamic center, which is its port and harbour facilities. Developments should proceed, under these circumstances from the center outward. But

with its annexation policies the city is doing the reverse. It is putting primary emphasis upon the external periphery, while neglecting the lifeline of Seward, its heart, which is shipping.

I should inform you that the people of this community have been subjected to a rather heavy drumfire of propaganda for the past year through the media of the newspaper and city council meetings. What this propaganda boils down to is premonitions of disorganized community doom if we do not quickly conform to the "New Reality". This new situation, or environment, is pictured as being laden with portents of both opportunity and chaos.

The point is that the Seward City Council under an umbrella of vague terms has taken it upon themselves to point a way whereby we can escape the perils and dangers of what is insistently called "impact". The way out, the path of salvation is extremely simple - merely follow the implications of the prestigious

"Seward Concept Plan"

This so called easy route is a mistake. Sensible delay has proven that, as of this present date, Jan. 27, 1977 the impending "impact" has already largely passed by Seward.

Consider the implications of the two agreements recently signed by the oil companies with native councils and corporations concerning substantial onshore base support for offshore oil development. I refer to Pakutat and the Monti Bay site, and the Chinik airstrip on Kodiak Island. If Seward is ever "impacted" it can now come, reasonably speaking, from Northern Gulf development and that is at least two years away.

As for the "Seward Concept Plan" it is a hollow shell, and the reason why this is so is because, aside from speculation there is no basic economic thrust to implement it. Seward is actually a depressed area. A look at the local longshore and lumber industry at the present time is proof of this.

The anti-annexation petition, with about two hundred signatures, presented by Mr. Taggart should be allowed to stand. I know of only one person, Mr. Oscar Bailey, who freely changed his mind. All other withdrawals can be considered as the result of political maneuvering.

Yours truly,

Willard Medley

SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

February 1, 1977

Present: Chairman Orsini, Ed Willis and Frank Ferguson.

Absent: Bill Sumner and Glen Hackney

At 3:45 Mr. Leo Rhode, Representative and Author of Senate Joint Resolution No. 9 presented his testimony to the members of the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

Mr. Rhode testified that the Bradley Lake hydroelectric plant project has been studied extensively as to the results of such a project, and has been approved by Congress although no appropriations have been made to start the construction of the plant.

An Environmental Impact Study was conducted and as a result, it has been decided that there will be no adverse environmental effects on fishing or other natural resources.

