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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 30, 1977

Mr. George H. Byer
Alaska Conference Coordinator
Office of the Mayor
Arctic-Alaska Conference, Inc.
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Mr. Byer:

Secretary Vance has asked me to reply to your letter of March 14, explaining your plans for the proposed Arctic-Alaska International Conference. We certainly agree that the State of Alaska is in a unique position to host a conference of Arctic countries for the purpose of exchanging ideas on pressing regional economic and other issues.

It is indeed gratifying to learn that you and other Alaska state officials share the concern of the Department of State for the need to strengthen patterns of international communication on a person-to-person level. As our world grows increasingly interdependent, it is important to recognize that support for constructive communication and mutual understanding is a universal responsibility. Your Conference would appear to provide an excellent forum for the promotion of cooperation and goodwill among this selected group of international participants.

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment you for the development of this important initiative in Arctic regional affairs, and offer my sincere best wishes for its successful implementation.

Sincerely,

William K. Hitchcock
Acting Assistant Secretary for
Educational and Cultural Affairs

ARNE ØIEN
DIRECTOR GENERAL
ECONOMIC POLICY DEPARTMENT
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
OSLO, NORWAY
TEL. 11 92 90

Oslo, February 28, 1977

Mr. George H. Byer
Alaska Conference Coordinator
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Hemet
California 92343

Dear Mr. Byer,

Thank you for your kind letter. I appreciate your invitation very much. However, in the beginning of September I shall be busy preparing the National Budget for Norway. I would like to recommend to you my colleague, Mr. Per Schreiner, Director General of the Planning Department of the Ministry of Finance. He ought to be well suited for the task. Recently he has been responsible for the preparation of a white paper on the Petroleumactivity in the Norwegian Society, and he is presently preparing the next long term economic program for Norway.

If you are going to contact him, it might be helpful for him to receive some information on travel-arrangements etc.

Sincerely yours


Arne Øien



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Assistant Secretary for Domestic
and International Business
Washington, D.C. 20230

JAN 18 1977

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

Dear Senator Stevens:

Since receiving your letter of last December 6 regarding an Arctic Alaska International Conference, we have received additional material from Mr. George Byer, the Conference Coordinator. We share Mr. Byer's enthusiasm as to the important position Alaska is attaining in both U.S. and world economic affairs and certainly see the conference as a good forum for discussion and cooperation between participating countries.

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We will be glad to help publicize the conference and furnish advice on request. I wish we could do more.

Sincerely,

L. S. Matthews

Leonard S. Matthews
Assistant Secretary for Domestic
and International Business

Alaska State Legislature

SENATOR
JOE ORSINI
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Senate

February 17, 1977

The Honorable Mayor George Sullivan
Pouch 6-650
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Dear Mayor Sullivan:

Enclosed is a copy of Senate Bill 63, by Senator Croft, requesting an appropriation to the Municipality of Anchorage of the Arctic-Alaska International Conference. While not a large sum of money, comparatively, those legislators who feel that "Anchorage gets everything" will undoubtedly challenge its appropriation, or worse yet, want special appropriations for their own communities.

In this regard, several questions should be answered:

1. What kind of organizational and manpower support will the Municipality of Anchorage give this proposal?
2. Specifically, what would the Municipality of Anchorage use this money for, if appropriated?
3. Will the Municipality of Anchorage provide any cash match?

These are not questions that can be answered in the perfunctory manner, but ones I am certain we will be asked as we support the bill. It is probably necessary, therefore, that we receive answers on these questions prior to taking action on the bill.

Sincerely,

Joe Orsini

JOE ORSINI
Senator

JO/gd

cc: George Byers

**Municipality
of
Anchorage**



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GEORGE M. SULLIVAN,
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR


March 16, 1977

Senator Joe Orsini
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Orsini:

With reference to your recent letter to Mayor Sullivan asking for his comments on Anchorage's proposed participation in the Arctic Alaska International Conference, I am enclosing a letter written by the Mayor to Mr. Byers, which I feel adequately expresses his feelings.

Sincerely,


Yvonne Alford,
Assistant to Mayor Sullivan

attch: Mayor Sullivan's memo to George Byers dated 2/3/77.

/ccm

*Hi, Joe, How's your little girl?
Y*



Municipality of Anchorage

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 3, 1977
TO: George Byers
FROM: Mayor Sullivan
SUBJECT: Artic-Alaska National Conference, Inc.

Chancy Croft just introduced a Bill in the Senate for contributing \$25,000 to the Municipality of Anchorage for the Artic-Alaska National Conference, Inc.

I have been led to believe though that the State may not wish to get involved in this conference. As I have told you before without the State sponsorship, I certainly don't intend to try to take it on for the Municipality. It would be a complete flop. Additionally, we would not hear from nations, national leaders, international leaders or others on the basis of a Mayor or a single Municipality trying to put on such a conference.

Doug Weiford also contacted me in regards to a request for you for advance funding for travel. George, I am prohibited by every ordinance and regulation in the Municipality from doing such a thing and I have so advised Doug.

The key in my opinion still rests with the State government and official endorsement and official invitation coming from the Governor of Alaska. Until I hear something positive from that end, I am afraid I cannot do much more from here. I know this may sound a little discouraging to you, but I am sorry that I don't feel I am in the position to do anything differently.

Most Sincerely,

George M. Sullivan
Mayor

cc: Senator Stevens
Senator Gravel
Representative Young

Office of the Gov

February 9, 1977

Mr. George Byer
Box 445
Nenah, California 92343

Dear Mr. Byer:

This is in reply to your letter of December 30, 1976.

