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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

4/10/91

(7)

Date Referred: April 2, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

State Affairs

Date of Committee Action: 4/08/91

The HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND TOURISM Committee considered: HJR 37

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 37 ALASKA/SIBERIA LEND-LEASE PROGRAM

Relating to the 50th anniversary of the Alaska/Siberia lend-lease program.

- RECOMMENDATIONS: [] the same title
 be replaced with [] a new title
 [] have attached amendments(s)
 [X] do pass
 [] do not pass
 [] no recommendations
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 [] additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)
 [] fiscal impact _____ [] fiscal note(s) _____
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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date Referred: April 10, 1991

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4-17-91

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

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Gene Kubina
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1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HJR 37

Revision Date: _____ Department Affected: Commerce & Economic Dev.
 Title: Relating to the 50th Anniversary BRU: Commissioner/Administrative Services
of Alaska/Siberia Lease-lease program Component: International Trade
 Sponsor: Rep. Moyer
 Requestor: _____ COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact:

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Bill Noll, Deputy Commissioner Phone: 561-5585
 Division: International Trade Date: _____
 Approved by Commissioner: Glenn A. Olds *[Signature]* Asst. Comm.
 Agency: Department of Commerce & Economic Development Date: _____

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ALASKA/SIBERIA LEND LEASE REUNION

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Jim Vigessa, Project Coordinator (907) 338-7025

Alaska/Siberia Lend Lease Reunion is a three-phase event as per the following:

Phase I. (Completed in 1990) The visit to Alaska by 27 Soviet World War II veterans of the lend lease project and 21 other Soviet dignitaries including news crew. Mr. Eugeni Radominov, a retired Colonel in the Soviet Air Force, headed the delegation. Enclosed is a copy of communications with the Soviet War Veterans Committee that list the names of the 1990 Soviet delegation.

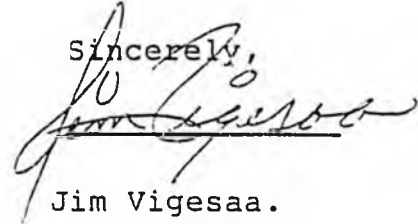
Phase II. The Soviet delegation extended an invitation for a delegation of American lend lease veterans to visit the Soviet Union in July of 1991. We are currently organizing, scheduling, and fund raising in support of this phase as well as Phase III. Also we are expecting the Soviets to grant us a total of 100 visas relating to this trip. We are blocking 53 for veterans of the lend lease program and will sell the additional charter seats to lower the cost to the American veterans. We are trying to get the trip price down to as low a figure as possible for the American veterans. The itinerary for the Soviet visit is incomplete at this time but we expect to spend 7 to 10 days in Moscow.

Phase III. The 50th Anniversary Reunion. Functions and festivities will be held in Nome, Fairbanks, and Anchorage with the veteran air crews of both nations in attendance. We are expecting as many as 200 Soviets, including Soviet dignitaries and news people, to attend and the reunion should receive wide media coverage.

The attached budget for Phase II with some carry forward for Phase III requires us to raise \$175,650.00 from grants, public and private support. We are requesting a legislative appropriation in the amount of \$150,000.00 dollars. This may be tough to obtain with the present crunch but it would insure that the events this year and

the reunion go according to plan. If you need any additional information please call me at 561-8444 days or 338-7025 in the evening. Our offices are located in the Bering Trading Company at 3351 Arctic Blvd. in Anchorage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Vigesaa", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Vigesaa.
Coordinator.

Note:

James C. McLaughlin is the president of Alaska/Siberia Lend Lease Reunion and is a former lend lease pilot. He is a resident of Nome and a past VFW Post 9569 Commander. His telephone is 443-5377 and mailing address P.O. Box 143, Nome, Ak. 99762.



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March 4, 1991.

Greetings:

Alaska/Siberia Lend Lease Reunion is a non-profit corporation coordinating a three phase event that began in May and June of 1990 (Phase I) with the visit to Alaska by 27 World War II veterans who were lend lease pilots and 21 other Soviet dignitaries and news crew. For most it was the first trip outside the Soviet Union in 40 plus years and all are looking forward to a return visit to Alaska in 92 for the 50th reunion celebrations. The reunion will be in conjunction with the Alaska Highway Rendezvous '92, the 50th anniversary of the construction of the Alcan Highway.