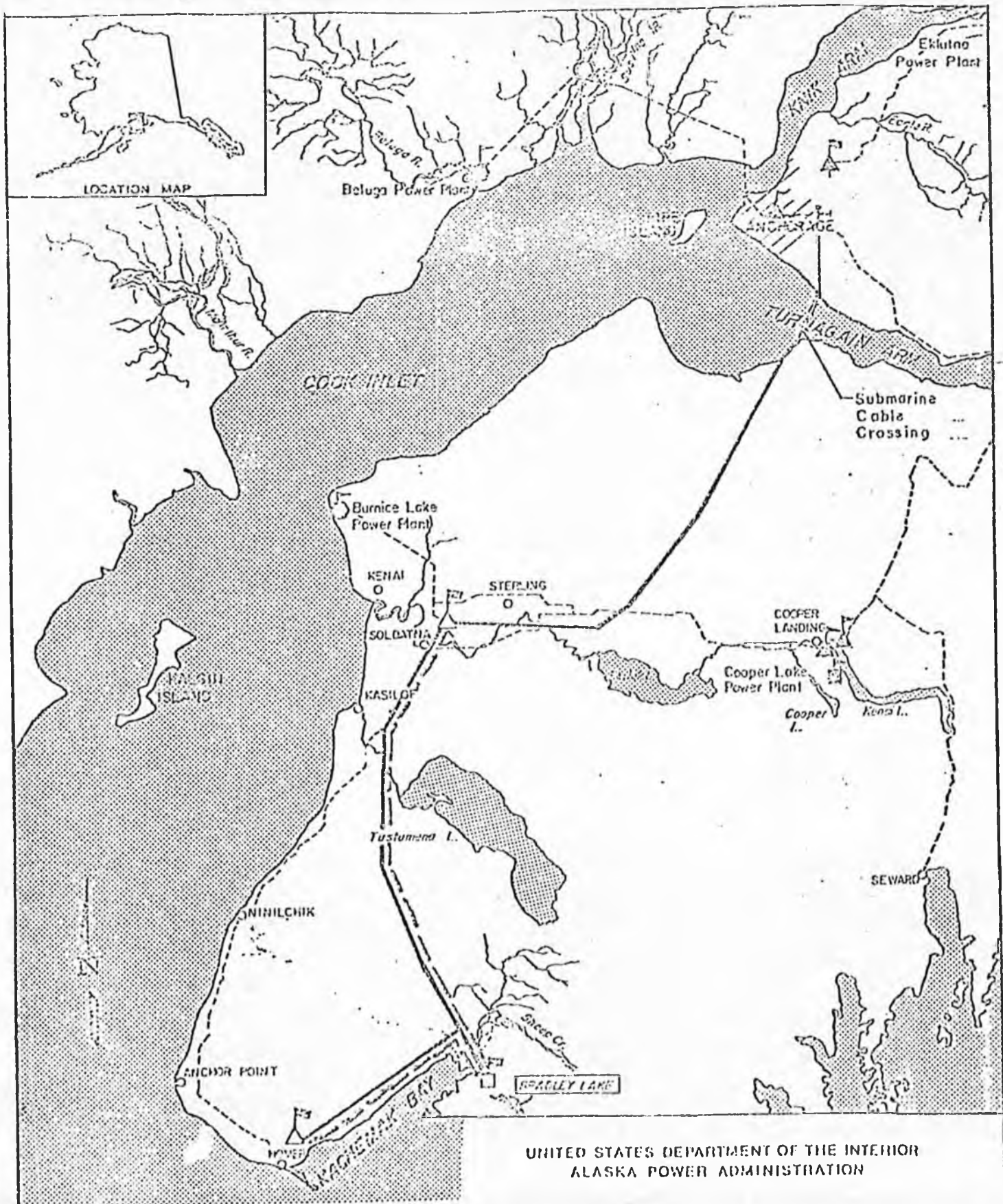
Mr. Rhode stated that if the Resolution is passed, the plant could be operating within 5 years. By 1980, a transmission line from Soldotna could provide power to Anchorage, if necessary, and relieve the demand for natural gas, of which the supply is limited.

Chairman Orsini noted that the Alaska Power Administration and the Alaska Public Utilities Commission were in favor of the Resolution. Also, no environmental agencies or groups had notified him of any objections to the project.

Mr. Rhode said that this was a good project, and that it would relieve the rising gas problems throughout Alaska.

Senator Ferguson moved that the Resolution be passed and Chairman Orsini and Senator Willis voted "Do Pass" on HJR No. 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
ALASKA POWER ADMINISTRATION

LOCATION MAP

BRADLEY LAKE PROJECT

ALASKA
ALTERNATIVE TRANSMISSION ROUTE

LEGEND

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|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|
| CEA Substation | | CEA Hydroplant | |
| Federal Substation | | CEA Gas Turbine | |
| Proposed Federal Substation | | Proposed Federal Hydroplant | |
| Existing Transmission | | Corps Selected Route-230 KV | |
| Submarine Crossing | | Alternative Route-115 KV | |

SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

January 25, 1977

Present: Chairman Joe Orsini, Glen Hackney, Ed Willis and Bill Sumner

Absent: Frank Ferguson

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. by Senate Community and Regional Affairs Chairman, Joe Orsini. He introduced the Committee staff, and offered Paul Conger's (A.A.) assistance for any research or data gathering the Committee members might need in regards to Community and Regional Affairs.

Chairman Orsini asked if there was any preference among the Committee members as to the order in which the bills are discussed. None were expressed. Additionally, he stated that copies of the bills, with a request for input, had been sent to the Boroughs and Municipalities. No responses have yet been received.

A short discussion followed in regards to a Committee meeting being held in the HESS Committee Room, February 3, 1977. SJR8 and SJR9 have been referred to the the House and Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committees and members of the Boundary Commission in Anchorage will attend.

Chairman Orsini stated that they would discuss the content of Bill #34, with testimonies from Palmer McCarter, Director, Community and Regional Affairs; and Sam Cooxon, Sr. Administrative Assistant for Mayor Sullivan in Anchorage. Boundary Commission.