Please be advised that with an additional year to study the merits of an Arctic Countries Mutual Interest Exchange Conference as being promoted by you, it is the decision of this office not to request funding for the conference through the State Legislature.

Likewise, in discussing the prospects for the conference with local and federal officials, they have indicated to me they do not plan to actively promote the conference. And, officials of the U. S. Department of State have expressed serious misgivings for the conference from the information available to them.

Mr. Byer, I am well aware that you received statements last year expressing initial interest in the conference. However, I feel certain that prospective State involvement has been exaggerated, and I regret any communication that may have misled you to feel the State would support the formation of this conference. I also appreciate your enthusiasm, your devoted efforts and your good intentions. However, with the current financial situation of the State and the fiscal restraints the Governor has found necessary to impose, we cannot in good conscience support this conference. Since you are not physically residing in Alaska and therefore may not be completely familiar with the current State financial situation, I am enclosing a copy of the Governor's budget message to the Legislature for you.

I have a copy of a letter to you of July 19 from the Governor's Office and I am perplexed that after receiving that letter you would again have stationery printed listing the Governor as an international host without permission to do so. In addition, the Tenth State Legislature has convened and elected its officers; John Lader is now President of the Senate and Hugh Malone is the current Speaker of the House.

Attended

Mr. George Byer

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February 9, 1977

In order to touch all bases at once I want to tell you that it is my opinion that the Arctic Institute of North America, with its staff of experienced personnel, is in a much better position to coordinate an Arctic Countries Mutual Interest Exchange Conference. It is my understanding the Institute is planning for such a conference with Siberia. You may wish to offer your voluntary services to the Institute.

In closing I hope this letter has finally made clear the State's feelings in this matter; and that there will be no further misunderstandings about our position.

Sincerely,

Bill Gordon
Executive Assistant
to the Governor

Inclosure

bcc: George Sullivan
Sam Coxson
Chuck Meacham
Fran Ulmer
Phil Ulmer
Governor for Honorary
BG/CM/11/tdg

TO: Senator Orsini

DATE: Feb. 7. 1977

FROM: Paul Conger

RE: Artic-Alaska (SB 63)
International
Conference

lack of organization

Today I spoke with Theodore Sellin, Polar Affairs Officer, State Department, Washington D.C., 101-202-632-8997. Since the proposed conference is of an international flavor, I inquired from Mr. Sellin the State Department's position regarding the above referenced conference. Mr. Sellin submitted the following. He informed me that he had been contacted by Mr. George Byers requesting federal funds for this undertaking, but since this was a "non-governmental" conference per se, despite the language incorporated into the material that has been distributed by Mr. Byer, no funds could be provided.

Mr. Sellin stated that the idea behind Mr. Byer's proposed conference was an attractive possibility, however, at this time he felt the proposal lacked sufficient preparation and organization, particularly for a projected conference of this magnitude. He commented that he had an opportunity to meet with Mr. Byer and suggested that Mr. Byer postpone the conference (it was originally scheduled to take place during the Bi-Centennial) permitting Byer to narrow the scope of the conference, because as it stood it was too broad in its makeup.

Mr. Byer commented that the approach taken by Mr. Byer in setting up this conference is somewhat reverse of the method generally employed. Generally, extensive planning and organizing is conducted, at the same time acquiring funds for your conference. Once this is prepared, then the foreign ministries are approached soliciting their attendance at the conference, providing them with an itemized agenda depicting the events of the conference. Conversely, in this case, the countries were notified of the conference, and subsequent to that there was an attempt to acquire needed funds for the conference.

He suggested, because the idea behind the conference was good, that Mr. Byer should postpone the conference, permitting him time to reduce the perspective of the conference, establish an organizational criteria for the conference, create a steering committee to assist in organizing and delineating the specific objectives of the conference, acquire the funds, and then when he has a finished product, approach the respective government bodies for support and endorsement.

Mr. Sellin commented that once this product was presented, and it was determined that there was enthusiasm behind this conference, then the State Department would consider extending invitations through our Embassies to the concerned foreign ministries to transmit to the interested parties.

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Joe -

I don't know how
much of the enclosed
I've sent you before
now that the interest
is so big, I can't
keep up and all the
more reason for the
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Pres. Carter has
asked the Governors
to help the cause
and it's almost like
saying Alaska is
already doing some
thing about it -

So how best can
you move things
along and give us
the support we need!

Best

Rosalynn Carter's Ambitious Plan for World Peace

By TOM SMITH

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

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

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

Friends of Rosalynn say she's "very excited" by the prospect of bringing people of the world closer together through these no-red-tape exchanges — and they say President Jimmy Carter is solidly behind her plan.

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

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

"She thought that these citizen exchanges might be a way — something without government involvement, but with its approval and encouragement."

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

"AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS ARRIVED"...

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED THE NATION'S GOVERNORS TO JOIN HIM IN A PEOPLE TO PEOPLE EXCHANGE PROGRAM. BY 1978, HE ANTICIPATES MOST OF THE 50 STATES WILL BE PARTICIPATING, ABOVE AND BEYOND GOVERNMENT, IN HELPING TO PROMOTE COMMON UNDERSTANDING. ALASKA, UNIQUE IN ITS WORLD LOCATION, HAS ALREADY ASSUMED THIS ROLE BY COMPLYING WITH THE ARCTIC ALASKA CONFERENCE FOR 77.

