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Chuck -

I have penciled
an "X" on the backs
of some draft letters that
were done on the backs of scrap
paper . . . so, penciled "X"s
~~are~~ in this file means "Do not film".

Vicki



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December 7, 1979

*Sent to all Jt. Com. mbrs.
as well as attached list.*

The Local Government Study Committee will be holding a public hearing in Delta Junction, Saturday, December 15, on the subject of creation of regional boundaries in the unorganized borough. The hearing will be held in the lobby of the Delta Junction High School at 2 p.m.

The Committee will be discussing the following proposed legislation:

Creation of Regional Units

Geographic, regional boundary lines will be developed for the collection of data for planning and programing purposes. The bill will provide for the division of the State's single unorganized borough into unorganized boroughs by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs after public hearings in the areas affected. The Regional Educational Attendance Areas, and/or combinations thereof, will be considered the regional units subject to public hearing modification.

Home Rule

Legislation will provide that regional units may incorporate as home rule municipalities without prior incorporation as a first class municipality. The Local Boundary Commission would be involved in determining the acceptability of the regional unit boundaries and the compliance of such boundaries with borough incorporation standards.

In addition, legislation will be introduced which allows for the reclassification of second class boroughs as home rule municipalities without first adopting first class status.

Regional Strategy Study Fund

The Regional Strategy Study Fund would provide monies to be used for regional studies which would address economic, social and physical factors present in the regional unit. The studies would also address the feasibility and viability of

local government formation. The Fund would be administered by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs which would consider proposals for a study after having been petitioned by a representative segment of the population of the regional unit.

Foundation Approach

The feasibility of a foundation approach for the delivery of basic services (i.e., public safety, health and sanitation, and public assistance). This approach would establish a basic level of service delivery for all residents of Alaska, in addition to education, which is already covered.

Sincerely,

Senator Arliss Sturgulewski
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November 29, 1979

Mr. Bruce Aronson
City Manager
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P.O. Box 329
Petersburg, Alaska 99833

Dear Bruce:

I have not forgotten your interest in the Local Government Study. It was the wish of the Co-Chairman of the Committee, Representative Bill Parker, that we go through the process of the public hearings before making firm decisions of what the legislative approach would be. Now that the public hearings are completed, with one exception - that being Delta Junction, who has asked us to come to their area for a public hearing - we have in fact determined the legislative approach which we will consider.

As soon as we have the concept prepared, we will see that you and others are copied with information. Once the Session is under way, public hearings will be set so that there will be opportunities for comment.

As I indicated at the Sitka meeting, it is no longer my intention, and I believe that of Representative Parker, to pursue the idea of "un-organized boroughs within the larger organized borough assemblies" approach. It seems to me that the testimony we received, including letters such as yours, plus further reflection and study, indicate that we would be institutionalizing a costly intermediate area of government that would truly be a half approach.

I have every intention of working closely with the Alaska Municipal League to address legislative concerns of the Municipal League, as well as responding to specific concerns brought to the attention of the Committee. I know that you have felt more attention should have been paid this Session to the organized governments, and yet the survey done by the Municipal League at the end of the last Session, did not indicate major areas of concern being evident by organized governments. The great bulk of legislative proposals received last Session had been in the area of rural and "unorganized" areas of the State. Therefore, it seems to me logical that our major thrust was in that area. I really do

Mr. Bruce Aronson

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November 29, 1979

appreciate your interest and offer of assistance and I look forward to hearing from you as we consider items affecting local government during this next session.

Sincerely,

Senator Arliss Sturgulewski
Co-Chairman

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November 29, 1979

Ms. Irene M. Adams
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Dear Irene:

As I promised you, I am sending a complete copy of the material received from Mr. Milt Barker, Fiscal Analyst for the Legislative Finance Division, relating to financial disincentive to borough formation.

As you know from my presentation, I am intensely interested in the outcome of the discussion on a revised foundation program for school support. The "in-lieu" funds presently included create a major disincentive to formation of regional governments and although it presents a difficult equity, I am very pleased that the Committee working on the revised foundation plan, seems willing to address the issue.

