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STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
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Military and Veterans Affairs

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES	0					
TRAVEL	0					
CONTRACTUAL	0					
SUPPLIES	0					
EQUIPMENT	0					
LAND & STRUCTURES	0					
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0					
MISCELLANEOUS	0					
TOTAL OPERATING	0					

CAPITAL	0					
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REVENUE	0					
FUND SOURCE:	0					

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0					
FEDERAL FUNDS	0					
OTHER	0					
FUND SOURCE:	0					
TOTAL	0					

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0					
PART-TIME	0					
TEMPORARY	0					

Estimate of current year impact: 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

Prepared By: Thomas W. Wright, Committee StaffPhone: 465-4527Division: House Special Committee on Military andDate: February 13, 1992

Veterans Affairs

Approved by Commissioner:

Representative Ivan M. Ivan, Chair

Agency: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans AffairsDate: February 13, 1992

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Special Committee on Military & Veterans Affairs

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Fred Zharoff, Chair
Senate Rules Committee

FROM: Representative Ivan M. Ivan, Chair *IM*
House Special Committee on Military and
Veterans Affairs

DATE: April 30, 1992

RE: Request for Calendaring - House Joint Resolution 68

Please consider this request to calendar CS for HJR 68 (MLV) for the floor at your earliest possible convenience.

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Senator Al Adams will be the floor manager for this resolution.

I appreciate your consideration of my request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Tom Wright of my staff should you have questions or need further information.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Representative Johnny Ellis, Chair
House Rules Committee

FROM: Representative Ivan M. Ivan, Chair *IM*
House Special Committee on Military and
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DATE: March 18, 1992

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Special Committee on Military & Veterans Affairs

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Representative Cliff Davidson, Chair
House Resources Committee

FROM: Representative Ivan M. Ivan, Chair *IM*
House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

DATE: February 20, 1992

RE: Request for Hearing

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Special Committee on Military & Veterans Affairs

SUMMARY - HJR 68

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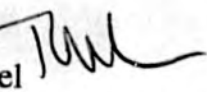
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Juneau, Alaska 99801-2101

MEMORANDUM

February 20, 1992

SUBJECT: Changes in CSHJR 68(MLV)

TO: Representative Ivan Ivan
ATTN: Tom Wright

FROM: Terri Lauterbach 
Legislative Counsel

Enclosed is a draft version of CSHJR 68(MLV).

I realize that the resolution passed from committee, but we were not able to follow your amendment instructions exactly. Therefore, we have prepared a draft for your review to see if, in your opinion, we have come close enough to the committee's intent.

We were instructed to add to the "COPIES" paragraph the names of the chairmen of the U.S. Senate's "Committee on the Interior" and "Interior's subcommittee on Indian Affairs." However, the U.S. Senate does not have a Committee on the Interior and, hence, no subcommittee either. We have, instead, added the name of the chairman of the Senate's Select Committee on Indian Affairs.

I hope you find this change acceptable. Let us know if other changes are needed or if you are ready for this draft to be put in "final."

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Enclosure

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Lauterbach
2/20/92

CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 68 (MLV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY & VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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1 S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable Alan Cranston, Chair, Senate
2 Committee on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery, Chair, House Committee
3 on Veterans' Affairs; the Honorable George Miller, Chair, House Committee on Interior and Insular
4 Affairs; the Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chair, Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs; Mr. John
5 Schaeffer, Chair, Alaska Federation of Natives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable
6 Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the
7 Alaska delegation in Congress.

7-LS1961A
Lauterbach
2/6/92

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.

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- 1 S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
- 2 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
- 3 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

WORK ORDER REQUEST FORM

W.O. [17] LS-1961

KEYWORDS: MILITARY ASSIGNED: Lauterbach

NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS

VETERANS

REQUEST FOR: Resolution TAKEN BY: Barnes

SUBJECT: Native Claims: Vietnam Veterans

REQUESTED FOR: HC MLV BY: Tom Wright PHONE: 465-4527

DELIVER TO: Rep. Ivan, Cap 405

INSTRUCTIONS: Draft resolution asking Congress to allow Alaska Native Vietnam veterans an eighteen month period to file claims for Native allotments.

OBTAIN

SPECIAL DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED []

AUTHORIZED TO CONFER WITH _____

RETURN _____

_____ TO REQUESTOR

APPROVED: X DIRECTOR, LEGAL SERVICES

REVIEWED _____

IN 02/05/92 DUE _____

TYPED: Draft _____ Date _____

Final _____ Date _____

PROOFED _____ DELIVERED _____

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS to TYPING/PROOFING

Request for DRAFT



THE ALASKA NATIVE FOUNDATION

P.O. BOX 100278 • ANCHORAGE, AK 99510 • (907) 258-7452

March 12, 1992

Mr. Tom Wright
Representative Ivan's Office
Capitol Building, Room # 405
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Veterans Allotment File

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed are copies of the correspondence from veterans regarding their efforts to obtain Native Allotments.

We appreciate your interest and assistance on behalf of these veterans. Although the files reflect the northern area of Alaska, there are veterans in the same standing all over Alaska.

If I can be of further assistance, please do call or write.

Sincerely,

Ida Hildebrand
14(c) Program Director

Enclosures:
cc: Victor Karmun



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November 13, 1991

Mr. Matt Conover
Office of Senator Murkowski
Hart Senate Office Building
709 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Allotment Amendment for Veterans

Dear Mr. Conover:

Enclosed are copies of correspondence and other documents which exemplify some of the efforts of these Alaska Native veterans.

Alaska Native Veterans have been denied allotments while they were serving in the armed forces. These veterans have been trying for years to have a window or process opened to them that would enable them to be treated as other allottees who were not serving in the military. The enclosed list of Nana region veterans is incomplete. There are also other veterans all over Alaska in like circumstance. Some names include: George Morgan, Wassilie Kameroff, Crim Evan, Leo Morgan, Felix Hess, Victor Karmun, Ron Silas, Nelson Angapak, John Guinn and Arnold Brower.

These veterans have sought the support of AFN, our Congressional Delegation, the State Adjutant for veterans affairs and that of the Foundation. We give full support to these claims of our veterans. We urge you to propose legislation to enable these veterans to claim their allotment lands. An application window could be created for them for a given period under the ANCSA Technical Amendments which have been drafted.

I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your time and attention.

Sincerely,


Emil Notti
President

Enclosures:



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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

1. 1906 Alaska Native Allotment Act passes U.S. Congress.
2. Alaska Natives were uninformed of the Act or process of application. See Barbara Booer letter dated April 2, 1987 - only 51 applications filed between 1906 and 1960.
3. 1969-1971 Application drive by BIA, Alaska Legal Services and Rural Cap. 10,000 Native Allotment applications filed by 1971.
4. 1971, December 18, ANCSA passes U.S. Congress and terminated the 1906 Act but had savings clause for pending applications.
5. 1980 Fanny Barr case in Alaska permits lost applications to be reinstated for Native Allotments.
6. 1991 over 6,000 Native allotments are still pending with BLM. BLM Cadastral Survey projects surveys of allotments to be completed by 2008 but BIA projects the year 2050 as more realistic since BLM has other priorities and allotments are low of that list of priorities for BLM survey.
7. Native veterans would not create a greater burden on a system which has historically ignored the claims of Alaska Natives to their allotment lands.

160 acre parcels

*Alaska native veterans who served one year prior + one year after closure of ANCSA
less fed land or private land*

*would it compete w/ another state interest re: allotment
particularly TA land*



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December 28, 1990

American Legion, Dept. for Alaska
State Adjutant for Veterans
P. O. Box 192049
Anchorage, AK 99520-1949

Attention: Mr. Warren Colver, Adjutant

RE: Alaska Native Veterans Native Allotment Claims

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are copies of letters from veterans and a list of veterans. This is in response to our telephone conversation yesterday.

As I stated, Alaska Native Veterans were denied an opportunity to file Native Allotment applications because they were out of state and overseas in the armed forces. In addition, many of the veterans were erroneously informed that they were not eligible for allotments because they were wards of the government while in the military armed forces. These conditions resulted in the denial of land to veterans which was otherwise available to other Native males during the 1960's and early 1970's.

A brief history of the law will precede the present Veteran's claims. The Alaska Native Allotment Act was passed on May 17, 1906, (34 Stat. 197, as amended August 2, 1956, Ch. 891, 70 Stat. 954; formerly 43 U.S.C. Subsection 270-1-270-3, repealed but with a saving clause for applications pending on December 18, 1971, by ANCSA Section 18, P.L. 92-203, 85 Stat. 688). The Alaska Native Allotment Act of 1906 permitted Alaska Natives to file applications for the allotment of up to 160 acres of land which they had used and occupied for five years. Most allotment lands were used for subsistence purposes such as hunting, fishing, trapping, berry picking and where cabins and other improvements were built by the applicant.

Although the Act was passed in 1906, the Natives were not informed of the law which was to protect the lands they used and occupied. During the first 54 years after passage of the 1906 Act, only 80 applications were filed. There were, however, approximately 10,000 applications filed during the period from 1960

to December 18, 1971. This latter date is the date the Alaska Native Land Claims Act (ANCSA) became effective. This latter Act repealed the 1906 Alaska Native Allotment Act.

Currently, Native Veterans are solicitous of your lobbying efforts on their behalf. The veterans wish to lobby Congress to reopen the Alaska Native Allotment process for a given period of time to enable veterans to file their allotment claims. As noted in the attached correspondence, requests have been made to Alaska's Congressional Delegation to provide for allotments for veterans. These men have been put off or ignored in their efforts by the delegation, and they are now seeking to create a cohesive lobby for Alaska Native Veterans.

The list of Nana Region Veterans is not complete. Other regions in Alaska also have veterans with the same claims. Mr. Victor R. Karmun, Selawik National Wildlife Refuge, Box 270, Kotzebue, Alaska 99752, telephone (907) 442-3799, wishes to act as the spokesman for the group of Alaska Native Veterans.

If I can be of further assistance, please call or write. We have other correspondence on file relevant to the Veterans allotment claims.

Thank you for your time and interest on behalf of these veterans.