CARTER PROPOSES VISITOR EXCHANGE

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Carter asked the nation's governors Tuesday night to join him in creating a volunteer exchange program that would send Americans abroad and bring foreign citizens to the United States to promote common understanding.

"I think this is the kind of thing we can do that's a little above and beyond government, kind of nice, that perhaps you can help us with," he said at a White House dinner for the governors.

Carter said that as governor of Georgia, he and his wife, Rosalynn, worked on an exchange with a sister state in Brazil that led about 200 persons from each state to trade visits.

"We're going to try to do this on a nationwide basis," he said. The White House issued a statement dubbing the new project the "Friendship Force." It estimated that trips under the program would cost \$300 to \$400 a person for 10 days.

A staff for the project is being assembled and is to be based in Atlanta. The statement said Carter anticipated six or more exchanges this year, beginning July 4. By the end of 1978, the project envisions six or eight trips a year from most of the 50 states.

Perhaps our own state this first year would like to take just one airplane, and we've asked the State Department to give us advice, and we would like to have maybe a couple

hundred folks go from, say, Idaho, to perhaps Morocco, and let 200 Moroccans come back," Carter said.

"There won't be any public funds involved at the state or federal level and we're going to try to join in and raise enough money in private places to finance these trips."

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

Luria, associate director of the Partners organization.

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

Booming Norway May Top Growth of All OECD States

CONFERENCE
MR. OEIEN HAS BY DON COOK
Times Staff Writer BEEN INVITED!

OSLO—While most countries of the industrial world are still teetering between recession and uncertain recovery, the oil-fired economic boom in Norway continues to run on a full head of steam.

After chalking up a 6% growth in gross domestic product during 1976, Norwegian authorities now are confidently forecasting that the country will continue to surge ahead in 1977 with a growth-rate of between 7% and 8%.

If they hit this figure, and there seems no reason why they cannot, the Norwegians probably will wind up the year with the highest growth rate of all 23 states belonging to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development, the major non-Communist industrial producers. They will be outstripping their Scandinavian neighbors.

Sweden is only targeting 2.25% growth this year, and Denmark expects only 1.75%.

During 1975, Norway, with a population of barely 4 million, passed the United States in per capita national income. With a continued upsurge in 1976 and 1977 the country may well end up this year as the wealthiest nation in the OECD on a per capita basis.

Moreover, although oil in the North Sea is giving Norway the margin which is pushing its growth rate from "solid" to "spectacular," even without oil the picture would still be healthy. Of the 7% to 8% rise forecast for 1977, well over half, an estimated 4.5% of this growth, will be in manufacturing, mining, construction and traditional economic activities. Around 3.5% will be in oil.

The gushing North Sea produced oil exports for Norway which totalled around \$700 million in 1975, rose to \$1.4 billion in 1976, and are figured to

hit around \$3 billion during 1977. Still, offshore oil activities accounted for only 3.1% of Norway's gross domestic product last year, and this figure is expected to rise to a mere 4.6% in 1976. Oil and all its related activities, in other words, are still only a small part of Norway's booming economy.

"Our main difficulty right now lies in our very high industrial wage rates," says Arne Oeien, director of economic policy planning at the Ministry of Finance. "We now have the highest wage rate per unit of production in the world except for Sweden, higher even than the United States. In shipbuilding, for example, our wage-rates are almost double those of Japan which, of course, is one of the reasons why our shipbuilding industry is now going into a slump, perhaps

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even a permanent drop to smaller activity.

"We are anticipating in the coming years that about 10,000 workers will be moving out of our shipping and shipbuilding industries into other employment, either industrial or in our service industries which are growing."

Oeien said government planners believe that the key to the future lies in holding industrial wages close to present levels through trade union restraint in the next two years. Then, if the other industrial nations allow their wages to go on rising, Norway's competitive position will continue to be strong, which is critical since 40% of the Norwegian economy is export-based.

In addition to readjustments in shipping and shipbuilding, Oeien said there probably would be some cut-backs in the coming year in the textile and local clothing industry. High domestic costs are making it difficult for these industries to compete with cheaper imported products.

Despite these troubles, unemployment in Norway is now well below 1%, and the shifting of some 10,000 to 15,000 workers to different jobs is not

It appears that Mr. Oeien should have plenty to say at the conference about Norway's oil-fired growth rate, its per capita national income greater than U.S. and its well below 1% unemployment.

If for this alone, besides his economic planning and the N. Sea oil, could very well be worth, in interest and benefit to Alaska, the \$25,000 asked of the legislature for the conference and many times over. For no country can come up with these kind of figures without some use and value worth listening too. And by reaching out the Arctic Conference becomes a consensus of exchangeable ideas and mutual suggestions that could have far reaching results,...

regarded as a large social or economic problem.

"Our basic problems," says Oeien, "is to avoid getting in a situation of stagflation, such as Sweden, Denmark, Britain and other countries are going through—stagnation of growth coupled with continued inflation. We believe that we will be able to hold our inflation rate in 1977 down to 8%, which would put us under the OECD's probable average."

To keep its boom going while everybody else has fallen into recession, Norway has been borrowing heavily and deliberately overseas. The borrowing has been necessary to finance the heavy capital development requirements of North Sea oil, and because of the slump in world shipping which drove so many profitable Norwegian companies into the red. But the country is now carrying the heaviest overseas debt in OECD, measured on a per capita basis—well above \$10 billion. Of this, approximately \$5 billion is owed by the oil industry, and about \$3.5 billion by the shipping industry.