I will look forward to further communication with the Committee.

Sincerely,

Arliss Sturgulewski
Senator

Enclosure

November 29, 1979

Mr. James Edwards
McCarthy
Via Glenallen, Alaska 99588

Dear Mr. Edwards:

I understand that you called the Legislative Information Office requesting information about the unorganized boroughs and that the Anchorage Office mailed you certain information from the Constitution and Statutes pertaining to the subject. It seems to me that you will find of interest the study being conducted by the Joint Senate and House Community and Regional Affairs Committee of the Legislature.

Enclosed please find the first report submitted by the Joint Committee. This material was prepared prior to the Committee's traveling to the various parts of the State, conducting public hearings on a number of the concepts that are set forth in the report. As a result of the public hearings and the development of further information, we will be recommending specific legislation to the upcoming session of the Legislature.

If you have further specific questions regarding the progress of this study, I would be very happy to hear further from you.

Sincerely,

Arliss Sturgulewski
Co-Chairman

Enclosure

November 29, 1979

TO: Joint C&RA Committee Members

FROM: Senator Arliss Sturgulewski
Co-Chairman

SUBJECT: Status of Coastal Resource Service Area Organization

As you may know, the Senate and House Community and Regional Affairs Committees will have four coastal resource service area plans in this year for consideration. Additionally, a number of coastal resource service areas are in the organizational process. I thought it would be of interest to you to see the status of some of the proposed plans. You will be receiving information at the beginning of the Session as to the specific plans that have been completed. These plans have to go to the Coastal Policy Council for their consideration and possible adoption. After the Council acts, they will submit the plans to the Senate and House Community and Regional Affairs Committees for their consideration and action.

Enclosures

November 23, 1979

TO: Jan Erickson
Office of Coastal Management
Marge Gorsuch, AA
Local Government Study Staff
Gene Walsh, AA
Local Government Study Staff

FROM: Arliss Sturgulewski, Co-Chairman
Local Government Study

SUBJECT: DCRA's Amendment to RSA

I would like to make the following comments on the material from Jan Erickson regarding the revised DCRA's Amendment to RSA for the unorganized borough study. I agree that the completion date for the study should be November 30, 1980, or thereabouts, so that the proposed legislative changes can be considered during the 1981 Session.

Page 4 refers to the purpose of the study - "to examine all the possible options now available or possible for legislative change to effectively plan for and manage coastal resources in the organized borough." It seems to me it might be important to add more explanation to the fact that any changes must be considered in light of possible future organization of local governments. I think special attention needs to be paid to the fact that we do not want to institutionalize any methods that might be barriers toward forming local government. Local government would have the ability, of course, to solve any zoning or implementation of coastal plans.

Page 5 talks about various dates, products and schedules. It is obvious from these dates that there will likely be no developments of the study that will affect the outcome of the legislation during the 1980 Session. Nevertheless, it would be helpful to write in a mandate that there be a sharing of the proposal with the respective Senate and House Community and Regional Affairs Committees.

Pages 8 and 9 talks about specific questions to be addressed. It seems to me that you ought to include questions that would be relevant to the legislation that is being proposed. For example, in Item G you are talking about trends. In the event that legislation is passed, as is currently being considered by the Joint C/RA Committees, definite impacts can be ascertained immediately, as well as new trends, which are being established.

Nov. 26, 1979

Mr. Robert Newlen, Sr.
Box 85
Noorvik, Alaska

Dear Robert,

We appreciated meeting with you and residents of Noorvik on Saturday, Nov. 17. The public hearing gave members of the Local Government Committee an opportunity to see your community for the first time; to learn of some of the problems you are experiencing; and to receive valuable comment on the ideas being considered for legislative action by the Committee.

We were pleased that you helped moderate the meeting and served as translator for us. You helped to make the meeting a true sharing of ideas and concerns.

We will continue to advise you of any legislative action being developed by the Committee for the Second Session of the Eleventh Legislature. Our visits to the villages have helped substantially in determining the direction any Committee action will take.