Sincerely,



Ida Hildebrand
Native Allotment Project
Director

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enclosures: as stated

cc: Victor R. Karmun
Senator Murkowski
Senator Stevens
Congressman Young



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December 28, 1990

Honorable Frank Murkowski
United States Senator
Washington, D. C. 20510

RE: Native Allotment entitlements for Alaska
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Dear Senator Murkowski,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter requesting a Congressional lobby on behalf of Alaska Native Veterans.

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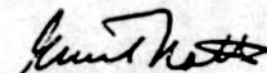
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1016 WEST SIXTH AVENUE, SUITE 200
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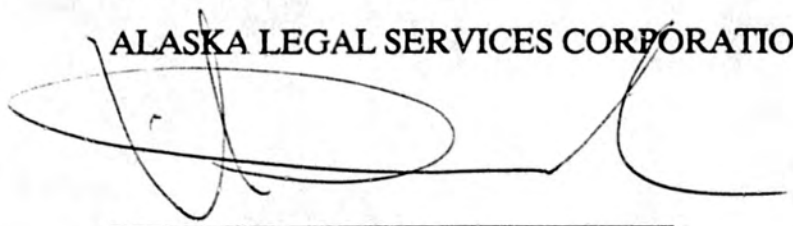
Ida Hildebrand
Alaska Native Foundation
P.O. Box 100278
Anchorage, Alaska 99510

Dear Ida:

Here is the list you requested. If you need anything else, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael C. Roebuck', written over a horizontal line.

Michael C. Roebuck
Native Allotment Coordinator

RECEIVED NOV 5 1990

****NATIVE VETS OF NANA REGION****

GILBERT BARR/DEERING

ANDREW JACKSON/KIANA

BOBBY SMITH/SELAWIK

WILSON TICKETT JR./SHUNGNAK

LOUIE REICH JR./KOTZEBUE

RICHARD KARMUN/DEERING

WALTER GREGG/DEERING

WILLIE THOMAS/BUCKLAND

JERRY SHERMAN/CANDLE

CHARLIE GREGG/KOTZEBUE

CHESTER BALLOT/KOTZEBUE

CHARLIE CURTIS/KIANA

FRED IPALOOK/KOTZEBUE

ED IPALOOK/KOTZEBUE

RODNEY LINCOLNJR./KOTZEBUE

GEORGE BEAVER/KOTZEBUE

VICTOR KARMUN/KOTZEBUE

LUKE SAMPSON/NOORVIK

WALTER SAMPSON/NOORVIK

BOBBY ADAMS/KOTZEBUE

FRANK McCAFFERTY/KOTZEBUE

DANIEL SNYDER JR./KOTZEBUE

CHUCK GREENE/KOTZEBUE

HARRY CLARK/KOTZEBUE

ROBERT MULLUK JR./KOTZEBUE

DARVIN NELSON/KOTZEBUE

B. O. Box 101037
Anchorage, Alaska 99510
December 27, 1990

Ms. Ida Hildebrand
Native Allotment Project Director
Alaska Native Foundation
411 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 1-A
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Ms. Hildebrand:

The intend of this letter is to seek your support in assisting military veterans such as myself in obtaining Native Allotments. I know a number of veterans who were unable to file for Native Allotments because they had been in active duty in the defense of our country.

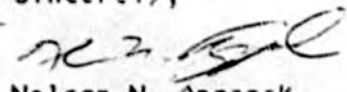
Alaska Natives who had been in active duty either by choice or by draft were denied the right to file for Native Allotments just because they had been stationed overseas. These same Natives must be given every opportunity to file for Native Allotments.

The United States Congress terminated the Native Allotment Act as it applies to the Alaska Natives when it past the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and in doing so, denied forever the right of the Alaska Natives who had been in Active duty to ever apply for Native Allotments.

What United States Congress did with one act, U. S. Congress can undo with another act. The same can be done with the Native Allotment Act as it applies to the Alaska Natives. I suggest the Native Allotment application period be reopened for Alaska Native veterans for at least a year. In order to be certain that all Alaska Native veterans are covered, I suggest that those who had been in active duty one year before the passage of ANCSA and one year after the passage ANCSA be given an opportunity to apply for Native Allotments.

Thank you for giving us Alaska Native veterans some hope that we may be ~~able~~ to apply for our Native Allotments. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at the above address or call me at 279-3484.

Sincerely,


Nelson N. Angapak

P.S. - I've brought this issue to the attention of Alaska's Congressional Delegation. Although sympathetic, to date, they have not done anything to resolve it

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September 27, 1990

Victor Karmun
P.O. Box 343
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752

Dear Victor:

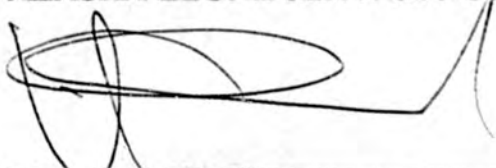
Dave Fleurant of our office informed me that you were inquiring about the Vietnam Veterans allotment issue. Quite frankly, while I believe that this problem needs to be addressed, and that what is needed is a legislative solution, limited resources and other pressing allotment problems dictate that the pursuit of any solution by ALSC would likely be some time off.

Based upon the information you have provided us, however, I am writing a letter of inquiry to Loretta Helle, with respect to her knowledge of events. I also intend to write to Ida Hildebrand, the Native Allotment Coordinator for the Alaska Native Foundation, with respect to this problem. It seems to me that the Alaska Native Foundation would be the perfect vehicle by which to pursue a solution to this matter. I will copy you with my letters.

By the way, I have also spoken with Bart Garber of the Native American Rights Fund. He has provided me with the list of NANA Region veterans you provided him.

Sincerely,

ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION



Michael C. Roebuck
Native Allotment Coordinator

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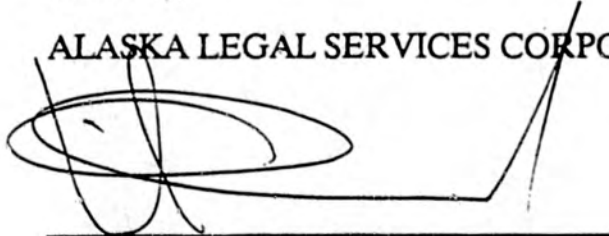
Loretta Helle
6897 Forum Street
San Diego, California 92111

Dear Ms. Helle:

I am the Native Allotment Coordinator for Alaska Legal Services Corporation, and I am writing to you because it is my understanding that you may have information relating to military veterans who were denied an opportunity to apply for an Alaska Native allotment. At present, I am attempting to gather all the information I can to assess what, if anything, can be done to obtain a remedy for these veterans. Any information or help you can give me would be greatly appreciated. Please drop me a line, or feel free to call me collect.

Sincerely,

ALASKA LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Michael C. Roebuck', written over a horizontal line.

Michael C. Roebuck
Native Allotment Coordinator

cc Victor Karmen

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✓ I TALKED WITH MARIE-GEE'NE
ABOUT THIS. SHE IS GOING TO
TRY AND GET THIS ON THE
AGENDA FOR THE FEB 19-20
AFN BOARD MEETING IN
JUNEAU.

THE REASON IT WASN'T ON THE
AGENDA EARLIER WAS BECAUSE
OF THE NEW GOVERNOR AND
HIS PEOPLE HE WAS GOING TO
CONSIDER FOR HIS STAFF.

ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES, INC.

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May 31, 1990

Victor Karmun
Box 343
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752

Dear Mr. Karmun:

In response to our telephone conversation of last week concerning the exclusion of Alaska Viet Nam Veterans from participating in the Native Allotment program.

You indicated you have been working with Dave Fleurant of Alaska Legal Services and were encouraged to contact AFN for support on this matter. I spoke to Julie Kitka, President of AFN about this and her suggestion is that you work with the AFN Board Members from your region, Marie Greene, Luke Sampson and Don Sheldon on this matter and through them it could be brought to the AFN board for consideration. I spoke with Marie Greene later about your concern and she agreed with the suggestion and will be looking forward to your contacting her.

I hope this will help you.

Sincerely,

Dorothy M. Larson
Legislative Assistant

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NATIVE VIETNAM VETS

GILBERT BARR / DEERING
ANDREW JACKSON / KIANA
BOBBY SMITH / SELAWIK
WILSON TICKETT JR / SHUNGNAK
LOURI REICH JR / KOTZEBUE
RICHARD KARMAN / DEERING
WALTER GREGG / DEERING
WILLIE THOMAS / BUCKLAND
JERRY SHERMAN / CANDLE
CHARLIE GREGG / KOTZEBUE
CHESTER BALLOT / KOTZEBUE
CHARLIE CURTIS / KIANA
FRED IPALOOK / KOTZEBUE
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RODNEY LINCOLN JR / KOTZEBUE
GEORGE BEAVER / KOTZEBUE
VICTOR R KARMAN / KOTZEBUE
LUKE SAMPSON / NOORVIK
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THE INDIAN CENTER IN
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I WAS TOLD I DID NOT
QUALIFY BECAUSE I WAS
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THE TWO PEOPLE THAT WERE
THERE I CAN ONLY ASSUME
THEY REPRESENTED BLM
AND THE BIA

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

P.O. Box 69
Barrow, Alaska 99723

Phone: 907-852-2611

Jeslie Kaleak, Sr., Mayor



February 20, 1992

Representative Ivan Ivan
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

FEB 26 1992

Dear Representative Ivan:

I was delighted to be informed that the House of Representatives has introduced the House Joint Resolution No. 68 urging Congress to reopen the Native Allotment process for the benefit of our Native military veterans.

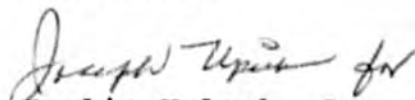
I would like to inform you that the North Slope Borough supports this bill as there are numerous military veterans who served in the Vietnam War who were not able to participate in the Native Allotment filing process. These veterans should not be denied the right to own an allotment because he/she was serving our country at the time of the filing period.

This great country of ours should honor the wishes of these brave military veterans who answered to the call of duty.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to say a few words in this regard. I hope that this bill will pass the Congress as it deals with the most important part of our country, its people.