But the pay-off of these borrowings will begin in earnest during 1977. With \$3 billion a year this year in oil exports from the North Sea, and output rising steadily, Norway is a pretty good credit risk.

Mr. George H. Byer
Alaska Conference Coordinator
Box 445
Hemet, CA, 92343

Howard R Hawkins
President
RCA Communications

Dear Mr. Byer:

February 18, 1977

I am pleased to learn that RCA Alascom is actively involved in the plans and programs for the Arctic Alaska International Conference.

If you have any further questions, call Mr. Ben W. Agee, President of RCA Alascom in Anchorage, Alaska.

I wish you every success in the Arctic Conference.

Cordially,



Mr. George H. Byer
Coordinator
Arctic-Alaska International
Conference, Inc.
Box 445
Hemet, California 92343



RCA

Ben W Agee
President

Dear Mr. Byer:

February 17, 1977

RCA Alascom has received your letter outlining your objectives for the Arctic-Alaska International Conference. We have also received a copy of your letter to Mr. H. R. Hawkins, RCA Communications, and have advised them of our willingness to participate in the conference

RCA Alaska Communications, Inc., is an Alaska corporation and regulated public utility under the auspices of the Alaska Public Utility Commission. We provide long line communications services throughout this great state. Due to our regulated position, however, it is not possible for us to provide services at rates other than those specified in our public tariffs. However, there must be some other way in which RCA Alascom can assist with the conference. We will be happy to coordinate directly with you any possible assistance.

As your planning becomes more definite, please feel free to contact me concerning our possible participation.

Sincerely,

Atlantic Richfield Company 515 South Flower Street
Los Angeles, California 90071
Telephone 213 486 1738

T. F. Bradshaw
President

February 4, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Byer:

Thank you for your letter of January 31, 1977, regarding the Arctic-Alaska International Conference and suggesting that Atlantic Richfield consider the possibility of establishing an International Energy Foundation grant for the University of Alaska at Anchorage.

Your letter has been received during Mr. Bradshaw's absence from the office and will be brought to his attention upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

Jean C. Slack
(Miss) Jean C. Slack
Secretary to Mr. Bradshaw

February 15, 1977

George H. Byer
Arctic - Alaska International Conference
Box 445
Hemet, CA 92343

A copy of your letter to C.C. Garvin, Jr. of Exxon Corporation has been forwarded to me. The proposed Arctic - Alaska Conference sounds like an interesting project. We would be glad to consider your ideas for Exxon involvement in the conference.

Bleu Beathard

EXXON COMPANY, U.S.A.
POUCH 6601 • ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99502

ALASKA PUBLIC AFFAIRS
BLEU BEATHARD
MANAGER



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Honorable Ted Stevens
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Sincerely,

L. S. Matthews

Leonard S. Matthews
Assistant Secretary for Domestic
and International Business

ROYAL
SWEDISH EMBASSY

Washington, D.C., February 14, 1977.

Mr. George H. Eyer
Alaska Conference Coordinator
Arctic-Alaska International Conference, Inc.
Box 445
Menet, California 92545

Dear Mr. Eyer:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 30, 1976, regarding the Arctic-Alaska International Conference, which was waiting for me when I returned from vacation.

Your renewed invitation to participate in this conference has been forwarded to the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm and I will let you know of their reaction in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Eva Dieder

Eva Dieder
Press Assistant

SWEDISH EMBASSY

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

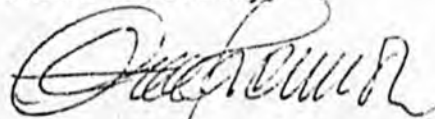
Dear Mr. Byer:

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,



Ove Svensson
Cultural Attaché

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With compliments

from

the Director and Staff



UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701

January 31, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Byer:

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Keith B. Mather
Vice Chancellor for Research and
Advanced Study

KBM/afs

Enclosure

PLEASE REPLY BY AIRMAIL

Mr. George H. Byer
Coordinator
Arctic-Alaska International
Conference, Inc.
Box 445
Hemet, California 92343

Senator John H. Rader

Dear George:

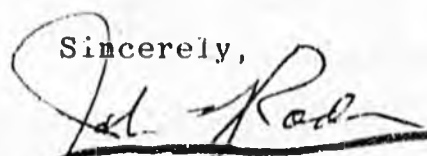
It was sure good to hear from you and know that you are actively pursuing the Conference. As you may have heard, our winter has been one of the mildest ever. I'm sure carrying the mail would be a bit easier than some of the winters in the past!

Senator chancy Croft has introduced a bill (enclosed) that would appropriate money for the conference. The bill is presently in the Community and Regional Affairs Committee, chaired by Senator Orsini. The Finance Committee will then have an opportunity to review it. John Sackett is Chairman of Finance.

Rest assured, George, that I will keep my eye on the bill as it moves along.

Thank you for your kind thoughts and encouragement.

Sincerely,


John L. Rader, President
Alaska State Senate

Dear George:

Thank you for the letters dated January 26, 1977 and February 9, 1977 indicating the work expended on your part to make the Arctic-Alaska International Conference a reality. You are to be commended for the time devoted in spearheading this Conference.