Yours truly,

Arlas Stungulewski

Bill Parker

Nov. 20, 1979

Mr. and Mrs. J. Schaeffer
Box 49
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Dear Mary and John,

We appreciated meeting with you and residents of Kotzebue on Friday, Nov. 18. The public hearing gave members of the Local Government Committee an opportunity to see your community; to learn of some of the problems you are experiencing; and to receive valuable comment on the ideas being considered for legislative action by the Committee.

Mary, our thanks for all your assistance in helping to plan for the hearing. Everything worked out so smoothly thanks to your competent arrangements.

John, your testimony was a significant statement of NANA's concerns related to the formation of regional government and we appreciated your thoughtful consideration of the concept.

We will continue to advise you of any action program being considered by the Committee for the upcoming legislative session.

Yours truly,

Senator Arlie Sturgulewski

Rep. Bill Parker

Nov. 20, 1979

Senator Frank Ferguson
Box 131
Kotzebue, Ak. 99752

Dear Frank,

We appreciated meeting with you and residents of Kotzebue on Friday, Nov. 16. The public hearing gave members of the Local Government Committee an opportunity to see your community; to learn of some of the problems you are experiencing; and to receive valuable comment on the ideas being considered for legislative action by the Committee.

The testimony received from you and the other participants both in Kotzebue and Noorvik is being reviewed and we will keep you advised of any legislative action being considered for the legislative session.

Our thanks to you for sending Robert Newland along to Noorvik with us. He was most helpful as a translator and our hearing in Noorvik was most successful. What a warm and hospitable community! We had excellent attendance at the hearing and also were able to attend a basketball game between Noorvik and Kiana.

Again, our thanks for attending the hearing.

Yours truly, ...

Senator Arliss Sturgulewski .

Rep. Bill Parker

Nov. 20, 1979

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Moore
P.O. Box 186
Kotzebue, Ak. 99752

Dear Catherine and Gene,

We appreciated meeting with you and residents of Kotzebue on Friday, Nov. 16. The public hearing gave members of the Local Government Committee an opportunity to see your community, some of them for the first time; to learn of some of the problems you are experiencing; and to receive valuable comment on the ideas being considered for legislative action by the Committee.

Special thanks to you both for your hospitality and company. We were pleased to know that you are enjoying your experience in rural Alaska—it is obvious that your enthusiasm is well received.

We will continue to keep you informed of any action the Committee plans for the legislative session and please do not hesitate to write any additional thoughts you may have on the subject of regional government in the unorganized borough.

Yours truly,

Sen. Arliss Sturgulewski

Rep. Bill Parker

Nov. 19, 1979

Ms. Elsie Williamson
Clerk
City of Noorvik
Box 146
Noorvik, Alaska

Dear Elsie,

We appreciated meeting with you and residents of Noorvik last weekend. The public hearing gave members of the Local Government Committee an opportunity to see your community for the first time; to learn of some of the problems you are experiencing; and to receive valuable comment on the ideas being considered for legislative action by the Committee.

Special thanks to you, Elsie, for handling all of the arrangements for the meeting. Everything went so smoothly-- thanks to your good planning. Noorvik was certainly a highlight of the public hearing trips we have made. We felt most encourage to find three dynamic young people involved in City government and we know that the future holds much promise for you and the people you serve. Competent leadership is so vital for rural Alaska and we need more women involved in providing that leadership.

We will keep you informed of any action the Committee plans to take during the upcoming Legislative Session.

Yours truly,

Senator Arliss Sturgulewski

Representative Bill Parker

Nov. 20, 1979

Mr. Louis Connack
Mayor
City of Noorvik
Box 146
Noorvik, Alaska

Dear Louis,

We appreciated meeting with you and residents of Noorvik last weekend on October 17th. The public hearing gave members of the Local Government Committee an opportunity to see your community for the first time; to learn of some of the problems you are experiencing; and to receive valuable comment on the ideas being considered for legislative action by the Committee.

Our thanks for your hospitality. Noorvik was certainly a highlight of the public hearing trips we have made and ended the hearings on a very positive note. We felt most encouraged to find three dynamic young people involved in City government and we know that the future holds much promise for the people you serve. Competent leadership is so vital for rural Alaska!