If I can be of any assistance to you in this crucial matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Jeslie Kaleak, Sr.
Mayor

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March 6, 1992

Representative Ivan M. Ivan
Alaska State Legislature
Special Committee on Military & Veterans Affairs
State Capitol
Juneau AK 99801-1182

W. Goodwin
Dear Representative Ivan:

We appreciate your letter of March 2, 1992 regarding HJR68. We at KIC have always supported legislation that will benefit our shareholders.

We believe that the process should get started to make land available to those natives that were in the service to be afforded the same opportunities we had to make our claims.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to make comments on HJR68.

Sincerely,

Willie

Willie Goodwin Jr.
Land Manager

WGJr/as

Delbert J. Rexford
Box 231
Barrow, Alaska 99723

February 20, 1992

Good Morning Mr. Chairman
House Special Committee Members on Military & Veterans' Affairs

My name is Delbert J. Rexford. I am a member of the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, IRA Joint Tribal Council and the Treasurer for the Native Village of Barrow, Inupiat Traditional Government Council.

I am here this morning to speak in support of House Joint Resolution No. 68. Please keep in mind I have not served in any of the United States Military Service Branches.

During the Vietnam conflict in South East Asia. Many of our young Alaska Natives served in the military when the Alaska Native allotments deadline filing date of December 18, 1971 was in effect.

I would like to make my statement brief and to the point. I whole heartedly support House Joint Resolution No. 68. Many of our Alaska Natives are deprived of receiving Native Allotments due to serving their country in a controversial war. Controversial on the home front as well as on the battle fields of Vietnam. The Vietnam War between the United States and Vietnam continues haunts many of our Alaska Natives.

I would like to share with you a healing process a Pt. Hope Vietnam Veteran uses due to the personal impact on his life. He continues to experience emotional and spiritual setbacks due to his involvement in Vietnam. When the Vietnam War conflict flashbacks occur...he goes into the country to relaxes by being alone. This is a common occurrence by Vietnam Veterans. The point is this man has been deprived of peace of mind and the only way he gets peace of mind is to be alone in his own country. He deserves to receive a Native Allotment. After all he fought for the United States of America. He fought for Old Glory. He fought for the beliefs and principles of his country. But the United States Government mandated a deadline date of December 18, 1971 for Native Allotment eligibility. All Alaskan Natives who served in the Vietnam War should be made eligible for Native allotments. After all they laid their life on the line when in active duty for our country and the United States of America owes them peace of mind. In our Alaska Native Cultures...peace of mind is being one with the earth, the environment and having a sense of belonging.

In closing, "The great law of culture: let each become all that he was created capable of being." A quote from Thomas Carlyle between 1795-1881. Our Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans are people of the land. Depriving them of Native Allotments is the greatest injustice for those who served in to fight for the beliefs and principles of

a democratic and free nation.

Please support House Joint Resolution No. 68. Thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of HJR No. 68.

Delbert L. Rexford

REPRESENTATIVE EILEEN MACLEAN

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 68

I am Arnold N. Brower Jr., a Vietnam Veteran honorably discharged. My time in service began in February 1968. I received an honorable discharge in January of 1971.

In delight of House Joint Resolution No. 68, I lend full support.

I appreciate this opportunity to speak for native veterans from the vietnam conflict. After all, the draft gave no choice of our future. Higher education of some sort would have been my preference in civilian life.

Those of us that went to Vietnam, it was a traumatic experience. Returning home relapses occurred, it was like a period of sobering up after drunkenness, except it took a long time for some veterans.

I received an early out discharge provided exceptance by an accredited college or school immediately upon discharge. Upon settling at home from attending Sheldon Jackson Jr College, I heard about the land allotments but I was told it was too late. At the time the ASRC or application office was in Barrow. Wesley Aiken and Jacob Adams were the personnel attending to the maps.

The issue started before the ANILCA passage. Apparently, the amendment never got submitted in Washington, D.C. Other issues considered in the past include the opt in, opt out provisions to the 1991 amendments. Provisions for 1991 issues allow children born after 1991 some privileges under the ANSCA law.

Alaska native veterans should apply same as those Alaska natives who applied for native allotments. The same allowance is comparable in the education paid by the military after a military discharge. Normally the veteran would have gone to further educational venture instead of military service by the draft. The military grants under the laws of the United States certain educational benefits a veteran he or she didn't receive because of service. Congress should pass the Alaska native veteran's allotment right to similiar benefits a veteran did not receive because of the military service provided. Alaska native veterans would have normally applied if they didn't go to War.

I urge this resolution to pass and forwarded to the congressional delegation for immediate passage. I urge all veteran posts and affiliation to support this important document. If an American citizen had a right before his service for his country, it must be restored after his service is no longer needed by the country. Aboriginal native rights of all Alaska natives was intended to be honored during the land claims act.

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To: **Chairman Ivan M. Ivan**
House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

From: **Johnny T. Hawk, President & Chief Executive Officer**
Callista Corporation

Date: **February 21, 1992**

Subject: **House Joint Resolution 68**

I am speaking for House Joint Resolution 68, which I feel is long overdue. It is good that the Alaska Legislature is recognizing the contributions of Alaska Natives who have served this great country of ours at a great sacrifice.

I believe this country should reward those who served their country in time of need rather than penalize them. Alaska Natives historically have proven themselves to be very patriotic and their record speaks for itself.

Some may say that those involved were wards of the government itself, so had the opportunity to participate in the Native Allotment Program. If they hold that belief, how many United States Department of the Interior personnel were willing to go to the front lines and enroll them? This holds true for those military personnel that were assigned to the four corners of the world at that time as well.

It is only fair that the State of Alaska urge the United States to open a window of opportunity for those affected to participate in a program beneficial to all eligible. This is a good time to do this because I have spoken to our Congressional Delegation personnel and they informed me that the Department of the Interior is reviewing land allotment applications at this time. Thus, now is the time to make this request on behalf of Alaska Native Veterans.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, on behalf of the many Native Veterans from the Callista Region for this and for the opportunity extended to us. It is very much appreciated.

cc: United States Veterans Affairs, Washington DC
Honorable Manual J. Lujan, Jr., Secretary of the Interior
Honorable Dan Quayle, Vice President of the United States
Ranking Members of U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate
Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore, U.S. Senate
Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
Honorable Ted Stevens, U.S. Senator
Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senator
Honorable Don Young, U.S. House of Representatives

RESOLUTION # 079

AMEND 1971 ANSCA/ANILCA LANDS CLAIM ACT

WHEREAS, Alaska Native allotments were closed during the Vietnam Era, having a closing date for filings of December 18, 1971; and

WHEREAS, because of the action of Congress during the Vietnam Era, many Native Alaskans participated in the Vietnam conflict; and

WHEREAS, those Native Alaskan Vietnam veterans were not notified, nor were aware of the Native Allotment issue while it happened; and

WHEREAS, these Native Alaskan Vietnam veterans were discriminated against by the actions of Congress in not being able to exercise their normal rights as free citizens to file entitlement applications during the Vietnam conflict; and

WHEREAS, many Vietnam veterans were eighteen years of age prior to induction and military service; and

WHEREAS, all Vietnam veterans served their country at the will of Congress and are entitled to any benefits that they normally would have received if not obstructed and/or informed because of this action; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Alaska, that the 1971 ANSCA/ANILCA Land Claims Act be amended to allow eligible Alaskan Native veterans a grace period of eighteen months from date of enactment to file entitlement applications.

Submitted by: John Guinn

Sponsored by: VFW Post 10041, Bethel - endorsed at General Membership meeting.

PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE IVAN

NAME: LEO LAND
TITLE:
ADDRESS: BOX 122
CITY: HAINES
PHONE: N/R-
BILL NO: HJR 68

ZIP: 99827

SUBJECT: REOPEN ALLOTMENTS FOR NATIVE VETERANS
MESSAGE: I HAVE TWO SONS, ONE VIETNAM VETERAN, ONE GERMANY VETERAN, WHO WERE NEVER WARNED TO FILE FOR THEIR NATIVE ALLOTMENTS, BEFORE DECEMBER 18, 1971. THERE ARE SOME WHO WILL OPPOSE THIS BECAUSE THEY THINK THEY HAVE TOO MUCH ALREADY. PUT THIS RESOLUTION ON THE FAST TRACK, PLEASE. IT COSTS US NOTHING SO WHY NOT.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE IVAN

NAME: CHICK GREENE
TITLE: NW ARCTIC BOROUGH MAYOR
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 1110
CITY: KOTZEBUE ALASKA
PHONE: 442-2500
BILL NO: HJR 68
SUBJECT: REOPEN ALLOTMENTS FOR NATIVE VETERANS
MESSAGE: SUPPORT URGING CONGRESS TO REOPEN THE NATIVE ALLOTMENTS PROCESS F
THE BENEFIT OF NATIVE MILITARY VETRANS.

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

DEAR: REPRESENTATIVE IVAN

NAME: DAN SNYDER JR.
TITLE: VIETNAM VET
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 226
CITY: KOTZEBUE ALASKA
PHONE: 442-3513

ZIP: 99752

BILL NO: HJR 68
SUBJECT: REOPEN ALLOTMENTS FOR NATIVE VETERANS
MESSAGE: I AM IN SUPPORT OF SEEING HJR 68 (MLV) PASSED AND SENT TO THE CONGR
FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. BEING A NATIVE & VIETNAM VETERAN I WAS NEVER MADE A
OF ALLOTMENT PROCESS AND BECAME AWARE AFTER DISCHARGE & DEADLINE.
REOPENING THIS PROCESS FOR VETERANS WOULD SHOW THAT THE U.S. APPRECIATES THOSE
THAT SERVE.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Rebecca Wright

From: Dave Fleurant 

Re: Victor Karmun

Date: October 17, 1988

Please forward the attached copies to Victor Karmun. The articles and letters address the issue of Vietnam era veterans and Native allotment claims. Also, please let him know that Mindy Gallagher, Realty Officer for the Tanana Chiefs Conference in Fairbanks, has been inquiring into this issue. Victor may want to contact Mindy (452-8251) for information and/or support.