He stated that his basic reason for submitting the Bill was that parts of Municipalities wishing to secede may be doing so due to economic interests, and did not wish to share their economic base. Areas who may be interested in forming their own Boroughs, for instance, are Kenai, North Pole and Prudhoe Bay. The Chairman explained that if both parties involved, meaning those wanting to secede and those in the municipality being left, voted in favor of the secession, no problems should arise, although he felt that others could be affected by the secession. The Chairman expressed the desire to make as little change as possible in the law and solve the problem.

Senator Hackney then asked how the vote would take place and the Chairman stated that that decision would have to be made by the Boundary Commission.

Palmer McCarter asked who would conduct the election. He felt the State should pay for the election only in the area affected by the secession. He added that the regulations for the local Boundary Commission were being rewritten and would have to wait until they were available in order to determine how much responsibility they will have in this regard.

Senator Willis referred to a previous situation in Eagle River where special legislation took place which was later declared unconstitutional and as a result felt that the government should have as little control as possible in this secession issue due to the politics involved. He said that the Boundary Commission should have full responsibility as it is not politically affiliated.

Chairman Orsini stated that it was his understanding that the area wanting to secede would do the ground work then petition the Boundary Commission who would then decide if an election was warranted and who should pay the expenses of an election.

Mr. McCarter said the procedure for secession would include public hearings and the State would pay the expenses of the municipality being seceded from.

Senator Sumner asked Mr. McCarter if the State should pay expenses for the area petitioning to secede. Senator Sumner expressed the opinion that he thought they would be obligated to pay their own expenses.

Palmer McCarter responded that there is no current structure at this time, but when the new regulations were received about February 1, 1977, a decision could be made.

Senator Hackney asked if for example, the North Pole wanted to secede, would the election take place in Fairbanks?

Mr. McCarter answered that that was up to the Legislature.

Chairman Orsini added that it would be the North Pole versus the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the City of Fairbanks. He then asked if under the existing regulations if the city seceding would be included in the second vote since the city is part of the municipality. Palmer McCarter stated that he did not know, but would inquire into this possibility.

Senator Sumner expressed the opinion that they would be included in the second election and Senator Hackney agreed with him.

The Chairman asked Sam Coxon for his testimony.

Mr. Coxon stated that his interests were in protecting those affected by separation from a municipality. Fragmenting an area could have an adverse effect in a metropolitan area where services could no longer be provided on an area-wide level. A municipality could lose large tax-based services, and therefore disrupt the economic structure of that municipality.

Mr. Coxon testified that a question of fragmentation, at issue in SB34, should be treated in the following manner. "We want to protect all those that would be affected by detachment," rather than "we want to break away."

He suggested that a two-tiered government, that this Bill seeks to prevent, would disrupt services provided for a general-wide area.

Chairman Orsini stated that the Bill #34 could not prevent fragmentation, but was intended to protect the rights of all those involved.

Senator Sumner then asked if it was possible if a borough which is supported by a municipality, for instance, discovers oil and wants to secede without commitment to the municipality, and use the oil industry as their tax base. If this was possible, he felt that the municipalities would eventually be faced with serious disruption.

Chairman Orsini then stated that he had heard these arguments before, and that this Bill #34 was referred to the Senate Community and Regional Affairs only and that they must make some headway on the Bill.

Senator Willis stated that he had spent ten years intertwined with this problem and that he would prefer to "let the sleeping dog lie". He wants to leave the situation in the hands of the Boundary Commission. He does not feel that the Legislature should dictate to the Boundary Commission, and they should be given latitude to make the decisions and determine the procedures concerning secession. The Boundary Commission is not a political organization and can act without political influences.

Chairman Orsini asked Senator Willis if he would like to see Sections 1, 2 and 3 repealed and leave it all up to the Boundary Commission, and Senator Willis responded that he knew that the provisions are Legislatively mandated, and had no objections although he wanted the Boundary Commission to be given some latitude in the decision-making process.

Chairman Orsini noted that this is a "hot issue" and it would be preferable to resolve it before a real problem arises.