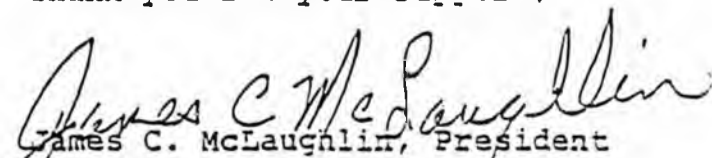
We are currently involved in Phase II scheduled to begin on July 2, 1991. An American delegation of lend lease veterans have been invited to reciprocate with a visit to Moscow this year to finalize plans for the 1992 reunion. The delegation of Americans will start out in Great Falls, Montana and travel the original lend lease route into the Soviet Union via Fairbanks and on to Moscow.

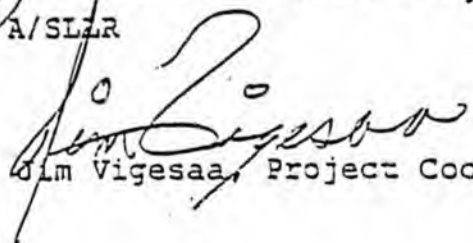
The enthusiasm expressed for this historical event from the American and Soviet participants promises to make this an occasion of International importance. In order to make this an event to be remembered, we must have the active and financial support of as many segments of the Alaskan community as possible, both business and private individuals. Your contribution as a sponsor of these events will be greatly appreciated. Future trade relations, business opportunities and a general good friendship between Alaska and the Soviet people are a benefit to us all.

We are expecting a much larger Soviet delegation in 92 than the 48 who visited Alaska in 1990. Also we have approximately 90 days to fully fund our 91 budget. We are requesting your help in this project with a tax-deductible contribution. Attached you will find a list of

sponsors who supported us in 1990 (Phase I) and other information concerning our 501-C-19 tax-deductible non-profit status. Should you desire any additional information please call (907) 561-8444 and ask for Jim Vigesaa, project coordinator. Our physical office location is with the Bering Straits Trading Company at 3351 Arctic Blvd. in Anchorage.

Thank you for your support,


James C. McLaughlin, President
A/SLR


Jim Vigesaa, Project Coordinator

Expense and Revenue Projections for Phase II

Fiscal Year: September 1, 1990 - August 31, 1991

PROJECTED EXPENSES

MANAGEMENT/ADMINISTRATION	\$ 128,200.00
Salary/Commissions/Administrative Support	\$103,000.00
Office Rent & Utilities	\$9,600.00
Telecommunications	\$10,500.00
Postage	\$1,200.00
Office Supplies	\$400.00
Entertainment	\$2,500.00
Memorabilia Costs	\$1,000.00
TRANSPORTATION/TRAVEL	\$ 315,000.00
Travel to Russia, Fairbanks, Juneau, Great Falls, Seattle, Whitehorse - includes airfare/automobile travel & per diem travel expenses	
1 Trip to Russia & Domestic Travel	\$6,000.00
Travel Expenses - 60 Days	\$9,000.00
Charter Trip to Russia (100 persons - July 1991)	\$300,000.00
DEPOSITS FOR PHASE III (1992 Soviet return visit) PAYABLE IN 1991	\$ 15,000.00
50% Down For Housing in Fairbanks for 200 Soviets for 10 days	\$12,500.00
Charter Tour Buses	\$2,500.00
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES	\$ 458,200.00
PROJECTED REVENUES	
Grants, Public and Private Support	\$175,650.00
Memorabilia Sales	\$2,000.00
Charter Fees from Participants for July 1991 Russia Trip	\$270,750.00
In-Kind Donations (value)	\$9,800.00
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES	\$ 458,200.00



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April 1, 1991

Representative Tom Moyer
Alaska State Legislature

Dear Tom:

Enclosed for your information is a schedule of events we are coordinating for the 50th Anniversary Reunion in Alaska in 1992 of World War II Lend-Lease pilots and air crews. Other Soviet dignitaries will also attend.

This event will coincide with the Alcan Highway 50th Anniversary and other activities by Festival Fairbanks.

We are currently seeking an appropriation for funding assistance and approval of a resolution of support from the Alaska Legislature. David Ramseur of Representative Tom Moyer's office is coordinating our efforts in the House and Theresa Stancliff of Senator Frank's office is our contact for the Senate.