As Chairman of the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee, and in an effort to derive insight into the above referenced bill, I have made contact with the following people to receive input regarding the Arctic-Alaska International Conference:

Theodore Sellins, Polar Affairs Officer, State Department
Governor's Office
Mayor Sullivan's Office, Anchorage
Arctic Institute of North America

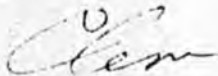
The feedback I received was overwhelmingly favorable to the prospect of an Arctic-Alaska Conference to promote relations between Arctic Nations. The theme behind this Conference was well entertained by all those concerned, and there didn't seem to be any dearth of support behind the basic proposal.

Dear George:

Have heard very little since your first letter regarding the Arctic-Alaska International Conference. It sounds like it would be most interesting and I'd like to take part in it.

Could you give me some more information?

Sincerely,



Clem Tillion
State Senate

Dear Mayor:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Arctic-Alaska International Conference.

Be assured that I will do what I can to promote support.

Sincerely,

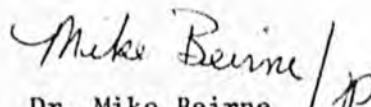


Dear Mr. Byer:

Thank you for your February 11, 1977 letter in regards to the Arctic - Alaska International Conference.

I certainly will help.

Very truly yours,



Dr. Mike Beirne
State Representative

Dear George,

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

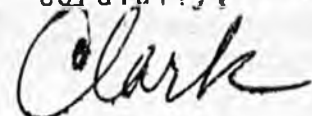
I wonder if you would work up a more detailed budget of what this money is to be used for. Also, do you intend to be the executive director, or who will continue to carry the ball?

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

Dear George,

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

Cordially,



Rep. Clark Gruening

Yours,



Lisa Rudd

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Joe - we need your help - action important now

If the enclosed from Mayor Sullivan is true and let us assume that (it is not) for I have never and I repeat never had any indication from Governor Hammond other than the enclosed as copies expressing his good-will, cooperation and go ahead.

No one knowingly, over the months, would continue to spend all the time, endless effort and money to promote this very worthy event for Alaska if the governor had ever expressed his dislike or opposition too it. After it was canceled in 76 due to requests for more time to prepare, no word, letter or call was ever received by me, the mayor or anyone, by the governor, opposing the conference or discontinuation of it or the final for achieving it.

So naturally we have taken him at his original word as you or anyone would and we have continued to do all the many things it takes to prepare such an important international program.

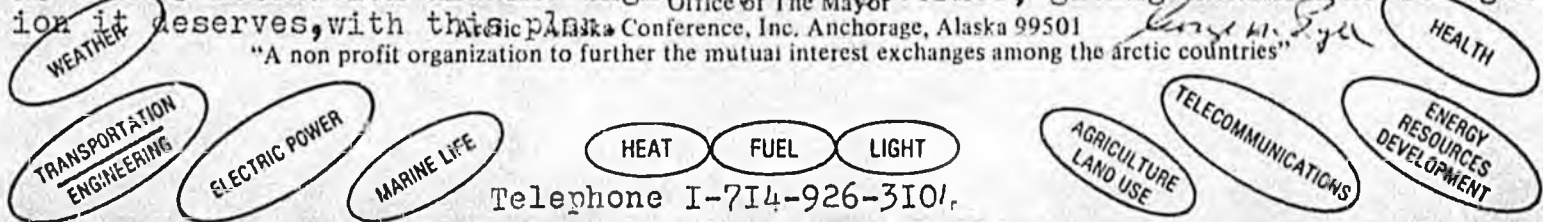
Since the Arctic countries are most interested and look to Alaska as a leader as they seek some of the answers to the social, economic and environmental problems of the Arctic, the conference has assumed an even greater importance to them. Requests by Sweden and embassies are waiting for the official invitation from Alaska and have asked why it is not forthcoming.

Ford Adm. State Dept. Senators, Congressmen, Alaska Legislators, Foreigners of the Arctic, diplomats, businesses, colleges, schools & many others have congratulated and offered support.

Why! They say the time is right for Alaska to assume its rightful place as a leader in the exchange of ordinary people to people. The program has gone to far now to not move on in commitments, interest and accomplishments, such as Texaco & ARCO on energy; RCA, CBS, NBC--Communications, medical specialists-health but a few besides working Comms., U. of Alaska-programing help, chambers, Fed. of Natives etc Two yrs. of dedicated work, unselfishly given by all so would I or you put our duty honor into a wasted effort & embarrassing position now by inviting the President of U.S. and write the first Lady on her people to people plan hopeful of bringing it into being with the conf. if we knew the governor had any opposition whatever and giving me in writing his assurance... "Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance in this matter"... Words of encouragement and words of support. The program deserves the cooperation & support of the governor & legislature just as the 76 resolution did and signed by the governor, giving Alaska the recognition it deserves, with this plan.

Office of The Mayor

Arctic Alaska Conference, Inc. Anchorage, Alaska 99501
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Telephone I-714-926-3101

George H. Byer; Conference Coordinator; Box-445; Hemet, California 92343

Municipality of Anchorage

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 3, 1977

TO: George Byers

FROM: Mayor Sullivan

SUBJECT: Artic-Alaska National Conference, Inc.

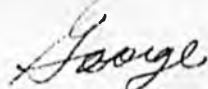
Chancy Croft just introduced a Bill in the Senate for contributing \$25,000 to the Municipality of Anchorage for the Artic-Alaska National Conference, Inc.

I have been led to believe though that the State may not wish to get involved in this conference. As I have told you before without the State sponsorship, I certainly don't intend to try to take it on for the Municipality. It would be a complete flop. Additionally, we would not hear from nations, national leaders, international leaders or others on the basis of a Mayor or a single Municipality trying to put on such a conference.