Chairman Orsini adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

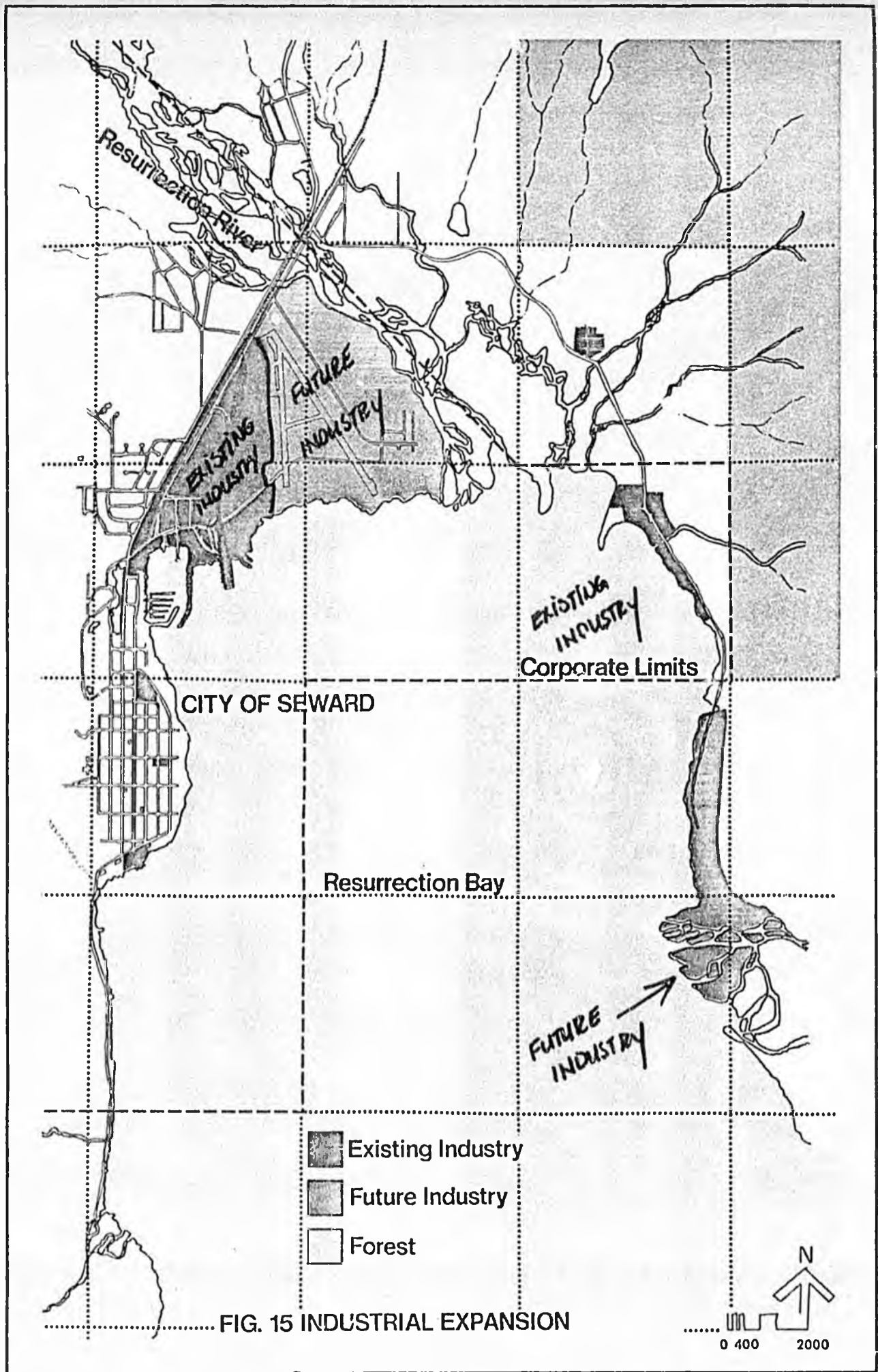


FIG. 15 INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION

Source:
 Seward Concept Plan
 7/14/75

Thomas Taggart
Box 1195
Seward, Ak. 99661

30 January, 1977

Senate Community & Regional Affairs Committee
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

RE: Proposed Annexation of State Lands to the City of Seward

Dear Chairman Orsini: :

Thank you for informing me of the forthcoming hearing in Juneau pertaining to Seward's attempt at annexation of State lands. I do have additional information which should be considered at that hearing.

The City Manager of Seward indicated to me that he had notice of the February 3rd hearing as early as Thursday, January 27th. Despite that, there have been no announcements via the local media informing the general citizenry that they could input testimony at that hearing. I believe this nonaction by the City Administration indicates that they are hoping to keep testimony at the hearing to a low key, and should be duly noted as an act contrary to the public interest.