Thank you for your help, Louis. We will keep you informed of any action the Committee plans to take during the Legislative Session.

Yours truly,

Senator Arliss Sturgulewski

Representative Bill Parker

Nov. 20, 1979

Mr. Jake Walls
Administrator
City of Noorvik
Box 146
Noorvik, Alaska

Dear Jake,

We appreciated meeting with you and residents of Noorvik on October 17, 1979. The public hearing gave members of the Local Government Committee an opportunity to see your community for the first time; to learn of some of the problems you are experiencing; and to receive valuable comment on the ideas being considered for legislative action by the Committee.

Noorvik was certainly a highlight of the public hearings trips we have made. It is encouraging to find three dynamic young people involved in City government and we know that the future holds much promise for the people you serve. Competent leadership is so vital for rural Alaska!

Our thanks for your hospitality. The basketball game was enjoyable, as was the movie. And the accommodations and food were excellent. Thank you for all your help, Jake. We will keep you informed of any action the Committee plans to take during the Legislative Session.

Yours truly,

Senator Arliss Sturgulewski

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Mr. Carl Jack, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Jack,

In reviewing the tapes of the public hearing held in Bethel on Sept. 28 on the subject of regional government in the unorganized borough, we noted your mention of a resolution passed by AVCP in support of a study to explore the feasibility of borough government in your area. We would appreciate having a copy of that resolution for our files.

Your testimony at the hearing was a significant statement of AVCP's position and added substantially to our knowledge of what the people in your region are thinking in regard to regional government.

We will look forward to receiving a copy of the position paper.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marjorie Gorsuch".

Marjorie Gorsuch
Administrative Assistant



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Nov. 8, 1979

Dick and Linda Barber
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Dear Dick and Linda,

We appreciated meeting with you and residents of Venetie on October 19, 1979. The public hearing gave members of the Local Government Committee an opportunity to see your community, most of them for the first time; to learn of some of the problems you are experiencing; and to receive valuable comment on the ideas being considered for legislative action by the Committee.

We want to thank you for the hospitality you extended the group. Especially, Linda, your thoughtfulness in feeding a large number of people unexpectedly and so beautifully. No one of us will remember Venetie without remembering the marvelous cinnamon and dinner rolls you served.

Again our thanks. If you have any additional thoughts on the "unorganized boroughs" concept, please do not hesitate to send them to us.

Yours truly,

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Roy and Irene Tansy
Box 231
Copper Center, Ak.

Dear Irene and Roy,

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We want to thank you for the transportation to and from Gulkana. The lunch at the Aetna Lodge was a pleasant way to begin our visit to Glennallen and we enjoyed talking with you both.

If you have any additional thoughts on the concept of the "unorganized boroughs", please do not hesitate to send them to us. We will continue to advise you of any action the Committee will proposing for the upcoming session of the legislature.

Yours truly,

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Senator Arliss Sturgulewski

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If you have any additional thoughts on the concept of the "unorganized boroughs", please do not hesitate to send them to us.

Thank you for your help in preparing the gym for the hearing and for allowing the weekend use of the facility. It was very adequate as a facility for the hearing.

Yours truly,

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Mr. Jonathan Solomon
P.O. Box 269
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As you have been involved in the development of the Yukon Flats Study and have given some thought to the concept of regional government, you may have some additional comments on the "unorganized boroughs" proposal which we would welcome at any time.

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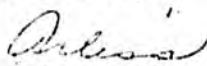
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We also found the discussion of the Yukon Flats Study helpful. Since you have been following that study, and have given some thought to the concept of regional government, you may have additional comments on the "unorganized boroughs" proposal which we would welcome at any time.

The Committee members learned a great deal from you and your tours and look forward to communication with you in the future.

Yours truly,


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The Local Government Study Committee is holding a public hearing in Kotzebue on Friday, November 16 at 7 p.m., on the subject of creation of regional governmental units in the unorganized borough. We have been in contact with Mr. Gene Moore, Manager of Kotzebue, and are aware that you have been invited to participate in the Workshop for City Council Mayors and Administrators to be held in Kotzebue November 13-15. The public hearing has been arranged on the 16th so that those of you who are interested will have an opportunity to attend the hearing as well.