Thank you.

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI
ALASKA

COMMITTEES:
VETERANS' AFFAIRS (RANKING MEMBER)
ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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United States Senate

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December 16, 1987

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Mr. Victor Karmun
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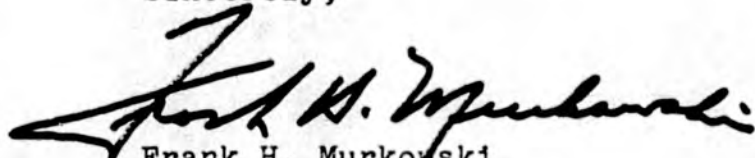
Dear Victor:

Thank you for your continued interest regarding reopening the Native Allotment Act for Alaska Native Veterans. I appreciate your arguments in support of such legislation.

As you know, the 1906 Native Allotment Act was repealed by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Additionally, the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act established a mechanism to approve all pending Native allotment applications. Thus, the Native Allotment Act would have to be reenacted to allow Native Alaska Veterans the chance to submit applications. Because of the extensive legislative action taken with regard to Alaska Native allotments thus far, I would not expect legislation to reestablish the program to meet with much success during this Congress.

At this point, I am not inclined to introduce legislation on this issue given the many Alaska lands issues currently facing the Congress. Victor, if you feel that you are entitled to an allotment but are finding your dealings with the appropriate agencies difficult, please feel free to contact me and provide the details of your situation. I will be happy to help in any way I can.

Sincerely,



Frank H. Murkowski
United States Senator

July 27, 1987

Miles Pierce
Alaska Senior Vice Commander
7414 Pamela Place
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I appreciate your consideration of my concerns regarding Native servicemen who have been deprived of the opportunity to obtain Native lands during and following military tenure.

To review my personal experience with this issue we need to return to when I was stationed in the U.S. Navy out of San Diego, California. While there I attempted to register with my Native corporation, NANA Regional Corporation, and register for land claims. I went to the Indian Center offices in San Diego where staff from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management and state personnel were employed. It was explained that because I was in government service and thus a ward of the government, I would not qualify for land under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). Several other Native individuals serving in the Navy and Marines were in the office at the time and shared my surprise with this policy. We had no prior knowledge of this, took it to be fact and as a result I ceased pursuing land until last year.

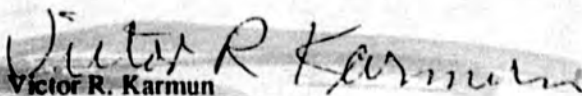
In 1986 when U.S. Senator Frank Murkowski visited Kotzebue I spoke with one of his aides and explained the details of my and other Native's predicaments. I was instructed to submit a memorandum explaining the circumstances and that cases "might" be considered on an individual basis.

Native Veterans, no matter where they were at the time of passage of ANSCA, should not be deprived of its inherent rights. Agreements made between the U.S. government and Natives should not be confused with or exclude Natives who were serving our government at the time of such agreements.

In particular, Vietnam veterans should not be subject to this policy. We sacrificed time, energy and effort for our country. When experiencing further personal losses, it becomes easy to conclude that our efforts may have been for naught.

I trust you will pursue this in my behalf and in behalf of other Native veterans who are adversely effected.

Sincerely,



Victor R. Karmun
CM VFW Post 8839
Box 343
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752
907-442-2799

WK - 442-3799

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THE ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM VETERANS ALLOTMENT AS PER THE 1971 ANSCA LAND CLAIMS ACT.

WHEREAS NATIVE ALLOTMENTS WERE CLOSED DURING THE VIETNAM ERA

WHEREAS ALASKA NATIVES WERE IN VIETNAM DURING THE NATIVE ALLOTMENT PROCESS

WHEREAS VIETNAM VETERANS IN VIETNAM WERE 18 PRIOR TO INDUCTION AND MILITARY SERVICE

WHEREAS THOSE VIETNAM VETERANS WERE NOT NOTIFIED ABOUT THE NATIVE ALLOTMENT ISSUE WHILE IT HAPPENED.

THEREFORE POST 9890 SEEKS SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION FOR FURTHER DOCUMENTATION TO CONGRESS FOR THE 1991 AMENDMENTS OF THE ANSCA/ANILCA.

PASSED THIS 20 DAY OF JUNE 1986

ADJUTANT N. A. Glen

POST COMMANDER

Arnold Brown

FILE



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Enrollment Coordinating Office
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IN REPLY REFER TO
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02/08/73

VICTOR RAY KARMUN
NAVY WEAPONS SCHOOL
MIRAMAR CA 92145

DEAR HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD,

WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT UNDER THE ALASKAN NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT OF DECEMBER 18, 1971 FOR THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS. IF MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY HAVE REGISTERED TO A DIFFERENT VILLAGE, THEY WILL BE LISTED ON A SEPARATE LETTER. IF ANY OF THE INFORMATION PRINTED BELOW IS NOT CORRECT PLEASE SEND US THE CORRECT INFORMATION NOW.

NAME	SOC SEC NO.	RELATION	BIRTHDATE
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KARMUN VICTOR RAY	574-10-7035	HEAD	03/12/193

A DECISION AS TO APPROVAL OF ENROLLMENT WILL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL EVIDENCE. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING BY THIS OFFICE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT YOUR APPLICATION IS APPROVED.

PLEASE KEEP THIS OFFICE INFORMED, BY MAIL, OF ANY CHANGE IN YOUR MAILING ADDRESS. ALSO, PLEASE HELP US BY TELLING YOUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS WHO ARE ALASKA NATIVES ABOUT THE NEED TO APPLY FOR ENROLLMENT BY MARCH 30, 1973. THANK YOU.

SINCERELY YOURS,

/S/ JOHN HOPE
NATIVE ENROLLMENT COORDINATOR

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NOTHING EVER CAME FROM
THIS.

I ATTENDED THE MEETING
HERE IN KOTZEBUE AND
NEVER HEARD FROM THEM
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RECEIVED JAN 22 1991

I CONTACTED HIS STAFF
AGAIN THIS IS AS FAR AS IT
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I NEVER HEARD FROM THEM
AGAIN

Victor R Karmun

ALASKA NATIVE REVIEW COMMISSION

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March 13, 1984

Mr. Victor Karmun
Box 16
Kotzebue, AK 99752

Dear Mr. Karmun:

Thank you for your call today. The problems related to vets and ANCSA are the kind of thing that would best be raised at a village meeting of the Commission. These meetings are now being scheduled and will take place over the next 10 to 12 months. There will be one in your area so I do hope you will come.

The village meetings for the Nana Region are being planned by Eileen MacLean and Mary Kancewick of the Commission staff. I will have them keep you advised of our plans.

Thanks for your call.

Yours very truly,



Don J. Gamble
Commission Coordinator

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cc: Mary Kancewick
Eileen MacLean

Victor R. Karmun
Box 343
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752

Congressman Don Young
2331 Rayburn House Office Bldg
Washington, D.C. 20515

Attn: Rick Agnew, Interior Committee Counsel

Dear Congressman Young,

I am writing in regards to the allotment application process denied to Alaska Natives enlisted in the military service when the "Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act" (ANCSA) was passed. I am enclosing correspondence with regard to this (enclosure 1) and would appreciate it if your office would assist me with this problem.

Congressman Young, Alaska Natives who were in the military service when ANCSA was passed should not have been denied the opportunity to apply for a native allotment. I have served twenty very productive years in the U.S. Navy with every intention of returning to Alaska. Since retiring from the U.S. Navy I have resided in Kotzebue, built a permanent home and plan to reside in Kotzebue for many years. However, I would like the opportunity to apply for a native allotment in the areas my family have been subsistence hunting and fishing for generations. As an active hunter and fisherman, Congressman Young, I am sure you can understand how important the opportunity to apply and receive a native allotment for subsistence purposes is to me. I would deeply appreciate any assistance your office could provide.

I realize that the legislative process in amending ANCSA to provide Alaska Native veterans an opportunity to apply for native allotments would be lengthy and possibly unproductive. However, I would like to inquire on an alternative administrative process through The Department of Interior. The new Secretary of Interior, Manuel Lujan, could recommend administrative changes to ANCSA initiated by the Alaska Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. to ensure that Alaska Native veterans, such as myself, are allowed our respective rights under ANCSA in applying for a native allotment. This would avoid an extensive legislative process of trying to get yet another amendment to ANCSA passed through Congress. I am aware of the many important Alaska lands issues you and Senators Stevens and Murkowski are considering; however, I cannot stress the frustration and disappointment of many Alaska Native veterans who have returned to Alaska to permanently reside; yet have no native allotment assigned for subsistence use.

Subsistence hunting and fishing is important to me and have been an important factor of my life. However, I cannot believe I would be denied, and continually so, the process of applying for a native allotment because I was classified a ward of the government during my years in the U.S. Navy! Congressman Young, I would appreciate your help with this very important process in correcting this injustice to Alaska Native veterans. Should you have any questions, you may reach me at 907-442-3799 (w) or 907-442-2799 (h).

Thank you for your assistance

With my kind regards,

Sincerely,

Victor R. Karmann
Victor R. Karmann

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15 March 1988

Mr. Victor Karmun
P. O. Box 343
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752

Dear Victor:

At your convience, would you please call me. My hours are
9 A.M. to 2 P.M. - also - please call collect.

Sincerely,



Marcia Kozie
Special Staff Assistant
Fairbanks

(907) 271-4104

April 21, 1967

Bruce Heston
SR Box 249
Kenny Lake, Alaska 99573

Dear Mr. Heston:

Reference our recent conversation concerning Vietnam veterans filing for Native allotments. Research reveals that you, as a veteran, are not the first to feel left out of the opportunity to acquire a Native allotment. First, some background information:

The Alaska Native Allotment Act, enacted May 17, 1906 and amended on August 2, 1956, authorizes the Secretary of Interior to allot not to exceed 160 acres of vacant, unappropriated and unreserved non-mineral land to Alaska Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts. Section 18 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) repealed the 1906 Act.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has been historically understaffed in Alaska, particularly in the Real Property programs. BIA field people usually consisted of school teachers, many of whom were not knowledgeable of land programs. As a result, not a great number of Natives were made aware that they could have applied for Native allotments. This is evidenced by the fact that only 51 applications were filed between 1906 and 1960. The advent of ANCSA generated another 1929 applications from 1961-1971.

Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC), contracted legal counsel for BIA Native allotment and land issues, has been involved in the earlier veterans' questions concerning opportunities to acquire Native allotments. It is ALSC's opinion, and I agree, that the best approach would be for you to amass a voting block and utilizing that strength, ask our congressional delegation to sponsor a special act on your behalf. You may find an unsympathetic audience as the 1991 issues, Native corporation- and state-selected lands is what currently holds public interest.

Enclosed are copies of news articles from the Bristol Bay Times, Anchorage Times and Tundra Times, stating thoughts nearly identical to your's. These articles may be helpful to you as leads in where you can pick up this issue.

Pursuant your request, enclosed is an Alaska Native Allotment Application and Evidence of Occupancy. If you complete this form it should be returned to this office. While it is not my position to discourage you from submitting an application for Native allotment, I must say that your efforts may be futile.

Also enclosed is a package from our most recent sale. If you are interested in any particular parcel, you may contact Rose Brady, Realty Specialist who handles sales.

I hope this information is helpful to you. I am sorry I cannot be more encouraging. Please contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Booher
Allotment Coordinator

Enclosures (3)

cc: Dave Fleurant, ALSC

cc: Reading File
Specialist's File

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Wassilie Kameroff
PO Box 47
Lower Kalskag, AK 99626

January 15, 1991

Ida Hildabrand
Alaska Native Foundation
PO Box 100278
Anchorage, AK 99510

RE: Missed out on Native Allotment because of
Military Service.

Dear Miss Hildabrand:

I have two people from Lower Kalskag: Crim Evan
and myself Wassilie Kameroff. We were in the
military service in 1971.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,


Wassilie Kameroff

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Roy Peratrovich, Superintendent
Anchorage Agency, P. O. Box 120
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
April 19, 1971

Ruralcap Development
David Stone, Regional Director
Box 256
Kotzebue, Alaska 99752

Dear Mr. Stone:

The Native Allotment Application of Frank A. McCafferty is herewith returned.

Mr. McCafferty can not file application while he is in the Navy. Use and occupancy of the land must be by the applicant and must be substantially continuous up to the present time.

When he is once again home using the land, we can then certify and file an application for him.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Dolores N. Roullier
Realty Specialist

DNR:ds

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July 28, 1986

/FIRST/ /LAST/
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Washington, D.C /ZIP/

Dear /TITLE/ /LAST/,

Attached you will find a resolution submitted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9890 of Barrow, Alaska.

On July 12, 1986, the Department of Alaska, Veterans of Foreign Wars Council of Administration voted unanimously to support this resolution asking for an amendment which would allow eligible Native Alaskan Veterans a grace period in which to file entitlement applications.

We respectfully submit this resolution for your consideration and sincerely implore you to go on record in support of the Alaskan Native Veteran.

Very truly yours,

Randell Kruse
State Commander

RK:GK:dj

A RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO AMEND 1991 LEGISLATION WITH ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM ERA ALLOTMENT ISSUE

WHEREAS, ALL ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM ERA VETERANS ^{WERE} ~~WE~~ 18 YEARS OF AGE AND,

WHEREAS, ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM ERA VETERANS WERE ~~WE~~ ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR NATIVE ALLOTMENT AND,

WHEREAS, CONGRESS AND US PREMATURELY CLOSED THE APPLICATION PERIOD TO QUALIFIED NATIVES WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE DRAFT PERIOD AND,

WHEREAS, THOSE VETERANS HAD RIGHTS PRIOR TO THE STATEHOOD OF ALASKA AND,

WHEREAS, NATIVES YOUNGER HAVE RECEIVED NATIVE ALLOTMENTS AND,

WHEREAS, VETERANS HAVE PREFERENCE RIGHTS IN STATEHOOD ACT OF ALASKA AND,

WHEREAS, TIME IS OF ESSENCE TO AMEND ANCSA/ANILCA AND 1991 CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION WITH ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM ERA VETERANS RIGHTS FOR EQUAL PRIVILEGES WITH OTHER ALASKA NATIVES UNDER THE ACT.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT _____ SUPPORTS THE AMENDMENT OF THE 1991 LEGISLATION WITH ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM ERA VETERANS REINSTATED,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM ERA VETERANS BE EXTENDED PRIVILEGE TO APPLY FOR NATIVE ALLOTMENTS

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ENROLLMENT AND OTHER PRIVILEGES BE REINSTATED TO QUALIFY THOSE VETERANS FOR ANCSA/ANILCA and 1991 LEGILATION.

Arnold Brower
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...going, guys.

On to the Pribilofs where residents are fighting to establish an economic base to counter the pullout of federal subsidies and programs.

St. Paul had gotten money for a harbor but St. George, which has a very thriving fishing industry, did not. At the very time that a fishing processing facility was opened the Alaska Legislature inexplicably didn't add funds to build a boat harbor.

Then came Gov. Bill Sheffield who transferred money from a mainly recreational harbor project on Latouche Island in Prince William Sound to give it to a working project in the Pribilofs.

More good news.

Then we hear that Sheffield wants to talk about Native Sovereignty rights and issues. We are a little reserved on this one because we fear that the talk may be that the Natives have none but we applaud the fact that a dialog may begin.

And in Venetie, a judge has ruled that a subsistence hunter could possess a caribou out of the state-dictated hunting season.

There are those who fear that the greater issue may not be well served by this decision and we share in those concerns but we also cannot ignore the individual case and express our relief that this case was decided in the defendant's favor.

So, we have no scorching editorial this week.

It was a week to feel good about the state of things while taking a rest from the very heavy matters of the world.



Help veterans on allotments

To the Editor:

Attention Alaska Native Veterans of Vietnam Era.

With respect to the Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans who did not apply for Native Allotments: I have been pursuing this issue for quite some time. I first wrote letters and applied for my allotment in 1974-75.

B.L.M. officials said, it's CLOSED! Sorry. I told them my situation/reason, but they said, sorry it's CLOSED.

I thought of a lawsuit but lack the funds. Slowly, I've gained support of local officials and they wrote letters to

the Alaska Delegation for me (Vietnam Veteran). Here is the basis of the appeal — because a lot of us were 18-19 years old when we graduated and had to get in Military Service in 1967-1968 till 1971-1972.

During that time was the final period of filing for Native Allotments. When we got home, a lot of us had not finished our education beyond high school and had to pursue it.

So we never were brought up to date on these vital issues and I believe we have at least achieved that right like everyone else.

After all, some younger than I have filed and are receiving their allotments.

I am soliciting other Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans' names so we may expedite this application and be counted as Alaska Natives in our rights.

Sincerely,

Arnold Brower Jr.
V.F.W. Post Commander
P.O. Box 402
Barrow, AK 99723

I wish to applaud the Alaska Delegation and the Local Government, Village Corporation in the North Slope.

Upgrade whaling equipment

To the Editor, Greetings:

And to the Eskimo subsistence whalers and to the Eskimo Whaling Commission. This letter is in reference to whalers and to the whales themselves.

Consider: each harpoon should have an electronic locator device built within each harpoon. This way the location of those whales struck but still on the run could be monitored as to the whale's whereabouts at all times.

This triangulation of electronic beeps underneath the water and ice, to know where the whale is, would enhance optimum retrieval of the set

whale quotas. Perhaps the use of a strong "knock-out" drug would also ensure maximum "landings" should a whale be wounded.

Modern technology should be used to aid in the location

of, and for the retrieval of whales.

Thank you for reading these considerations.

Sincerely,

Owen Francis Eben

Northern Tales

*Winter of the Northern darkness,
Of
Northern Dipper is North Star,
Northern spring open,
Northern life with your,
Northern light to bring
Northern Summer and
Midnight Sun.*

*Northern light never let yourself
too low in midnight sun,
Northern dipper so bright in sky,
Of the
North in cold clear night,
The north star of
Northern darkness, in
Northern Life.*

Andrew Kagak
Lompoc, California

V.F.W.



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March 16, 1988

Tony Principi, Minority Chief
Committee of Veterans Affairs
SR 414
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Principi:

In reference to the telephone conversation I had with you yesterday morning, I am including a Resolution passed by our VFW Post 10041 concerning the violated rights of Alaskan Native Vietnam Veterans that were deprived of filing under the ANSCA Land Claims act of 1971.

Because their rights as free citizens were taken away by Congress, many Alaskan Native Vietnam Veterans were discriminated against by Congress in not being able to participate in those benefits that they would have normally received.

Because of this action, there exists the possibility of a law suit against the action of Congress and/or their reluctance to correct a massive wrong that they have inflicted against those Alaskan Native Vietnam Veterans.

Has this been put on a back burner because of the feeling that it is a "Native" issue? The whole Alaska Native Land Claims Act of 1971 is a "Native" issue. Whether the Vet was an Alaskan Native or a native Alaskan, he did heed the call of his country and served her well. But because of this service to promote and guard freedom, Congress also deprived the Alaskan Native Vietnam Veteran from participating in the land allotment entitlements provided for under the ANSCA Land Claims Act of 1971.

It is our duty to correct this wrong.