Doug Weiford also contacted me in regards to a request for you for advance funding for travel. George, I am prohibited by every ordinance and regulation in the Municipality from doing such a thing and I have so advised Doug.

The key in my opinion still rests with the State government and official endorsement and official invitation coming from the Governor of Alaska. Until I hear something positive from that end, I am afraid I cannot do much more from here. I know this may sound a little discouraging to you, but I am sorry that I don't feel I am in the position to do anything differently.

Most Sincerely,



George M. Sullivan
Mayor

cc: Senator Stevens
Senator Gravel
Representative Young

JAY S. HAMMOND
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

April 30, 1976

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

Dear George:

I have received your recent letter regarding the proposed Arctic Countries Mutual Interest Exchange Conference.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the telegram I have recently sent to President Ford urging action by the State Department in initiating this proposal. I know of your past interest and efforts in other such proposals bringing together Arctic representatives, and I applaud your efforts in this regard.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Hammond".

Jay S. Hammond
Governor

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

· WASHINGTON

May 18, 1976

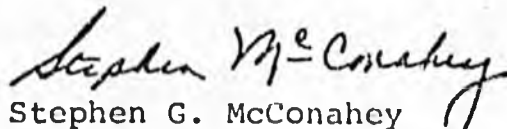
Dear Mr. Byer:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of March 1, concerning the Arctic Countries Mutual Interest Exchange Conference. We have received endorsements of your program from Governor Hammond of Alaska and Mayor Sullivan in Anchorage, as well as several members of the Congress.

Your proposal for the exchange of information and ideas between the cities and towns of the Arctic region is most interesting and constructive. I recommend that you keep in touch with Mr. Theodore Sellin at the Department of State concerning your project.

Thank you for bringing your proposal on an Arctic Conference to the attention of the President.

Sincerely,



Stephen G. McConahey
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

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



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Assistant Secretary for Domestic
and International Business
Washington, D.C. 20230

JAN 18 1977

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

Dear Senator Stevens:

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We will be glad to help publicize the conference and furnish advice on request. I wish we could do more.

Sincerely,

L. S. Matthews

Leonard S. Matthews
Assistant Secretary for Domestic
and International Business

Swedish Embassy

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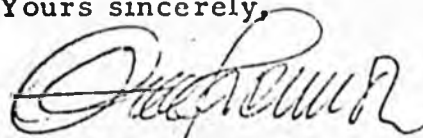
Dear Mr. Byer:

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

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

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

Yours sincerely,



Ove Svensson
Cultural Attaché

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

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Alaska State Senate

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March 8, 1977

Mr. George Byer
Box 445
Hemet, California 92343

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter with the additional enclosures regarding the establishment of an Arctic-Alaska International Conference. I know of your untiring efforts to launch this Conference, and I do support your endeavors, George.

You've certainly done an amazing job in making sure that no stone goes unturned, and I realize this is no small effort to undertake. I share your interest in fitting all the necessary pieces together, and I assure you that I'll do what I can to help. I'll continue to work with my colleagues in an effort to obtain the necessary funding which you seek.

Thanks again for the material. Your anticipation is shared by many, and good luck!

Kindest personal regards,



Patrick Rodey

PR/ka

TUESDAY...MARCH 15th

Joe...

When can we expect some action thru your committee and on to finance. Things are stacking up and waiting...And if there were no other interest the Dept. of Commerce should certainly impress every member for the vision it has...This is not unusual, we have any number like this both at home and abroad...But Joe we need action...





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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20550

DIVISION OF POLAR PROGRAMS

December 15, 1976

Mr. George H. Byer
Arctic-Alaska Conference, Inc.
Box 445
Hemet, California 92343

Dear Mr. Byer:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 22, 1976 to Dr. Rutford. He will be in Antarctica for the next several weeks and has asked me to reply to you in his absence.

We would be pleased to publicize the Arctic-Alaska International Conference in our publication Arctic Bulletin. The Arctic Bulletin is published for the U.S. Interagency Arctic Research Coordinating Committee by the National Science Foundation. We have a circulation of about 1800 to government officials, researchers in industry and universities, libraries, and other institutions. Just send your desired information release to Captain Jerry Stringer, Editor, Arctic Bulletin, Division of Polar Programs, NSF, Washington, D.C. 20550.

Another possible vehicle for publicizing your conference is the journal Arctic, published by the Arctic Institute of North America. The address of the Editorial Office is 1020 Pine Avenue, W. Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3A 1A2.

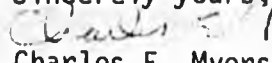
I cannot speak for Dr. Rutford at this time concerning his participation in the conference. May I suggest that you call him sometime this spring to determine if his schedule would permit him to attend the conference in Anchorage.

Regarding your request for names of people to lead the open forums, the following names come to mind. If these individuals are unable to participate, I am sure that they will be able to suggest additional names:

Marine Life - Donald Hood, University of Alaska
Health - Philip Chen, National Institutes of Health,
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Agriculture - James Drew, University of Alaska
Fuel, Oil and Energy - George Gryc, U.S. Geological Survey,
Menlo Park, California
Weather and Atmospheric Sciences - Bernhard Haurwitz, Colorado
State University, Fort Collins, Colorado
Transportation - Charles Bates, U.S. Coast Guard
Earth Sciences - George Gryc, U.S. Geological Survey

Best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely yours,


Charles E. Myers

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

1976

Dear Mr. Byer:

Your interest in furthering cultural exchange among the peoples of the Northern Hemisphere is indeed a constructive and worthwhile idea especially in this important year of our Nation's Bicentennial. As a center for your proposed program, Anchorage is obviously a city for which you feel much pride and in which you envision much promise for the future.