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We are eager to receive your comments on this proposal and hope that you will be able to attend the public hearing.

Sincerely,

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Cheif Blunka

New Stuyahok Oct. 1

We appreciated the hospitality shown the committee members and the excellent attendance at the meeting. Thank you for coming.



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	LAMAR	JIM
CHRONOLOGY OF MAJOR EVENTS AFFECTING REGIONAL GOVERNMENT IN ALASKA	X	X
IDENTIFICATION OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS PROVIDED BY NON-GOVERNMENT AND QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNORGANIZED BOROUGH		X
DEVELOPMENT OF TRADITIONAL, NON TRADITIONAL AND QUASI GOVERNMENTAL NATIVE METHODS OF ORGANIZATION	X	
REVIEW AND COMMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT STUDY REPORT	X	X
REVIEW OF BIA AND CETA CONTRACTING PROCEDURES		X
MEMO OUTLINING THE STATE MUNICIPAL LAND TRUSTEE PROGRAM	X	
DESCRIPTION OF STATE/FEDERAL A-95 REVIEW PROCESS	X	
ASSISTANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT SYMPOSIUM	X	X
REVIEW OF MUNICIPAL LEAGUE SURVEY	X	X
RURAL VILLAGE SURVEY		X

Thank you for being such an excellent host during our visit in New Stuyahok. ~~Your~~ community- The attendance at the meeting was excellent and we learned enjoyed meeting so many members of your community. The trip to New Stuyahok was a highlight of our journey North.

We will continue to advise you of any proposals developed by the Committee for the 1980 Se legislative session.

W. Gumlic'puk

Ron Swenson/ New Stuyahok

Many thanks for providing the accommodations for the group while in New Stuyahok. Everything worked out beautifully and please convey to the teachers our appreciation for being able to use the kitchen. It-

The meeting was well attended and we believe it was very helpful in educating Committee members as well as reassessing the directions the legis- Committee may pursue.

Val Angasan

Dillingham Sept. 30

Many thanks for accompanying the group to Aleknagik.
~~It-gave-us-an~~ The trip gave the Committee members
an opportunity to experience an- life in a unique
village--one that is tied to a road.

We will keep you advised of further Committee
action and any plans for legislation for the
1980 Session.

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Dillingham Sept. 30

Thank you for attending the hearing and for voicing your
concerns.

Ted Angasan - Dillingham Sept. 30

Many thanks for your help in arranging the transportation to Aleknagik and for sending Val along to serve as our "guide". The trip gave the Committee members an opportunity to see another village--this one unique as it is accessible by road to a rural regional center.

We will continue to advise you of the work of the Committee and of any legislative proposals which may be developed for the 1980 Session.

Carlson - Dillingham/ Sept. 30

We appreciated hearing your comments on both Dillingham in general and on the Committee's proposal, ;Mayor. We will keep you advised of any legislative action being planned for the 1980 Session.

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Mr. Corey Flintoff
KYUK
Bethel, Alaska 99559

Dear Mr. Flintoff:

① We appreciated meeting with you and residents of Bethel on September 28, 1979. The public hearing gave members of the Committee an opportunity to see your community, many of them for the first time; to hear of some of the problems you are experiencing; and to receive valuable comment on the ideas being considered for legislative action by the Committee.

② ~~As the idea of regional boundaries and the consideration of unorganized~~
As the idea of regional boundaries and the consideration of "unorganized boroughs" is a new one, you may have additional thoughts on the proposal which we would welcome receiving at any time.

felt the interview with you went well
We appreciated the opportunity to interview with you and also want to thank you for your public service announcements--no doubt they were partially responsible for the good attendance at the meeting.