The City of Seward has a 3 step plan to annex up to 65 square miles of State property. The Local Boundary Commission has twice scheduled & cancelled public hearings on step 2, the latest instance being on 1-6-77. Because of this, it is now apparent that only step 1 of the City's plan will be considered this year by the Legislature. I shall consequently attempt to limit my comments to step 1, or 4th of July Creek, as much as possible.

I have recently learned that the City Administration has sent a telegram to all State Legislators urging approval of this annexation proposal. Among other things, the telegram purportedly states that: 1) there are zero residents in the area to be annexed; 2) the majority opinion at the public hearing was in favor of the proposal. Both of those statements are patently false. There are eight (8) permanent residents in the area to be annexed, including four children, three of which attend Seward schools. Three of the adults of that area signed the petition which I sent to Legislators on 1-13-77, and the other one was vacationing "outside" when it was circulated.

At the public hearing on May 21st, 1976, six (6) private citizens gave testimony on the 4th of July Creek annexation proposal. The one citizen who spoke in favor of the proposal was a man who owns 128 acres of land there, although he does not live on that land. Also favoring the proposal were representatives of three local governmental bodies, i.e. Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning & Zoning Commission, Seward Planning & Zoning Commission, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough Mayor. The five citizens who expressed displeasure or outright opposition to the proposal lived on adjacent Resurrection Bay Road or within the area encompassed by step 2 of the City's piecemeal annexation plan. In rendering their decision immediately after the hearing (without playing back the tape recording), the Local Boundary Commission in section (2)(c) of their statement said that "The majority of the testimony at the public hearing was in favor of the annexation..." That was an untrue statement. Furthermore, "...the City's long range annexation plans..." as mentioned in section (2)(b) of the statement have become a moot point since the November 2nd election pertaining to this issue. That, of course, is providing that the City fathers honor the results of the straw poll which indicated that 72.1% of the total voters opposed implementation of steps 2 & 3 of the City's plan. Had the people been given a chance to vote on step 1 at that time, it is likely that it too would've suffered an ignominious setback. Most of us here believed that the LBC recommendation was binding and that step 1 was a lost cause.

Please note the attachments from the Alaska Division of Lands, Alaska Conservation Society, and Friends of the Earth. These letters raise the important issue of 4th of July Creek as a potential critical habitat area. This position is supported by the ADF&G's authoritative publication entitled "Alaska's Wildlife & Habitat," and is a very serious consideration in light of the City's desire to annex the area. That publication has been used extensively by the Corps of Engineers, BLM, and others in preparing Environmental Impact Statements. On page 60, column 1 of that publication the area in question is clearly defined as "critical habitat" for black bear, although it has not yet been formally designated as such by the Legislature. The area is also one of the best places for goat & bear hunting by local as well as non-local Alaskans. That status would be denied the area if it were within the Seward City limits.

Attached also is a copy of a letter from Councilmember Vincent to the local paper outlining some reasons why the City should not proceed with the step 2 annexation proposal. Some of his reasons, such as road maintenance along a vertical coastline would apply to step 1 as well as step 2. This position is elaborated upon in a recent (10-76) study done for the Department of Community & Regional Affairs by the Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys. Their report is entitled "Preliminary Evaluation of Geologic Factors Bearing on Development in Upper Resurrection Bay." Among other negative factors which would discourage development at 4th of July Creek is the stated opinion that the present gravel road which extends in that direction would be impossible to maintain, thus effectively barring land access to the area unless a prohibitively expensive road was constructed at the 700 foot elevation of the mountain. Due to tidal erosion the existing road is now about 1½ miles shorter than depicted on the most recent topographic map, which is 27 years out of date. That road now effectively terminates in Section 1, T.1S, R.1W.

This same report describes the extent of Exxon's involvement here at 2.6 acres. This parcel is near the Alaska Railroad and Seward Highway where Exxon expedites pipe for their oil rig which will drill near Yakataga. The other company interested in Seward as an O. C. S. base has leased 3 acres within the existing City limits. These are very logical site selections and would certainly indicate a precedent for any future companies. The one thing which Seward has going for it is its highly accessible existing transportation facilities. What we are dealing with here is a blatant land grab attempt by the City of Seward, with little or no justification whatever. The people of this area recognized this land grab for what it was on November 2nd and resoundingly said No! We ask that the Legislature echo our sentiments by passing a joint resolution overriding the Local Boundary Commission recommendation.