Attached is VFW Post 10041 Resolution that directs that the 1971 ANSCA/ANILCA Land Claims Act be amended to allow eligible Alaskan Native Veterans a grace period of eighteen months from the date of enactment to file entitlement applications.

cc. Gary Kurpius, Dept. Adjutant
Hon. Senator Frank Murkowski
Earl Jones, Dept. Political Action
✓ Victor Karmun, Kotzebue
Burton Rexfield, Barrow
Jack Shields, VETS FORUM
Earl Stock, Com. in Chief
files

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John P. Guinn', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

John P. Guinn
Post Commander, Post 10041
Bethel, Alaska

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A RESOLUTION OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
POST NO. 10041, BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 88-01

- ENTITLED: A RESOLUTION OF VFW POST 10041 ASKING CONGRESS TO AMEND THE 1971 ANSCA/ANILCA LAND CLAIMS ACT TO ALLOW NATIVE ALASKAN VETERANS A GRACE PERIOD OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS FROM DATE OF ENACTMENT TO FILE ENTITLEMENT APPLICATIONS.
- WHEREAS: Alaskan Native allotments were closed during the Vietnam Era, having a closing date for filings of December 15, 1971; and
- WHEREAS: Because of the action of Congress during the Vietnam Era, many Native Alaskans participated in the Vietnam conflict; and
- WHEREAS: Those Native Alaskan Vietnam Veterans were not notified, nor were aware of the Native Allotment issue while it happened; and
- WHEREAS: These Native Alaskan Vietnam Veterans were discriminated against by the actions of Congress in not being able to exercise their normal rights as free citizens to file entitlement applications during the Vietnam conflict; and
- WHEREAS: Many Vietnam veterans were eighteen years of age prior to induction and military service; and
- WHEREAS: All Vietnam Veterans served their country at the will of Congress and are entitled to any benefits that they normally would have received if not obstructed and/or informed because of this action.
- March 15, 1988*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF VFW POST 10041, BETHEL, ALASKA, THAT THE 1971 ANSCA/ANILCA LAND CLAIMS ACT BE AMENDED TO ALLOW ELIGIBLE ALASKAN NATIVE VETERANS A GRACE PERIOD OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS FROM DATE OF ENACTMENT TO FILE ENTITLEMENT APPLICATIONS.

PASSED THIS 15TH DAY OF MARCH, 1988, BY A VOTE OF 20 YAYES AND 0 NAYS.

attest:

Michael A. Whalin
Post Adjutant

Michael A. Whalin

John P. Guinn
John P. Guinn
Post Commander, VFW Post 10041
Bethel, Alaska

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JUNE 25, 1986

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COMRADE COMMANDER RANDALL KRUSE,

COMMANDER KRUSE, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO WRITE YOU THIS LETTER. THE ISSUE IS VIETNAM VETERANS ALLOTMENT. IN 1971 CONGRESS PASSED THE ALASKA NATIVE LAND CLAIMS ACT. PART OF THIS ACT ENTAILED A DEC. 18, 1971 CLOSURE DATE FOR NATIVE ALLOTMENT FILING'S. SOME ALASKA VETERANS WERE 18 YEARS OF AGE WHICH WAS DETERMINED TO BE THE APPLICABLE AGE TO FILE FOR AN ALLOTMENT, PRIOR TO INDUCTION AND FILING DATE CLOSED ON THE 18TH OF DECEMBER, 1971. THERE WAS NO PROVISION TO NOTIFY THOSE ELIGIBLE VETERANS AND NO PERIOD OF GRACE TO FILE WHILE WE WERE OVERSEAS. THE ALASKA 1991 ISSUE IS NOW GOING BACK TO CONGRESS FOR AMENDMENTS AND WE SEEK THAT GRACE PERIOD FOR THE ALASKA VIETNAM VETERANS SO THAT THE ACT WOULD BEST REPRESENT ALL ELIGIBLE NATIVE ALASKANS. WE CANNOT QUALIFY FOR THOSE LOAN BENEFITS WHICH THE STATE SPONSORS THRU STATE LEGISLATION FOR THE KOREAN CONFLICT AND THE ASIATIC PACIFIC THEATERS HOWEVER, WE REQUEST SUPPORT THRU PROPER CHANNELS OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS. YOUR SUPPORT CERTAINLY WOULD HAVE A TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE IN ENCOURAGING OTHER VETERANS ORGANIZATION TO SUPPORT ALASKA VIETNAM VETERANS.

ALASKA SHOULD PARTAKE IN SOLIDIFYING THE FUTURE BENEFITS OF AMERICAN VETERANS, WE OWE IT TO OUR COUNTRY TO DO SOMETHING FOR ALASKA AND FUTURE VETERANS. AFTER ALL MILITARY PERSONEL SHOULD NOT BE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR BENEFITS DIMINISHING WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY. WE RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING AS TIME IS OF ESSENCE.

ARNOLD BROWER JR

Arnold Brower Jr.
POST COMMANDER POST 9890

DATE *June 25 1986*

POST ADJUTANT *Not Given*

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May 9, 1983

Mr. Craig Tillery
Alaska Legal Services
615 H Street, Suite 101
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Tillery:

I'm checking into the possibility of starting a class action suit on behalf of Alaska Natives who were deprived of the chance to apply for a Native Allotment because they'd been drafted or joined the military services, and were out of Alaska when applications were being gathered. I think this class could involve a significant number of people who missed an opportunity to claim their land through no fault of their own. Please let me know your opinion of the feasibility of such a suit. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Calvin Chase
Calvin Chase
Realty Assistant

January 10, 1984

Mr. Paul Johnson
Bureau of Land Management
Alaska State Office
701 C Street, Box 13.
Anchorage, Alaska 99513

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Reference is made to the Native allotment article published in the Daily News, January 4, 1984, concerning an out-of-court settlement between the Native applicants and the federal government for the Fannie Barr case. The article states that those that applied will be given another opportunity to acquire their land pursuant to the 1906 Native Allotment Act.

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the out-of-court settlement between the Native applicants and the federal government. First of all, I wish to serve notice to your office as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, that there are other Alaska Natives affected by the settlement that were totally left out of the land grants pursuant to the 1906 Native Allotment Act.

Secondly, I want to emphasize the fact that I am an Alaskan Veteran who believes that the out-of-court settlement should include all Alaskan Native Veterans as part of the settlement and give us the opportunity to apply for land pursuant to the 1906 Native Allotment Act. I, and possibly other concerned Alaskan Native Veterans, feel that we should be entitled to a Native allotment pursuant to the 1906 Native Allotment Act.

As a concerned Alaskan Native and an Alaskan Native Veteran, I felt compelled to write this letter to the federal government on behalf of other veterans who have individually approached me and expressed their concerns and desire to apply for a Native allotment. However, I wish to emphasize that I have pondered on this subject based on my own approach to what I felt was unconstitutional and unjust. Please bear with me and allow me to elaborate further on my own arguments.

Mr. Paul Johnson
January 10, 1984
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First of all, I want to emphasize that I believe I have an equitable argument to apply for a Native allotment pursuant to the Act, even though the deadline for applying for one has lapsed. My main argument stems from the fact that I was not provided constructive notice about the Native allotment program before I was removed from the State of Alaska to serve in the military. I firmly believe that my opportunity and right to apply for a Native allotment was taken away inadvertently by one branch of the federal government, this being the Department of the Defense.

During the time, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and those sub-contracted to assist Alaskan Natives to fill out their applications, I was within the State and strongly feel that I was eligible for the Native allotment program. I can reasonably argue that I was not provided constructive notice as a possible Native allotment applicant. Furthermore, being removed from the State before the December 18, 1971 deadline, consequently severed my right and opportunity to file and apply for a Native allotment. In addition, I recognize that I am not the only veteran that suffered the consequences because other veterans have approached me and there are possibly many more veterans who feel as I do. I firmly believe that all Alaskan Native Veterans have an equitable and justifiable argument to claim and apply for a Native allotment and should be provided due consideration.

Finally, if the Federal Government through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Land Management do not recognize and acknowledge this appeal, then I will have to seek other alternatives of gaining statewide recognition. I have taken the liberty to distribute copies of my letter to affected and interested agencies that may be willing to provide me with legal and technical assistance. Furthermore, I anticipate some reluctance from both Bureau offices, so I have made definite plans to broadcast my appeal through the media and newspapers to seek some support from all Alaskan Native Veterans, statewide.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Felix P. Hess

Felix P. Hess
Alaskan Native Veteran
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Mr. Paul Johnson
January 10, 1984
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September 24, 1985

Senator Ted Stevens
United States Senate
Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20510

Reference is made to your letter dated September 9, 1985 that included a response from the Department of Interior. To my dismay, I received an unfavorable response and please allow me to elaborate on some consequential problems I have with the response from the Interior Department.

It is ironic that the Department of Interior convey a negative tone regarding a major discrepancy which I still believe should be taken into consideration. Since my association with land and resource management, I have often contemplated the main function and the purpose of the Department of Interior's role in Alaska. I believe that if it was not for the Native Alaskan land claims and resources associated with the land, the Department of Interior would not even be in existence in Alaska. You and I know that the very existence of the Department in Alaska is to maintain the status quo in all land related functions and to promulgate the laws and related regulations in all land related issues.

In reference to the Department's response, I would like to take this opportunity to elaborate on two issues which I cannot accept. First, the Interior's response states that military personnel were provided adequate communication channels to Alaska by mail or telephone. I would argue that we had inadequate communication channels by mail or telephone because no one from the Bureau of Indian Affairs made a concerted effort to contact all military personnel about the native allotment program. I must emphasize that as a consequence, many Native veterans' opportunity to file for a native allotment was severed because we were not provided constructive notice by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and their contractees.

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Secondly, the Interior's response also states that military members were provided legal assistance through the services to assist them in the application process. Here again, I would argue that I was not provided any legal assistance from or through the military services even if such assistance was available. Concurrently, this discrepancy further emphasizes my first argument because the Bureau of Indian Affairs did not provide military personnel with constructive notice about the native allotment program. I know you may be thinking that this is a isolated case but you must ask yourself, "How many other Alaska Native veterans' fit this same category?"

As an American citizen, proud of his country and its Constitution, I believe that every individual and human being has rights and should be provided with due process of law. To negate this fundamental fact would be unconstitutional. That is what is currently happening Senator, the U.S. Supreme Court has traveled its journey in history books and has reached its final chapter. It seems that when a decision is handed down by the the U.S. Supreme Court, it has to rely on the merits of the U.S. Constitution. This transition is more prevalent today as we in Alaska are dealing with laws and regulations supported by our Congressional delegates in Washington, D.C.