Sincerely,

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Senator Arliss Sturgulewski
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Carl Jack

We are especially grateful for your help in planning for the both the Bethel and Hooper Bay meetings and for your assistance in serving as a guide and translator while the group was in Bethel Hooper Bay. Needless-to-say,

Carl Jack

Sept 28
BETHEL/HOOPER BAY *Sept 29*

We are especially grateful to you for your help in making the arrangements for the Bethel/Hooper Bay public hearings. Your service was- as a translator and "jgw- guide" while in Hooper Bay was invaluable!

We will keep you advised of any legislation related to the unorganized borough which may be developed as a result of the Symposium and public hearings.

Gary Goldman / Buckel

We want to thank you especially for the river boat ride on the Kuskokwim to Napakiak.. It was an unforgettable experience and a highlight of our trip to rural Alaska. Your competent "captaining" gave us total confidence during our first personal encounter with an "ice road". Again, our thanks.

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Sept 28

Lyman Hoffman

Bethel
Your tour of Bethel was extremely informative and interesting and the river boat ride on the Kuskokwim to Napakiak was an unforgettable experience. We never dreamed that we would be have a first-hand exposure to one of our "ice roads"!

Again, our thanks for your hospitality during our stay in Bethel.

*Grased to
Mr. Namuk
Hoggen Bar*

(48)

Sept.

Richard Nanuk

Hooper Bay/ Sept. 29

We especially appreciated your hospitality and please convey to your wife our thanks for the excellent meals she helped prepare for the group. We felt that the Hooper Bay public hearing was an excellent one and we have reported to Senator Sackett on some of the concerns expressed and problems identified at the meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to learn more about rural Alaska and the village way of life. It will prove to be an invaluable experience for us as we deal with legislation affecting the unorganized borough.

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Ms. Laura Schroeder
City Manager
P.O. Bo 191
Dillingham, Alaska 99576

Dear Ms. Schroeder:

We appreciated meeting with you and residents of Dillingham on Septem-

As

Your comprehensive update of the current status of life in Dillingham was particularly helpful for the Committee members. Laura. We will continue to advise you of the activities of the Committee and of any legislation proposed for the 1980 Session.

Sincerely,

Laura Schroder

Dillingham Sept. 30

Your comprehensive update of the current needs-and status of life in Dillingham was particularly helpful for the committee members, Laura.

jWe will continue to advise you of any the activities of the Committee and of any legislation proposed for the 1980 Session.

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Walter Johnson/ Hooper Bay 10/ Sept. 29

We hope you have had an opportunity to share the Local Government Study Report with the other residents of Mountain Village. We will continue to keep you advised of any legislative proposals which may be considered by the Committee for the 1980 Session.

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TO: Committee Members
FROM: Marjorie Gorsuch *mg*
DATE: Sept. 19, 1979
RE: Public Hearings

Enclosed is some additional background information on village life and a Tundra Times article on the Local Government Symposium. "The Other Village" by Harold Sparck has been highly recommended for Committee reading by leaders in rural Alaska.

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Rep. Nels Anderson is planning to accompany the group from Dillingham to New Stoyahok.

Reservations have been made for those who are indicated on the attached sheet as "attending". These reservations will cover those portions of the trip from Anchorage and back to Anchorage. It is expected that you will make your own connecting arrangements and will bring a TR for the purchase of your ticket at the airport in Anchorage.

If there are any last minute cancellations, please notify staff immediately at 465-3712 or 586-1714 (home).

The main points to be discussed at the public hearing related to the creation of regional governmental units, unorganized boroughs, are listed below. Copies of the Symposium Report are currently being printed in Anchorage and will be made available prior to the public hearings.

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TO : Wally Richardson
FROM: Marjorie Gorsuch
RE: Public Hearings
DATE: 9/18/79

Wally, this is the most current information we have.
Do I have the name of the Charter Airline right?
Is it the Bethel Hotel where the reservations are?
Any luck getting through to Hooper Bay? I tried to
call yesterday and was told there is no longer
telephone service through.

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September 18, 1979

*Sent to attached
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Honorable Richard Nanuk
Mayor
Hooper Bay
P.O. Box 37
Hooper Bay, Alaska 99604

Dear Mayor Nanuk,

The Local Government Study Committee will be holding a public hearing in
Hooper Bay, September 29 on the subject of creation of regional
governmental units in the unorganized borough.