In closing I make note that Mr. Oscar Bailey has asked to have his name withdrawn from the petition which I circulated, due to a misunderstanding on his part as to the scope of it. It should also be noted that Mr. Herman Leirer of the Seward Planning & Zoning Commission is now circulating his own petition asking people to support the 4th of July Creek annexation proposal. Furthermore, Mr. Willard Midby of Seward is circulating yet another petition asking people to reaffirm that they are supportive of the petition which I mailed to Legislators on 1-13-77.

Whatever the outcome of all these petitions, it should be obvious that grassroots democracy is presently flourishing in the Seward area, and a very healthy climate now exists for a Local Boundary Commission hearing on any proposed annexation attempts by the City of Seward. This climate did not exist last May 21st when the LBC was here, as witnessed by the very small turnout for that hearing. At the very least we are entitled to another public hearing on this highly controversial matter. The Local Boundary Commission recommendation should be overturned.

PS: THE ABOVE MENTIONED PETITION BY WILLARD MIDBY
(AND ED ZIMMERMAN) IN SUPPORT OF MY PETITION
ALREADY HAS NEARLY 200 SIGNATURES. 1/31/77

Sincerely,

Thomas Taggart
Thomas Taggart

Attachments (7)

CC: Representative Sally Smith w/o attachments

"Don't annex" say voters

THE SEWARD PHOENIX LOG

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Teachers to vote bargaining agent

by Katherine Parker

With the Board in the middle, and the Kenai Peninsula Education Association and Kenai Peninsula Federation of Teachers vying to represent the teachers as bargaining agent, the Board's arrangements for an election November 4 left nobody happy at the School Board meeting Monday night.

An executive session to consider a grievance from KPEA brought a protest from attorney Ted Carson, representing the KPFT, who asked that the KPFT join the session since the grievance pertained to the election. Though the grievance concerned neither borough finances or personalities, the contract agreement with KPEA provides for closed-

Tom Murphy, KPEA president, first asked the Board to hold off on setting an election until July 1977 "as per the negotiations agreement with KPEA." After a motion was passed for the election, he then asked that the election be held in abeyance until "adequate appeal of the grievance and resolution is accomplished," referring to a third-party appeal and resolution.

The Board, however, also rejected this request.

As set up the teachers would vote from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with Borough Clerk Frances Brymer in charge of the election.

All principals and administrators would be voting with a yellow ballot, as their right to be part of the election as KPEA members has been challenged by the KPFT. This would make it handy to discount these ballots should this legal technicality later be decided in favor of the KPFT. On the other hand, the KPEA has

teacher-of-the-year was selected.

By reducing the hallway area including the foyer, and providing an elevator rather than ramps for handicapped use of the second floor, the \$650,000 was subtracted from the \$2.8 million plan for expanding the school.

Though the administration felt the original plan was legitimate as the first phase for the 9-classroom project, allowing for later additions, the reduced cost "could make a difference in whether the project passes the bond issue," said Supt. Paul Gallaher. "The savings could be translated into additional construction in the Homer area," he added.

A Mr. Hackett, architect on the Homer Hospital, said, "There is a lot of sentiment in Homer about completion of the middle school."

Keith Simons, a teacher at the Bob Bartlett school in Tyonek for the past seven years, was named the Borough's teacher of the year

Results of an annexation straw poll taken during the state and federal election Tuesday showed conclusively that people both inside and outside the city limits of Seward reject annexation of both the Lowell Point area (south portion), and the Bear Creek, Salmon Creek area (north portion). Annexation of the two areas was considered by the City to help bring about planned and orderly growth of the entire Seward area. Mayor Neve, some members of Council and the city ad-

ministration feel that the Gulf of Alaska oil exploration and drilling will greatly impact the community and fear that unplanned growth might be dangerous to the entire area.

The people, however, expressed definitely negative feelings about annexation—at least at this time. The vote was not a formal one, but conducted in conjunction with the election in progress and drew "poll watchers" from the outlying areas where residents are adamantly opposed to annexation.