We need your support for this historic event. We are using office space in the Bering Straits Trading Company at 3351 Arctic Blvd. in Anchorage. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call us at 561-8444.

Sincerely,

Jim Vigesaa.
Coordinator.



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March 1, 1991.

PHASE I SPONSORS / 1990.

SPONSORS OF THE ALASKA / SIBERIA LEND LEASE REUNION EVENTS OF 1990.

The contributions, help and active support of the following businesses and individuals made the 1990 visit to Alaska by the 48 Soviet World War II Veterans and Lend Lease Pilots possible.

On the Soviet side special mention and thanks go to:
Severovostokzoloto (Northeast Gold) and the Soviet Government.

On the Alaskan side:

VFW Post 1685.	Bering Straits Native Corp.
VFW Post 9981.	Bering Trading Company.
VFW Post 2509.	Senator Ted Stevens.
VFW Post 10252.	Senator Frank Murkowski.
VFW Post 3629.	Congressman Don Young.
VFW Post 9569.	Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.
American Legion Post 1.	Key Bank of Alaska.
American Legion Post 33.	Alaska Army National Guard.
American Legion Post 28.	ARCO Alaska, Inc.
American Legion Post 29.	I.A.A.A.F. of Fairbanks.
American Legion Post 57.	The Lions Club / Fairbanks.
AmVets Post 7.	Western Gold and Exploration.
AmVets Post 2.	Cecilia E. Zwiercan-SucHECKI.
American Legion Post 11.	Theodore SucHECKI.
All of the Ladies Auxilliaries.	Bettye Fahrenkamp / Senator.
Bill and Debbie Watson.	Steve Franks / State Senator.
VFW Post 10029.	Miss Ricky and the Golden Heart
Mark Butler 10252 Commander.	Dancers.
James McLaughlin 9569 Commander.	Supervalu Groc. of Fairbanks.
Julie Butler of Fairbanks.	Paul Gavora of Fairbanks.
Dave Heatwold of Anc.	Rep. Bert Sharp of Fairbanks.
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February 21, 1991

To Whom it May Concern:

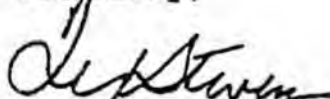
I am a strong supporter of the Alaska and Soviet World War II Lend-Lease veterans reunion. The Fairbanks VFW Post 3629, the Nome VFW Post 9569, the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the Anchorage American Legion have done a great job in organizing this event.

Soviet Lend-Lease veterans came to Alaska for a visit last summer -- and it was a great success. However, there is a lot of work to be done before the 50th Anniversary reunion in 1992. I encourage you to give your full support to this project.

Thanks for your attention to this important matter.

With best wishes,

Cordially,


TED STEVENS

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI
ALASKA

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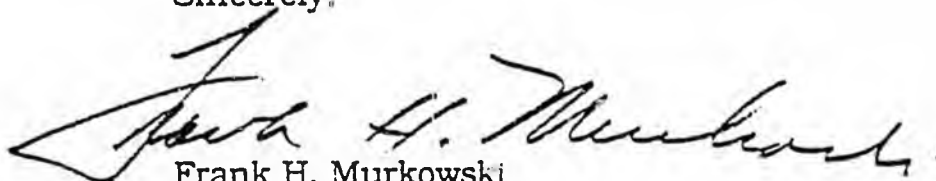
June 1, 1990

To Whom it May Concern:

Since the inception of the Alaska and Soviet World War II Lend-Lease veterans reunion, I have been a proud supporter of the project. I have worked with the Nome VFW Post 9569, the Fairbanks VFW Post 3629, the Anchorage American Legion and the Bering Straits Native Corporation to make this reunion a reality.

Although this project has enjoyed great success so far with the first visit of the Soviet Lend-Lease veterans to our state, there is still much work ahead for the 50th anniversary reunion in 1992. I encourage you to lend your support to this project.

Sincerely,



Frank H. Murkowski
United States Senator

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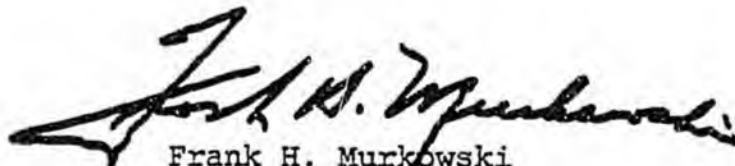
Mr. E. A. "Jim" Vigessa
Commander, Golden Heart Post #3629
Veterans of Foreign Wars
209 Forty-Mile Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Jim:

Thank you for sending me the certificate expressing the appreciation of the Alaska Veterans of Foreign Wars for my efforts on behalf of phase I of the Lend Lease reunion. I am pleased that I was able to be of assistance in this important and exciting event. Your personal participation and interest are important, and I thank you for playing a role.