I know for a fact, as a prominent and powerful Senator, you can be very influential in protecting the Constitutional rights of your constituents in Alaska, including Alaska Native veterans'. Even I recognize this hierarchy status symbol you presently hold, sometimes i begin to ask myself, "Did I vote for a man that is fair and does everything he can to protect and ensure the Constitutional rights of his fellow constituents in Alaska?" Consequently, your last campaign indicated that you are controlled and bought by big momopolies because of your position and ultimately your influence. A majority of your last campaigns financial support came from outside Alaska, especially from large monopolies.

Since the enactment of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, many open-ended flaws of the Act have been remedied through Congress. The Federal Government through various agencies controls some 225 million acres of land in Alaska, of which 80 million acres is controlled by various conservation system units pursuant to ANILCA. Since the inception of ANCSA, we have become private landowners through the ANCSA corporate structure. As private landowners we can work closely with the agencies responsible for a particular conservation system unit and initiate land management responsibilities cooperatively. I totally disagree with the Department's position concerning their significant policy problems. You must recognize that the problem is not only the Interior's problem but that it affects all lands subject to the Statehood Act of 1959, 1971 ANCSA Law and subsequently ANILCA of 1980. Policy guidelines and subsequent regulations have proven that these and many problems can be remedied as evidenced by amendments upon amendments and revised statutes, laws and regulations promulgated by Congress.

If I cannot convince you about the urgency of this native allotment discrepancy that cannot be remedied, then the only recourse I have is to examine the possibility of filing a class-action suit against the department of Interior. In my judgment, I believe, this to be the only way to ensure that every Alaska Native veteran be provided an opportunity to file for a native allotment. Then and only then will the Department of Interior have policy problems because major problems at the moment have dissipated and another tidal wave will land on their desks.

Before closing, I would like to share with you an elder women's response about your political affluence. Her statement was received by many listening to her concerning what a candidate does to get elected. She stated that when you campaign in Alaska you solicit votes from all Alaskan Natives and once you are elected, you are never heard from again. I take this very seriously because she recognizes politics as it exists today. I regret that this is not favorable but that many Native Alaskans are beginning to realize the power of politics and ultimately, we have entered into a political dilemma that affects our very existence.

Every piece of legislation handled in Congress either directly or indirectly affects us and to negate this fact, is the ultimate extinction of Alaska Native cultures and lifestyles.

I am hoping that as an influential and powerful Senator, you can seek remedies in insuring all Alaska Native veterans' have an opportunity to exercise their right of land ownership pursuant to the 1906 Native Allotment Act, even though it was revoked through ANCSA. I am still determined to seek statewide support from other affected Native veterans' and in doing so, will convey the negative tone from the Department of Interior.

Thank you for responding and giving me this opportunity to respond accordingly. Take the best of care and don't forget about your Alaskan constituents.

Sincerely yours,

Felix P. Hess

Felix P. Hess

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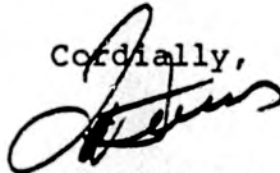
Dear Felix:

Enclosed is the reply from the Department of the Interior regarding our inquiry into the possibility of reopening the Native allotment program.

The Interior Department's opposition makes it virtually impossible to reopen the Native allotment program legislatively in Alaska. Sorry that Interior's response is not more favorable.

With best wishes,

Cordially,



TED STEVENS

Enclosure



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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Honorable Ted Stevens
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Stevens:

This is in response to your letter of June 21, 1985, concerning your constituent, Mr. Felix P. Hess. The issue discussed is the possibility of reopening the Native allotment program to Native veterans. You asked for an evaluation of the merits of reopening this program and whether there would be Departmental support for such action.

I have reviewed the issues brought forth by Mr. Hess and the policy questions that this reopening proposal would have on other potential allotment applicants and final title in Alaska. This review leads to the conclusion that the Department would not support such a reopening.

Mr. Hess provides two arguments for changing the law: lack of constructive notice of the allotment program and absence from the State during an application solicitation effort by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

During the period between the enactment of the Native Allotment Act of 1906 and the avalanche of applications in late 1971, approximately 2,000 applications had been filed. These numbers are in spite of the complexity of the filing process, language barriers, and cultural preferences for community rather than individual land ownership. While the later solicitation efforts of the BIA were also effective in gaining applications (another 7,400), this does not negate the existence and real role that allotments had played in the State for years.

A larger class of individuals must be considered in viewing the out-of-State absence issue. Many individuals may have been absent from Alaska at the time of the filing deadline for a variety of reasons, including public service, personal advancement, or illness. In this context, military members may have had some advantages as compared to the other out-of-State parties on getting information and preparing applications. In 1970, military members had adequate communication channels to Alaska by mail and telephone. Military members also had legal assistance through the services to assist them in the application process.

Since 1971, major transfers of land to the State and to Native corporations have occurred, and a new title issue would present significant policy problems. To reopen transferred lands to new application would unsettle title once again in Alaska for all parties.

I have enclosed a copy of a response from the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, to another inquiry from Mr. Hess on this topic. This is provided for informational background.

Sincerely,

/s/ James E. Cason

Assistant Secretary - Land and
Acting Minerals Management

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April 9, 1985

Senator Frank Murkowski
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murkowski:

First of all, on behalf of the 60,000 veterans in Alaska, I would like take this opportunity to congratulate you as the newly appointed Chairman of the Veterans' Committee. I am optimistic that as Chairman of the Veterans' Committee, your dedication and influence in veterans' affairs will greatly enhance the status of veterans' in Alaska and the continental United States.

I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet Marsha Jones, one of your dedicated staff during the recent Alaska Federation of Natives Special 1991 March Convention. In my brief meeting with her, she recommended that I write to you concerning a land allotment issue I am pursuing as an Alaska Native veteran. Bear with me and allow me to elaborate in what I believe to be an inconsistent bureau policy by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Land Management.

In my opinion, there exists some irregularities regarding the implementation of the 1906 Native Allotment Act. Although I realize the deadline for filing for a native allotment has lapsed since the enactment of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, I feel that an injustice on behalf of Alaska Native veterans' was instigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Land Management. I have developed possibly two valid arguments which I feel should be considered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Land Management.

My first argument is based on the fact that I was not provided constructive notice about the native allotment program by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and its contractees. My review of the basic requirements for filing for a native allotment indicated that I was eligible for a native allotment pursuant to the 1906 Native Allotment Act. I was residing in the State of Alaska prior to the December 18, 1971 deadline, but consequently was unaware of the native allotment program. My opportunity to file for a native allotment was severed because I was not provided constructive notice about the native allotment program by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Land Management should take this into consideration.

Secondly, I strongly feel that my opportunity to file for a native allotment was severed when another branch of the federal government inadvertantly removed me from the state to serve in the military. I was inducted into the military during the most critical time when the Bureau of Indian Affairs and its contractees processed approximately 8,000 native allotment applications during a nineteen month period. I sincerely believe that many Alaska Native veterans' feel as I do regarding this dilemma because many of us returned to our respective communities only to realize that we were omitted from the native allotment program based on our absence.

I strongly feel that every eligible Alaskan Native that met the requirements should have been given the opportunity to file for a native allotment, especially the Alaska Native veterans' that were not present in Alaska during the nineteen month period when the Bureau of Indian Affairs and its contractees processed approximately 8,000 native allotment applications. Omitting eligible Alaskan Native veterans' from the native allotment program is unjustified and some possible remedies to this inconsistency should be considered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Land Management.

Enclosed you will find a copy of my letter to the Bureau of Land Management and their response regarding my efforts to apply for a native allotment. Their response indicates their unwillingness to consider my arguments and that is the main reason I am writing to you to shed some light in what I feel is a discrepancy that can only be resolved in the halls of Congress. As Chairman of the Veterans' Committee, I am petitioning you on behalf of other Alaska Native veterans' to seek remedies and grant us the opportunity to file for a native allotment. In essence, what I am seeking is concurrence from our delegates in Washington, D.C. on this issue and would appreciate a response from you and your fellow Senator and Congressman.

As soon as I receive some positive response from our Congressional delegates, I plan to seek statewide support from Alaskan Native veterans' and encourage them to contact me so that I can evaluate how many Alaskan Natives are affected by this discrepancy.

Your interest and concern on this issue would be greatly appreciated and I will be patiently waiting for your response. Take the best of care in whatever you do for your constituents back in Alaska and may the good Lord be with you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Felix P. Hess

Felix P. Hess

encl: letter to BLM and their response

cc: Senator Ted Stevens
United States Senate
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Mr. Felix P. Hess
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Dear Mr. Hess:

In reply to your letter of January 10, 1984, please be advised that there are no legal provisions for you to now file a Native allotment application. At this time, your only recourse is to go to Congress for relief.

The Native Allotment Act was passed by Congress May 17, 1906, and not repealed until December 18, 1971, almost 65 years later. In anticipation of a settlement of Native Rights, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) made a concentrated effort to publish in the papers and post in villages information about the allotment act. This happened for quite some time before the Act was repealed. The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act provided for a savings clause of all applications already filed.

The Fannie Barr settlement concerned applicants who had actually filed before December 18, 1971, but the applications were lost by a contractor of BIA (Ruralcap).

I am sorry, Mr. Hess, that nothing can be done for you at this level of government.

Sincerely,

Paul O. Johnson
Chief, Native Allotment Section

January 27, 1984

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ALASKA NATIVE VETERANS

This is an open letter to all Alaskan Native Veterans, who without question and dedication served in one of Armed Forces for the United States Government.

I am an Alaskan Native Veteran attempting to seek Statewide support from all affected veterans. I have written a formal appeal to the Federal Government through the Offices of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Land Management in attempting to apply for a Native allotment pursuant to the 1906 Native Allotment Act.

In my appeal, I tried to envision and emphasize the consequences suffered by all Alaskan Native Veterans throughout Alaska. My argument emphasizes the fact that I was not provided constructive notice about the Native allotment program even though I was an eligible Alaska Native, during the time the Bureau of Indian Affairs and its contracted helpers were assisting Alaskan Natives fill out applications for a Native allotment. Furthermore, my opportunity and right to file for a Native allotment was severed by another branch of the federal government, because I was removed from the State to serve in the military. If I was not removed from the State before the December 18, 1971 deadline and provided constructive notice, I would have applied properly and legally along with my peers who have applied.