Seward Precinct 1 voted 71 yes to 115 no on annexation of the Lowell Point area, and 63 yes and 124 no on the north portion annexation. Seward Precinct 2 voted 119 yes to 215 no on Lowell Point, 102 yes and 234 no on annexation of the Bear Creek, Salmon Creek area. As might be expected, Bear Creek Precinct voters turned out in force and expressed more disfavor toward annexation than their neighbors inside the city. Bear Creek tallies were 35 yes to 164 no for Lowell Point annexation and 13 yes to 192 no on the Bear Creek, Salmon Creek proposal.

The vote followed two months of controversy and meetings between the Council and representatives of the people residing outside the city limits. An aggressive anti-annexation campaign had been waged the last week by the Bear Creek League, as some of the outside city residents call

Area follows statewide trend in balloting

Fifty four percent of the registered voters turned out: in Seward Precincts 1 and 2 to vote in the federal and state election held Tuesday. Area voters followed closely the state trends, supporting President Ford and Congressman Don Young and voting along state lines for the various bonds and propositions on the ballot.

The two Seward precincts and Bear Creek precinct gave President Ford 403 votes to 289 for Jimmy Carter. Libertarian candidate MacBride received 52 votes.

Area voters gave Congressman Don Young 556 votes to 196 for Eben Hobson in Hobson's bid to unseat Young.

State Senator Jalmar Kerttula got a healthy 547 votes to Jean Marsh's 191. Running unopposed to retain his seat as this District's representative in the Legislature, Keith Spocking received 626 votes.

Area voters gave Willow the most votes for the capital relocation site with 420 votes to 124 for Larson Lake and 96 for Mount Yenlo.

Proposition No. 1, "Action on

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

JAY S. HAMMOND, GOVERNOR

DIVISION OF LANDS

323 F. 4TH AVENUE - ANCHORAGE 99501

August 3, 1976

Thomas Taggart
P.O. Box 1195
Seward, Alaska 99664

Dear Mr. Taggart:

Please excuse our tardiness in answering your inquiry.

After researching the land records of the area known as Fourth of July Valley, it is found that it has not yet been classified as a critical habitat area.

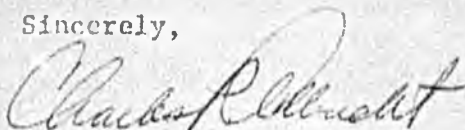
|| The area has been suggested to the legislature as a critical habitat area by the ||
Department of Fish & Game.

Therefore, there are at this time no stipulations other than our classifications as to its use.

Again we apologize for any inconvenience this delay may have caused you.

If we may be of further service please contact us.

Sincerely,



Charles P. Albrecht
Information Officer
Alaska Division of Lands

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JIM KOWALSKY, *Alaska Representative*

January 25, 1977

Testimony regarding Seward land annexation

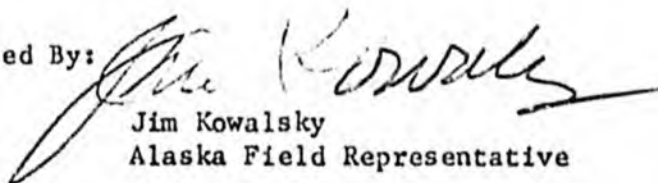
To be submitted in a hearing, January 31, 1977:

Friends of the Earth opposes annexation of the area known as "Fourth of July Creek" by the City of Seward.

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game, in its publication "Alaska's Wildlife and Habitat" has recommended this area and similar landforms within the game management unit as essential habitat for black bear. Also, the offshore waters provide habitat for several species of marine mammals.

We oppose the change in land status because the wildlife values in the area are best protected by leaving the land in a natural state.

Submitted By:


Jim Kowalsky
Alaska Field Representative

January 17, 1977

Representative Hugh Malone
Pouch V
Juneau, Ak. 99811

Dear Hugh:

The Boundary Commission has recommended that the City of Seward be allowed to annex an area known as 4th of July Creek. This matter goes to the legislature to be either approved or disapproved.

The members of the Kachemak Bay Conservation Society recognize that the 4th of July Creek area is highly valuable for ~~salmon spawning~~, black bear habitat, and recreational use, and that it is being considered for critical habitat status. We do not believe that its best use is for annexation and industrial development.

