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MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Monday, August 21, 1989

TIME: 1:00 p.m.
(Meeting scheduled until 4p.m - but we will probably stay less)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representative Ellis, Hudson, Collins

MEMBERS ON TELECONFERENCE:

- Representative Davis - from his office in Juneau teleconference.

- Paul Fuhs, Mayor of Unalaska, from City office

SUBJECT MATTER: The House Foreign Trade Committee trip to the Soviet Union

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

- 1) Go over our trip together, and become familiar with our itinerary. *Introduce each other.*
- 2) Learn about the Soviet Union and the Soviet Far East.

We depart in exactly one month. I thought it was a good strategy to get us together far ahead of time so we can begin to function and think like a group before we step off the plane together for the first time in the Soviet Far East.

This meeting is also the first in a series of briefings to educate and orient this committee on all that is happening between Alaska and the Soviet Union.

I think it is essential we, as an official delegation of legislators, be as knowledgeable as possible on the history and progress of Alaskan-Soviet Affairs. I have invited a few guest speakers who I feel are best qualified to do just that -- Allow me to introduce.....

GUEST SPEAKERS:

1) Gunnar Knapp, Associate Professor of Economics
Institute for Social and Economic Research
University of Alaska, Anchorage
(Has done much research on the topic of Alaska-SFE affairs, the reports he has published for ISER on your desk for your reference)

2) Diddy Hitchins, Professor of Political Science
University of Alaska, Anchorage
-(Has been to USSR several times, the most recent trip this May)

3) Ron Miller, International Trade Specialist
Governor's Office of International Trade
(Degree in Russian studies, works with the Gov's office on
facilitating many Ak-Soviet trade projects - he will accompany
us on our delegation.

4) John Tichotsky
Interpreter for our delegation and researcher at ISER
Will go with the Governor's delegation August 31 and will also
accompany our delegation as well.

Before we hear the presentation, however, first let me briefly
introduce who will be coming on our trip. There will be nine
of us, and everybody is here (see attached list).

→ (Explain Johnny Ellis has to leave at 2p.m)

NEXT MEETING:

September 5th, this room
12:00 p.m. to 2:00

Overview of private businesses trading with the SFE, and we
will hear from State Department and federal officials on the
U.S. laws and regulations affecting Soviet-American trade.

Please come! It is essential we have a thorough grounding of
the fundamentals of trading with the Soviets.

September 19 or 20 (we're not sure yet) the Governor's Office
of Trade will brief us on the Governor's accomplishments
(He will be there Aug. 31 to Sept. 12th?)

Thank you!!

NOTES:

Be sure to break half way through if meeting is lengthy.

QUESTIONS YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER ASKING:



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Special Committee On Foreign Trade

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Members
House Foreign Trade Delegation to the Soviet Fareast

FROM: Representative George Jacko, Jr. *[Signature]*
Chairman, Foreign Trade Committee

DATE: August 16, 1989

SUBJECT: Committee trip to the Soviet Union

As our departure date (September 21) is nearing, it is essential we be as knowledgeable as possible on the issues facing Alaska-Soviet relations.

Please take note of the following meetings. Your attendance is very important and would be greatly appreciated.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, August 21, 1989

2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Senate Conference Room, 5th Floor,
Anchorage LIO

Topic: General Overview of Alaska-Soviet relations

1. This first meeting will consist of a brief overview of the recent political and economic changes in the Soviet Union, with particular emphasis on how these changes are affecting the Soviet Fareast, and the potential ramifications for Alaska.
2. Overview of the chronology of Alaska-Soviet relations and a summary of the various Alaskan entities (business, trade, cultural, scientific groups) currently working with the Soviet Fareast.
3. Overview of the Committee's Soviet Fareast itinerary and introduction to additional members who will accompany our delegation.

Gunnar Knapp, Associate Professor of Economics at the Institute of Social and Economic Research, Diddy Hitchins, Professor of Political Science at the University of Alaska Anchorage and Ron Miller, International Trade Specialist with the Governor's Office of International Trade will give the presentation.

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Tuesday, September 5

Topic: Advantages and limitations of Alaska-Soviet trade
12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Senate Conference Room, 5th Floor,
Anchorage LIO

The Committee will hear from the various Alaskan private businesses now trading with the Soviet Union, and receive an overview of the federal laws and regulations affecting trade with the Soviet Union.

Tuesday, September 19 or Wednesday, September 20:
Meeting time and place still to be determined

(**TENTATIVE**)

Topic: Governor's trip

The Committee will receive a briefing from the Office of International Trade on the accomplishments of the Governor Cowper's trip that will have returned from the Soviet Fareast September 15.

September 21, Thursday

Trip begins

8:20 a.m. Alaska Airlines departure to Nome

Please call my office at 561-6154 with any questions.

Thank you.