Mr. Robinson joins me in hoping that the promising beginnings which you have described will lead to a successful program that the people of Alaska and of neighboring countries can enjoy and from which they can benefit.

Robert J. McCloskey, Assistant Secretary
Congressional Relations
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20520

Sincerely,

John E. Reinhardt

John E. Reinhardt
Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

To reiterate, Mr. Charles Robinson, Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs, based his reasoning on this evaluation when at the global economic talks that convened in Paris this December 16th past

The United States views this preparatory conference as an essential step in search for a new global consensus based on cooperation.

We accept the reality of economic interdependence and recognize that what diminishes the economic success of the developing nations, diminishes our own" . . .

In the birthday year of America, the State Department has, by experience from the global economic conference in Paris, the knowledge, functional facts and learned results to share some of these essential and to reshape some of the major importances applicable to the Arctic Conference. The findings of the Commission on Raw Materials and Industrial Development are of worthy economic value in furthering the prospects of the Arctic nations.

For it is better to have dreams such as Thomas Jefferson, Abe Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr did ---dreams of a better tomorrow. And perhaps the best we as Americans can do in our Bicentennial year is to dream of what we want to be able to celebrate five or ten years from now and to dedicate ourselves to fulfilling the necessary steps. By taking the initiative in Alaska, we are extending the horizon both at home and abroad.

Respectfully,

George H. Byer

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I'm sure like to
keep all your committee
informed so could you
either have copies
made or pass the
enclosed around.

This is no small
effort with planning
time, money on my
part for Alaska without
one benefit to me so
certainly support is
in order - *[Signature]*

Advisory Committee for the city has been mentioned & all the rest. Its been done..



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February 28, 1977

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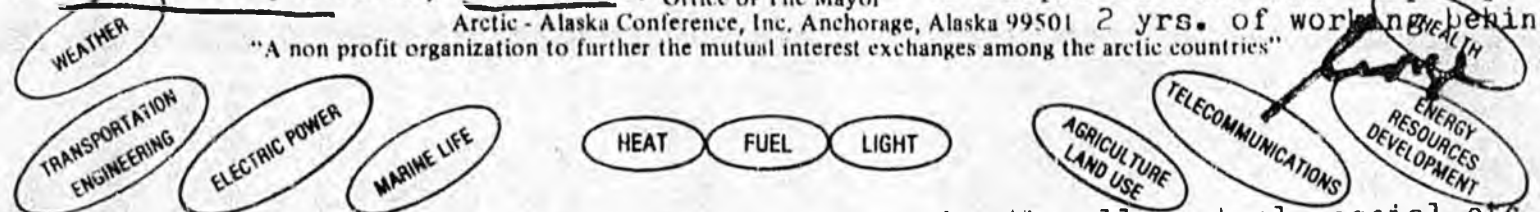
I'll answer your 24th letter by saying and its steering types of committees and not of the state process... "If you want a good idea killed, give it to a committee"... I'll go a step more by saying if you want something snafued, red-taped, bungled just give it to a fed. agency like the S. Dept. It is no wonder The First Lady said in her people to people exchange... "Something without government involvement but with its approval and encouragement. This we have from the S. Dept, Dept of Commerce etc. We had to do a little jaw-boning last yr. with a couple egotists in the S. Dept. but once we got them squared around no more problems. They are the greatest for thinking no one can do anything relative to foreign people but them. This is from the S. Dept. Alaska is at liberty to sponsor an international conference on the subjects it proposes, on a scale it desires and at a time of its choosing..." The Dept. would be prepared to transmit through its facilities abroad any invitations by the S. of Ak to intended participants in such a conference as Ak. decides to hold... That's all very simple... They have nothing to do with itineraries, steering comms. etc. You mentioned steering comms. What are they going to steer? After 2yrs of steady work, its all been done, contacts made etc. just waiting for the legislature to give us means and the governor to give his full support & cooperation. Pat, we don't need a lot of people telling us how to do it. We know how and I for one had I not felt like I knew how or what or when do you think I'd assume such a responsibility. Ideas & suggestions are great but let us do the job we have worked 2yrs putting together. I've said this over & over for all we need are (two top people).. One an exec. dir. and this the best of exper ience etc. and a program coordinator and you'd be surprised how fast this can get into high gear and shape up. Why? because the work has been going on for 2 yrs. It is now merely to pull it together. No big deal. People who don't know has been my learning try to make things complicated. Big things are easy, its the little stuff that's hard. What we need in Juneau are champions who aren't afraid and are willin to be persittent to get up on the floor in the House & Senate and speak up for the Conf. and for an idea whose time has come and to give us who has labored, stayed with it, done the work over the 2yrs full support and let us do the job. We gladly accept the responsibility & we know what has to be done & how to do it but get too many cooks and what happens to the broth. In brief, the governor's full support & cooperation, the means, and you will be surprised what can shape up with

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Mrs. Atwood will chair and pick her ladies to handle all protcol, social etc.

Rosalynn Carter's Ambitious Plan for World Peace

By TOM SMITH

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

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

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

Friends of Rosalynn say she's "very excited" by the prospect of bringing people of the world closer together through these no red line exchanges — and they say President Jimmy Carter is solidly behind her plan.