In addition, the Boundary Commission's decision apparently contains some erroneous statements regarding testimony at a public hearing, and we believe that its recommendations are contrary to the will of the citizens of Seward and the surrounding area.

To disapprove this boundary change, a resolution passed by both houses is necessary. We ask that you sponsor such a resolution and give it your strong support.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lord
President

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

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The citizens of Seward will be given the opportunity to voice their opinion via the ballot box on November 2 showing how they feel about the city's present plans on annexation.

As a member of the City Council I would of necessity weigh the outcome very seriously if the citizens were properly informed on this issue. At the moment I'm convinced they are not, because I do not believe the city has addressed itself to all the pro's and con's of this most ambitious move on the part of the city of Seward since its founding.

The proposed annexation to the south of the city, if successful, represents an area at least three times as large as our present boundaries; a large part of which is vertical coastline. Very little of this can be utilized by industry or residents.

I shudder to think of a school bus full of children traveling over the present road during the spring because of snowslides. What would be the city's legal position if a severe accident did happen? Heck! I wouldn't permit a child of mine to travel the present road come next spring. If we assume responsibility and attempt to bring it up to first class status, it could be a severe financial drain that would threaten the city's bonding position. At present, we have other problem of a much higher priority.

The city may be successful in annexing this area because there are few residents to oppose it; however, I feel we will impoverish the city for years to come if we do.

The area to the north upon which the city has been slathering for as long as ten years is a potential powder keg of dissent. When they raise the oft repeated question; what's in it for us, there seems to be no reasonable answers.

At present I don't believe the city can tell these prospective new

citizens what their taxes might be. Will they have additional fire protection? Will trailers still be permitted? How about the city's present ordinance on animals; will it apply equally? Will the electric surcharge be dropped? Who will maintain the roads in the area? How much additional revenue will be generated for the city? Will it purchase additional street maintenance equipment? Can it support more police officers? Can our present ordinances have a double standard? I don't think they can nor should they.

Until it was recently agreed upon to give the citizens of Seward a chance to vote on this issue I felt we were holding every citizen in contempt, they may not favor this power play.

I feel our present course is not based upon sound reasoning and business sense. It can do nothing but self destruct if finalized. We have failed to get our facts up front. Our desire to complete this move is based entirely upon what a few think or hope will happen. At present there are no firm commitments in hand. The negative side of this issue is right up front. We cannot afford it at this time. We have not convinced many that we can, nor have we established a critical need to do so.

If at this late date annexation is not the topic of the day we had better turn off the T.V. and get turned on about what's happening here in town. I admit the city may acquire a few more assets, but frankly it's our added liabilities that scare me to death. If you are not up to date on annexation I suggest you pick up the phone and call your Council people. Call anyone except me. Shucks, I'm still trying to find something out myself.

Respectfully, Bill Vincent

Letter to Editor

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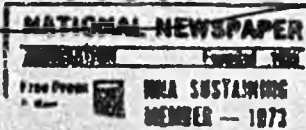
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I. INTRODUCTION

This report is an attempt to identify the geologic factors which should be considered in planning for potential on-shore facilities in upper Resurrection Bay. The report is based on a review of the available literature and a brief inspection of sites near the head of Resurrection Bay by DGGS personnel.

The essence of this report is that significant geologic constraints, in particular submarine slope stability and potential for inundation by seawaves, are present at 4 of the 5 sites considered here. As indicated by the tables in Section VI, there are presently not adequate data available for many of the geologic factors upon which to base site-specific conclusions regarding potential effects of the geologic factors on construction and operations at the sites. However, it is not the intent of this report to recommend or imply that planning for utilization of lands adjacent to upper Resurrection Bay cannot be undertaken due to geologic factors. Rather, the purpose of the report is to list the geologic factors which should be considered during planning, and to suggest where additional data are required for a more complete evaluation of each factor.

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(1) 4TH OF JULY
(2) T. JONES COVE
(3) L. WELLS Pt
(4) END OF BAY

II. SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

Two Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys personnel visited upper Resurrection Bay to inspect potential sites of on-shore facilities for three days in October of 1976. The investigation was undertaken at the request of the Department of Community and Regional Affairs, State of Alaska. The Survey team drove to Seward; site inspections were carried out on foot, and an overflight of the coastline was made by air charter. Due to limitations of time and of land access, most inspections were confined to the beaches and to existing roads.

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