Please contact me again if I can assist you in this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



Frank H. Murkowski
Ranking Minority Member

RALPH BEARDSLEY

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

January 29, 1991

Alaska/Siberia Lend Lease Reunion
3351 Arctic Boulevard
Anchorage Alaska 99503

James Vigessa, Secretary/Treasurer:

This Non-Profit Organization, incorporated on the 8th day of June, 1990; with the State of Alaska under Statute AS 10.20.151 of the Alaska Corporation Law, Title 10; is exempt from Federal and State taxation under Internal Revenue Code sec. 503(c)(19) Veterans' Organization.

Exempt status application has been filed with the Internal Revenue Service; Exempt Organization Division, Los Angeles, California; with the submission of Form #1024 to this Agency.

The purpose of this Organization is primarily to promote world peace, especially with the bringing together, once again, World War II Armed Forces Personnel of the United States and Russia. This undertaking was instrumental in breaking the "Ice Curtain" between the United States and Russia/Siberia, earlier in 1990; before U.S. and Soviet relations, did indeed, come to a friendly basis between Moscow and Washington DC, in ending the Cold War. It was this Organization surely helped clear the way for this historic event of ending, forever, this cold war between the 2 Super Powers; who fought side by side during the 2nd World War.

During May (Memorial Day) 1990; The Veterans' of Alaska, especially Nome and Fairbanks, VFW, brought approx 29 pilots and other Armed Forces people from Russia, who fought in 2nd World War; for a reunion; which was very exceptionally successful, here in Nome; and in Fairbanks, where several events were undertaken with the Russians: INCLUDING DISPLAY OF Russian aircraft and other related equipment. We are looking forward to the friendship and goodwill between Russia and the United States, by events that were undertaken during 1990 in Alaska with the Russians.

Very truly yours,


Ralph Beardsley

Nome

State of Alaska
Department of Commerce and Economic Development
Division of Banking, Securities and Corporations

CERTIFICATE
OF
INCORPORATION
Nonprofit Corporation

The undersigned, as Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development of the State of Alaska, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of the Articles of Incorporation of

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have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY, the undersigned, as such Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues the Certificate of Incorporation and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I execute this certificate
and affix the Great Seal of the State of Alaska on
June 19, 1990.

Larry Mercurieff
COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCE
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Soviet veterans will visit here next week

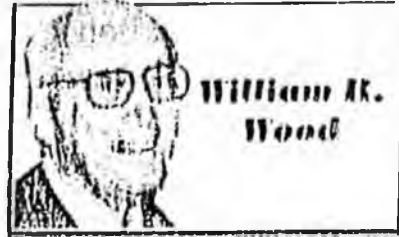
The Russians are coming! In fact, some were here last week with Dr. Sven Ebbesson of the university faculty on their way to the Eighth Arctic Health Congress in Whitehorse.

This week a second group of business and professional types will be touring the Fairbanks area with Dr. Siebert of the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation.

Fairbanks, as well as Anchorage, Juneau, Nome and Kodiak, are becoming familiar places to our visitors from across the Bering Sea.

The largest delegation yet, about 40 in all, will arrive at the Fairbanks International Airport sometime between 1 and 3 p.m. one week from Thursday and are scheduled to leave about 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 2.

Our guests will be a World War II veterans' group sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts of Juneau, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and by the American Legion and other veterans groups, as well as the Be-



William R. Wood

ring Straits Native Corp. Extensive arrangements have been made to host the visiting delegation of veterans.

A primary purpose of the trip is to work out essential arrangements for "A Grand Re Union in 1992," of participating veterans, pilots, mechanics and other ground personnel, who were actively involved in ferrying more than 8,000 fighting aircraft to the European/Asian battlefield during the Lend-Lease program of '42.