The Committee will be discussing proposed legislation which would:

1. Divide the single unorganized borough into unorganized boroughs generally following Regional Educational Attendance Area boundaries, or combinations of two or more REAAs, but not extending beyond the boundaries of more than one Native regional corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act;
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We are eager to receive your comments on this proposal and hope that you will be able to attend the public hearing.

Sincerely,

Arliss Sturgulewski

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Phone: (907) ~~329-3001~~ 758-4344

INCORPORATION DATE: February 7, 1966
POPULATION: 648
REGULAR ELECTION: Second Tuesday in October
SALES TAX: 2%
CITY COUNCIL MEETS: As required

MAYOR: Richard Nanuk 1980

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bosco Olson	1980
Arthur Lake	1980
Gabriel Seton	1981
Theodore Hunter, Sr.	1980
August Seton	1979
Carl Smith	1980

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Bosco Olson
Christopher Lake
Dolores Kawagley
Theodore Hunter, Sr.

CLERK.....	Josephine Smith
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AVEC OPERATOR.....	Phillip Smart
AIRPORT MANAGER.....	Harold Smith
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.....	Laverne Etter

HOUSTON

Star Route Box 2727
Wasilla, Alaska 99687

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Phone: (907) 892-6869

INCORPORATION DATE: June 6, 1966
POPULATION: 440
REGULAR ELECTION: First Tuesday in October
SALES TAX: None
CITY COUNCIL MEETS: Second and fourth Thursdays of each month

MAYOR: Bruce Tornberg 1979

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Bud Lyons	1980
Marcia Padie	1979
John Eder	1981
Gary Miller	1981
Perlia Strassburg	1980
Louise Wallace	1980

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TO: Adelheid Herman
FROM: Marjorie Gorsuch
RE: Public Hearings
DATE: 9/18/79

Adelheid,

This is the most current information I have.
Any luck yet on talking with New Stoyahok?
Will we be able to get food in Dillingham to take
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Ms. Kay E. Larson
Deputy Director
Bristol Bay Native Association
P.O. Box 179
Dillingham, Alaska 99576

Dear Ms. Larson:

The Local Government Study Committee will be holding a public hearing in Dillingham, Sunday, September 30, on the subject of creation of regional governmental units in the unorganized borough. The hearing will be held at the Youth Center at 1:30 p.m..

The Committee will be discussing proposed legislation which would:

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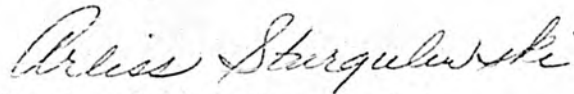
Ms. Kay E. Larson

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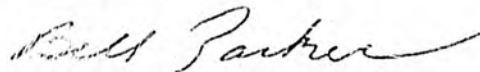
September 18, 1979

We are eager to receive your comments on this proposal and hope that you will be able to attend the public hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Arliss Sturgulewski".

Senator Arliss Sturgulewski
Co-Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill Parker".

Representative Bill Parker
Co-Chairman



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The Honorable Phillip Guy
State Representative
Kwethluk, Alaska 99621

Dear Representative Guy:

The Local Government Study Committee is holding a series of public hearings on the subject of regional local government and plans to be in Bethel on September 28, and in Hooper Bay September 29. Our itinerary will bring the Joint Committee to the rural regional centers as well as to the villages. (See enclosed schedule.)

As a result of a major Local Government Symposium, held in Anchorage August 4/5, 1979, several distinct legislative approaches to local government problems were developed with priority given to dealing with the need for regional governmental units in the unorganized borough. The Committee plans to take the basic concepts contained in the enclosed notice to the unorganized borough to receive public comment and testimony on the creation of boundaries and the functioning of unorganized boroughs prior to developing legislation.

We would welcome your attendance at the public hearing in Bethel, Hooper Bay, or at any of the scheduled meetings. Please notify us if you have any questions related to the proposed hearings.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Jack: *Carl*

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Sincerely,

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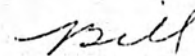
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