I strongly feel that we were unduly subjugated to be omitted from the Native allotment program merely because we were inadvertently removed from the State and not provided constructive notice by the Bureau of Indian Affairs or its contractees. This to me proves that our right and opportunity to file for a Native allotment should be recognized and given due consideration.

Editor, Tundra Times
January 27, 1984
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Your support and comments would be greatly appreciated and together we can justify our claim for land pursuant to the 1906 Native Allotment Act. Please write to me so that I can determine how many other Alaska Native Veterans are affected. Work phone (907) 279-5516.

Sincerely,

Felix P. Hess

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Native veterans seek land claim

by A.J. McClanahan
Times Writer

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Fifteen Alaska native armed forces veterans who served in Vietnam during the late 1960s and early 1970s have asked for help from Alaska Legal Services Corp., charging that because of their overseas service they missed the chance to participate in a native land allotment program.

The ranks of native veterans who feel disenfranchised may be as high as 100, said a Bureau of Indian Affairs spokesman. Most government and native legal officials contacted say the claims have little chance of being granted, but add that, at the very least, the veterans deserve sympathy on moral grounds.

The agency that administers the program, however, says there is no basis for the veterans' complaints. Bureau of Land Management spokesman George Gurr said Tuesday, "A person had from 1906 to 1971 to file. When you give people 60 years to file, nobody can say 'I didn't have a chance.'"

One veteran who feels he didn't get a fair shake is Larry Ring, who was out of Alaska during 1969-71, serving with the Navy in Vietnam.

Ring's claim is based on the



LARRY RING
Feels 'discouraged'

1906 Native Allotment Act, which allowed individual natives to get restricted title to parcels of up to 160 acres of land which were traditionally used for hunting, fishing, trapping or homesites.

That act was repealed by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act; no applications for allot-

ments were allowed after December 1971.

Ring, now 32, said he was unaware of the allotment program before he left, and when he returned he didn't learn about it until it was too late.

"I just let it go," he said.

But Ring, who has been unemployed for the last 16 months, said he decided recently that something should be done about his case because he wants the land. He said he can't afford to hire an attorney, so he turned to Alaska Legal Services Corp. The agency, however, declined to take his case.

"We think there is no legal argument or a very weak legal argument," attorney Fred Eyerly said, explaining that about 15 native veterans have contacted Alaska Legal Services with similar requests. "Legally they may not have much of a claim, but morally they do."

Charles Bunch, Bureau of Indian Affairs real estate officer, said the number of native veterans who missed getting allotments could be as many as 100. He thinks they have a moral argument, because so few people knew about allotments until a couple of years before the application period ended.

"The problem is that up until

the 1930s or '40s there were no BIA people in Alaska to tell people this program existed," he said. Few natives knew about it until a statewide drive led by Rural Alaska Community Action Program was undertaken in the late 1960s to get natives to apply, he explained. Some 7,500 did, and most of those applications are still being processed by the BLM.

Bunch said natives who were in Vietnam during the drive don't have a legal argument.

"It's the law. The law was on the books, and people are supposed to know the law. But that's a dream world. People don't really know the law," he said.

Joseph Baldwin, a Federal Aviation Administration engineer, also is a native veteran. He served in the Army from 1966-67 and 1968-69. He has researched the possibility of filing a late application but has concluded it is not possible.

He thinks Ring should work with veterans groups to try and seek congressional action of the issue.

Ring, meanwhile, said he is getting pretty discouraged about the whole issue.

"It makes me feel about that big," he said, holding his thumb and forefinger an inch apart. "You do all these good things for the government and you don't get anything."

State backs lease incentives

Times Washington Bureau

Washington — The state of Alaska Wednesday came out squarely against legislation that would remove incentives for the state, local entities or universities to lease, rather than buy, buildings and equipment.

In a statement submitted to the House Ways and Means Com-

nanced many facilities constructed and owned by taxable entities, but leased by the state or other political subdivisions. These include 11 facilities in cities throughout Alaska, including Anchorage, Juneau, Akutan, Valdez and Dillingham. The amounts financed have ranged from \$250,000 to \$7.2 million, Sheffield said.

in Fairbanks and Juneau.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. J.J. Pickle, D-Tex., is aimed at curbing the spiraling federal deficit. Treasury Department officials endorsed the measure at Wednesday's hearing. Use of the leasing arrangements has grown rapidly due to new incentives and liberalized depreciation rules granted to business in the 1981

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guidance over Natives.³⁷ The Senate investigating committee concurred when advising that responsibility for Native welfare should be assumed by government agents.³⁸ The Emmons report on Alaska conditions discussed the American Fur Company's perpetuation of a paternal system of employing Native hunters and fishermen and looking after their welfare—which also kept them thoroughly dependent.³⁹

Eskimos were in want of schools, hospitals, rigid enforcement of liquor laws and realistic game laws but particularly needed "a system of careful supervision, instruction and advice to lead them toward self-support."⁴⁰ *In re Sah Quah*⁴¹ said the Natives were "practically in a state of pupilage... similar to that of a ward to a guardian," and the 1906 General Land Office Report said it was the "plain duty which our government owes to them as guardian" to aid Natives in every possible manner to develop.⁴² These official declarations tend to establish the origins of the U. S. government's relationship to Alaska Natives in a context separate and distinct from the land-related trust responsibilities subsequently embodied in the 1906 Alaska Native Allotment Act. In that respect, the history leading up to the enactment of the allotment act tends to confirm that by the beginning of the twentieth century the federal government equated the status of Alaska Natives with that of Native Americans generally.

B. Substantive Provisions of the Native Allotment Act = 1906,

The operative section of the 1906 act provides that:

The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered, in his discretion and under such rules as he may prescribe, to allot not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres of nonmineral land in the district of Alaska to any Indian or Eskimo of full or mixed blood who resides in and is a Native of said district, and who is head of a family or twenty-one years of age, and the land so allotted shall be deemed the homestead of the allottee and his heirs in perpetuity, and *shall be inalienable and nontaxable until otherwise provided by Congress*. Any person qualified for an allotment as aforesaid shall have the preference right to secure by allotment the nonmineral land occupied by him not exceeding 160 acres (emphasis added).⁴³

Compared to the General Allotment Act, the 1906 Alaska Act makes qualification appear simple. To obtain a preference right to a maximum of 160 acres of nonmineral land the applicant had only to 1) reside in Alaska, 2) be an Alaska Native, 3) be 21 or head of a family, and 4) meet whatever incidental requirements the secretary might lawfully prescribe. Upon Department of the Interior approval, the applicant and his heirs received a perpetual "homestead"; however, the land could not be alienated or taxed until otherwise provided by Congress.

Tundra Times - 4/20/85

Help veterans on allotments

To the Editor:

Attention Alaska Native Veterans of Vietnam Era.

With respect to the Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans who did not apply for Native Allotments: I have been pursuing this issue for quite some time. I first wrote letters and applied for my allotment in 1974-75.

B.L.M. officials said, it's CLOSED! Sorry..I told them my situation/reason, but they said, sorry it's CLOSED.

I thought of a lawsuit but lack the funds. Slowly, I've gained support of local officials and they wrote letters to

the Alaska Delegation for me (Vietnam Veteran). Here is the basis of the appeal - because a lot of us were 18-19 years old when we graduated and had to get in Military Service in 1967-1968 till 1971-1972.

During that time was the final period of filing for Native Allotments. When we got home, a lot of us had not finished our education beyond high school and had to pursue it.

So we never were brought up to date on these vital issues and I believe we have at least achieved that right like everyone else.

After all, some younger than I have filed and are receiving their allotments.

I am soliciting other Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans' names so we may expedite this application and be counted as Alaska Natives in our rights.

Sincerely,

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I wish to applaud the Alaska Delegation and the Local Government, Village Corporation in the North Slope.

Alaska native armed veterans who served in during the late 1960s have asked for Alaska Legal Services arguing that because of service they deserve a chance to participate

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ments were allowed after December 1971. Ring, now 32, said he was unaware of the allotment program before he left, and when he returned he didn't learn about it until it was too late. "I just let it go," he said. But Ring, who has been unemployed for the last 16 months, said he recently that

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Dillingham

Mayor seeks help for too-late allotment applicants

Togiak Mayor Emma Ayojiak-Carlos is collecting names of Alaska Natives who were eligible for 160-acre allotments prior to 1971, but who never received or applied for the land.

Thirty-five Togiak residents have signed up so far, Carlos said, but she hopes to receive more before taking the list to Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC).

"Individuals who were late filers, uninformed, misinformed, unadvised, uneducated or persons who were simply ignored and those that were away in high school, away from the state, in Vietnam at the time, these are the people I want to hear from," she said.

Carlos said the names will be forwarded to the ALSC in hopes of receiving some legal redress for Natives who were eligible for the land allotment prior to 1971, when passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act ended the allotment program.

A similar effort on behalf of Native Vietnam veterans is being spearheaded by Felix Hess of Nunapitchuk. Carlos said she hopes to coordinate her efforts with Hess' and perhaps file a class action suit such as was recently settled between Native fishermen and the state Limited Entry Commission.

ALSC in Dillingham has collected more than 860 names of Natives who believe they may be eligible for limited entry fishing permits, according to staff attorney Sidney Watson. Another 300 late permit applications are still being processed and those that meet the criteria outlined in the settlement will be forwarded to the commission for review, probably by July, Watson said.

ALSC Allotment Program Coordinator Dave Fleurant in Anchorage said he has discussed the allotment issue with Carlos, and indicated his office would check the names submitted to see if those listed might have been eligible or if their applications are still being processed by the BLM.

Asked if he thought there might be grounds for a class action suit on behalf of those who did not apply, Fleurant said, "That's possible."

An alternative might be a political approach, he added.

Carlos said that Natives who believe they have been wrongfully denied a land allotment are asked to call 493-5820 during regular business hours, or write Box 99, Togiak, AK 99678. Name, address, birthdate and Social Security numbers are requested.