The transfer of the American planes to Russia took place at Eads Field, now Fort Wainwright, on the outskirts of Fairbanks. Early steps

in preparation for the reunion in 1992 have been under way both in Russia and in the United States for more than two years. In Alaska much of the organizational effort has been spearheaded by the Interior and Arctic Alaska Aeronautical Foundation under the energetic leadership of Randy Acord, Richard Hoopes, Dennis Geary, Everett Long, Marian Acord, Corky Corcoran, and other local aviation buffs. They are working hard to develop an historical air museum at Alakaland to be opened to the public later this summer.

Both the reunion and the air museum have been mammoth undertakings with extraordinary difficulties to overcome. Both are well on the way to becoming successful, major "happenings" to which Fairbanks/North Pole area residents may point with pride.

The ALSIB (Alaska/Siberian) veterans group visiting here during Memorial Day week come from

many parts of the USSR: Moscow, Irkutsk, Magadan, Kiev, Yakutsk, Krasnoyarsk, Gorky, and Khrensk. Most are in their 60s or 70s. A few are over 80. They flew and maintained planes that fought for the Allies on the Western Front in World War II. Since then they have been successful in a variety of endeavors, such as mining, agriculture, education, aviation, politics, business and professions.

They will be accompanied by a film crew and a number of writers from *Intourist*, *Soviet Life*, *War Veteran* magazine, the ALSIB Museum in the Magadan region, including the editor in chief of the *New Kolyma Newspaper*, Magadan region, and an *Izvestia* correspondent.

Of special interests to members of IAAAF Inc. in Fairbanks is a civilian pilot who is heading a search group in the Magadan area whose mission is to locate World War II era fallen planes and restore them for exhibit at the ALSIB

Museum and elsewhere.

Two interpreters will accompany the ALSIB group during its visit to Alaska. Other interpreters will be Russian-speaking Alaskans from Fairbanks, Nome and Anchorage. The master of ceremonies for the Thursday evening dinner at the Elks Club is Don Lynch, exalted ruler. He will speak in Russian with his remarks translated to English for homelink not familiar with the Russian language.

Let's give a hearty welcome to our guests from across the Bering Sea during their visit here. It is anticipated that a detailed schedule of their three day stay will be made available in the *News Miner*.

Among other notables to be in Fairbanks to greet the ALSIB veterans will be Sens. Stevens and Murkowski, and Secretary Derwinski of the Office of Veterans Affairs, now a cabinet post.

William R. Wood is a retired president of the University of Alaska now volunteering his time as executive director of Festival Fairbanks '81.

Wednesday, May 23, 1990-

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ARTICLE CONCERNING
1990 VISIT BY SOVIETS.

Itinerary for the Soviet Veterans Delegation

Fairbanks: May 31 - June 2, 1990

Day 1 - Thursday, May 31, 1990

1:00/3:00 p.m. - Arrive Fairbanks International Airport
Color Guard Civil Air Patrol
Welcome - Master of Ceremonies Jim Vigessa VFW Commander Post #3629
Political VIP's
Military VIP's
Announcements

Proceed to VFW Post #3629, 209 Second Avenue Graehl
Meet Host Families
Present FVGB packets

Hotel Check-in, Regency Fairbanks Hotel

6:00 p.m. - Meet at Elks Club #1551, 634 5th Avenue, for buffet style dinner.
Master of Ceremonies, Don Lynch, Exalted Ruler
Alaska Highway Rendezvous '92 - Susan Keap, Executive Director
Greater Alaska Highways Society
Rendezvous '92 film - 14 minutes
ALSIB Reunion 1992, Master of Ceremonies, Richard Hoopes, CEO
Interior & Arctic Alaska Aeronautical Foundation
Miss Ricki's Golden Heart Dancers

Adjournment

Day 2 - Friday, June 1, 1990

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast with the Sunrise Rotary Club at the Westmark Hotel
Master of Ceremonies, Mike Delihar, Sunrise Rotary Club President
Adjournment at 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - Area Tour - Departure Westmark Hotel
City, University, University museum, Pipeline,
Gilmore Tracking, Dredge #8, Ladd Field, Alaskaland.

12:00 p.m. - Lunch at the Alaskaland Salmon Bake, IAAAF
Public invited
No Post \$7.95
Alaska's Senator Ted Stevens will attend this function.

Afternoon: Free time, shopping and store visiting with host families
and guests.

2:00 p.m. - Special meeting with the Great Alaska Highways Society,
IAAAF, and the Soviet Committee.

6:00 p.m. - Barbeque dinner at VFW Post #3629 and Post #10029
Master of Ceremonies, Jim Vigessa, Post Commander

Day 3 - Saturday, June 2, 1990

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast at American Legion Post #11 and Post #57
Master of Ceremonies, Bob Swindler, Post Commander

9:00 a.m. - Program Secretary Dervinski, Secretary, Veterans' Affairs
Alaska Senator Frank Murkowski Washington, D. C.

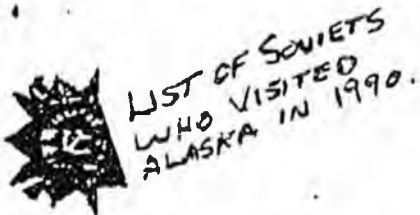
10:00 a.m. - Meeting with Secretary Dervinski and all Veteran
Commanders at American Legion Post #11 upstairs.

10:30 a.m. - All Host families provide transportation to obtain
luggage, and others to check out of Hotel.

12:00 p.m. - Lunch at Lions Building, Tanana Fair Grounds
Sponsored by the 17 Lions Clubs in Fairbanks as
well as the Yukon, B. C. and Northwest Territories
Canadian Lions.
Master of Ceremonies, Stan Davis, District Governor

2:00/2:30 p.m. - Depart for Airport.

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 Mr. Henry Ivanoff - Bering Straits Native Corp.
 Mr. Richard Hoops - ALSIB IAAAF FAX 907 456 1942

Gentlemen:

First of all I would like on behalf of our organization to thank you all as well as Governor Steve Cowper, Representative Richard Foster, Senator Ted Stevens and all other distinguished people who are involved and wholeheartedly supporting the Memorial Flight of our delegation.

We hope that all meetings which will take place during a recently announced summit of our Presidents in Washington D.C. will manifest our strong desire for peace and cooperation.

Herewith I have the honour to inform you on the composition of our delegation:

- Mr. RADOMINOV Eugeni - Leader of the Delegation, Col.(AF, Ret.) WWII Vet.
- Mr. SAVOSTIANOV Andrej - Deputy Leader, Dep. Director for Intern. Affairs of the Soviet War Vets Committee (1958)
- Mr. SOKOLNIKOV Vladimir - Chief of the East Siberian Airlines (Aeroflot) (1940)
- Mr. KOVALENKO Vladimir - Chief of Irkutsk Airlines Division (Aeroflot) (1945)
- Mr. Khairuzov Valeri - People's Deputy (Congressman), Russian Federation (1944)
- Mr. SARENIN Sergei - Assistant Director General, SVZ Gold-Mining Comp. WWII Vet.
- Mr. SLYUSAR Vassily - Head of the East Siberian Airlines Dept. (1942)

We request that the abovementioned persons be accommodated in Nome, Fairbanks and Anchorage separately, i.e. in one-bed rooms. We are grateful to Bering Straits Native Corporation for the hospitality in this respect. We hope that hotel reservations for the leadership of the Delegation would be made in all these cities.

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We request also a hotel accomodation (two-bed room) for our official interpreter Mrs. BALIZKAYA Natasha and secretary of the Delegation Miss Prokhorova Natasha.

The accomodation of the members of the delegation can be made by placing people with families or in hotels in two-bed rooms:

A L S I B V E T E R A N S:

Mr. Pётr GIMOV) husband and wife, both ALSIB veterans
Mrs. Elena Makarova } (Moscow) both born in 1914

Mr. Lev BADIY - (1924) (Irkutsk)

Mr. Georgi BEMKUNSKI - (1913) (Moscow)

Mr. Ivan DUBKO - (1922) (Kiev)

Mr. Victor ZLSUKOV - (1924) (Moscow Region)

Mr. Feodor ZEEVLAKOV - (1908) (Moscow)

Mr. Alazai KRISANOV - (1915) (Moscow Region)

Mr. Alexander KOLODIN - (1921) (Moscow Region)

Mr. Nikolai KRYUKOV - (1914) (Irkutsk)

Mr. Alexander LIPILIN - (1913) (Moscow)

Mr. Ivan LUKIN - (1906) - Chairman of the Magadan Regional Veterans Council

Mr. Ivan MOISEEV - (1910) (Moscow)

Mr. Dmitri OSTROVENKO - (1913) (Moscow)

Mr. Nikolai PERVALOV - (1924) (Magadan Region)

Mr. Viktor FEROV - (1917) (Moscow)

Mr. Samuil PIEZKI - (1921) (Irkutsk)

Mr. Pётr SKOBUN - (1912) (Irkutsk)

Mr. Vassili SLOMYUK - (1919) (Krasnoyarsk)

Mr. Guriy SOROKIN - (1920) (Moscow)

Mr. Vladimir SUVOROV - (1922) (Gorkiy)

Mr. Andrei KROMLAKOV - (1919) (Irkutsk)

Mr. Dmitri CHELANOV - (1917) (Moscow Region)

Mr. Pётr SHEVTSOV - (1926) (Kirensk)

Mr. David Shael - (1913) (Moscow)

Mr. Ivan SHUMIBUS - (1918) (Moscow)

Mr. Yuri SPIRIDONOV - (1923) (Yakutsk)

Among delegation members also included:

- Mr. Vladimir NAGORNY - WWII vet., correspondent for "WAR VETERAN" magazine and "VETERAN" newspaper
 - Mr. Alexander TROPKIN - Editor, special corr. for "SOVIET LIFE" magazine, Agency "SOVOSTV"
 - Mr. Anatoly IZOTOV - Deputy Director for "INTOURIST" (Foreign Travel) Company (Irkutsk Division)
- Note: if possible, also one-bed room accomodation
- Mr. Valeriy MATYZEV - (1940) ALSIE Museum in Selimchan, Director (Magadan Region)
 - Mr. Vladimir SAFONOV - (1962) - civil pilot, member of the "SEARCH" group (searching for fallen planes and restoring them) (Kirensk)
 - Mr. Boris SKALZER - (1954) Coordination officer from the East Siberian Airlines (Irkutsk), flight organiser
 - Mr. Ivan Chernitchan - (1936) Editor-in-Chief of the "New Kolyma" newspaper, Magadan Region
 - Mr. Andrei NECHAEV - (1960) civil pilot, member of the "SEARCH" group (Kirensk)

Thus, this list includes 44 persons. It is also meant, that a film crew from the Soviet TV will come with the plane. They will include: Mr. Gennadi CHUMACHENKO, Mr. Oleg MALININ, Mr. Alexander LESTICHEVSKI and Mrs. Zhanna GISZEVA. It might be possible that "IZVESTIA" newspaper corr. Mr. Vladimir Spitsnev will be also included.

As we have been informed, all expenses for 48 people will be paid by "Bering Straits Native Corporation". It is also desirable that an aircraft crew of 3 to 6 is hosted by the Corporation and placed with families or in hotels. The list of them will be sent later.

Should any problems arise concerning financial aspect prior to our arrival in Alaska we request that you contact us to clear them.

It would also be useful if several additional interpreters be added in all cities in Alaska to help with translation (as proposed by Mr. R. Hoops from Fairbanks).

You can reach me by phone in Moscow 095-202 4511 or by telex 411 489 KAF22 SU for SWVC att Mr. Savostianov or by cable.

Looking forward to a detailed program and your opinion on the above mentioned info,

Sincerely yours,

Andrei V. Savostianov
Andrei V. Savostianov

P.S. Please call Soviet Desk at State Dept. in Wash. D.C. in 40-14 days. Our visa application No is 17228

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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Gene Kubina
Chairman, State Affairs

April 9, 1991

From: Representative Tom Moyer *TM*

Re: HJR37, relating to the 50th anniversary of the Alaska/Siberia lend-lease program

With this memo, I would like to request the State Affairs Committee to consider this resolution at your earliest convenience.

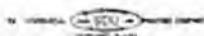
The lend-lease program was a grand example of Alaska-Soviet cooperation, and one of the last before the Cold War effectively closed the border between the two countries. Nearly 8,000 U.S. combat and transport aircraft were delivered to Soviet pilots in eastern Siberia via a route extending from Montana to Fairbanks and Nome. The program was literally a life-saver for many Soviet citizens.

The lend-lease program helped cement positive relations between Alaska and the Soviet Union. It is this and the contribution of Soviet and American pilots the resolution seeks to recognize. It commends the volunteers and sponsors who organized a 1990 visit of Soviet pilots to Alaska, those putting together a 1991 trip to the Soviet Union and the 1992 50th anniversary of the effort.

I am happy to testify about the resolution at your convenience or provide additional information as necessary.

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