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

Pernambuco, while Carter was governor.

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

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



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

ment involvement, but with its approval and encouragement."

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

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

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

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

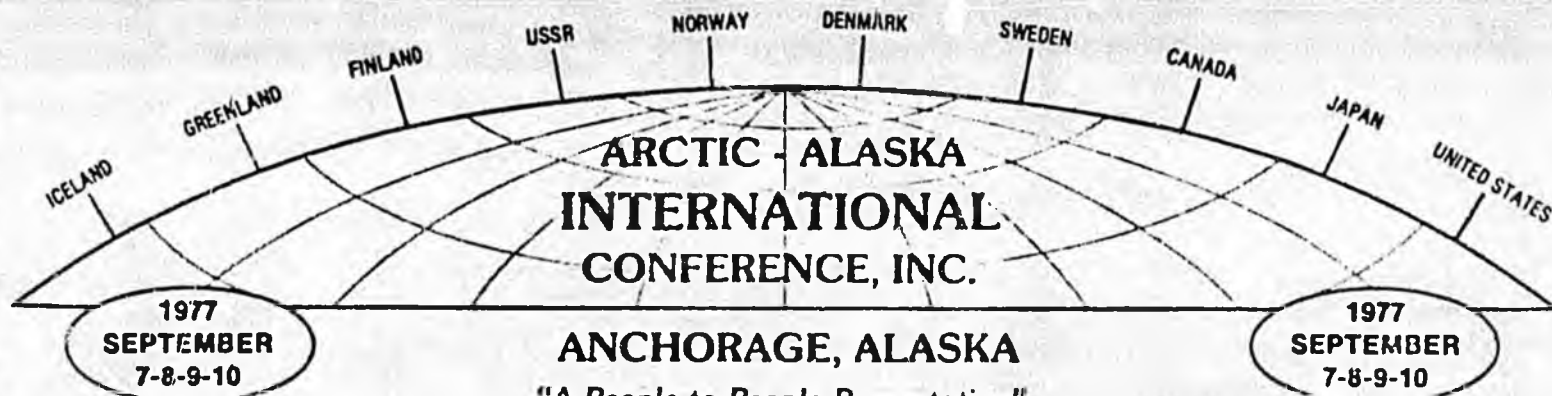
Luria, associate director of the Partners organization.

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

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

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

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



February 9, 1977

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The First Lady
White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mrs. Carter...

In prayer Sunday past, I asked that a new meaning and purpose be given the international conference for 77. Then today, almost like a revelation, I read of your "Friendship Force" and the people-to-people exchange.

It is of the same philosophy as the no-red-tape people to people presentation. This has been an Arctic dream of mine ever since the over-the-pole flights began, with a stop in Anchorage between Europe and the Far East, bringing ordinary people to Alaska from the arctic countries to join in a mutual exchange of ideas and suggestions that are common to all. A plan, by Alaskans, without government involvement but with its approval and encouragement.

So I can get excited about the many potentials and benefits of the "Friendship Force" and what an appropriate opportunity to incorporate it into the international program for 77 and bring your dream into reality.

I have already written Mr. Powell in Plains and Mr. Watson in D.C. hopeful of getting the President to Alaska, tour the energy field, pipe line and give international importance to Alaska's people-to-people program. And I wrote... "Jimmy will be one of the "greats"... Alaska will be one of the "greats" and they ought to meet. The First Lady is "great" also for her vision and plans for a better tomorrow. It would be a fulfilling realization, in the fall of 77, to all join in a common bond of dedication for what "the interest in others program" can do for the betterment cause.

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

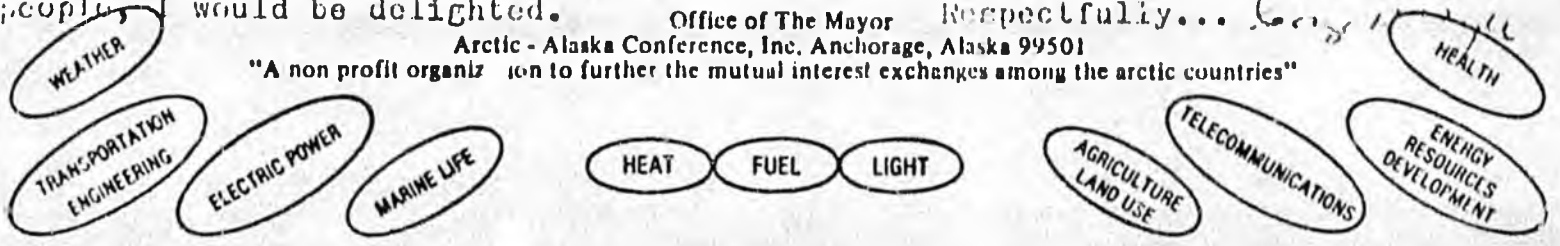
Plans for coming to D.C. are being coordinated and should your busy schedule permit a few moments in the common hope of international peace through the exchange of people, I would be delighted.

Office of The Mayor

Respectfully...

Arctic - Alaska Conference, Inc. Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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LISA RUDD

ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, POUCH V, JUNEAU 99811

Dear George,

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

District Seven
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Yours,

Lisa Rudd

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BUREAU OF OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

April 26, 1976

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Hemet
California 92343

Dear Mr. Byer:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of April 5 to Assistant Secretary Robert J. McCloskey regarding an Arctic Country Mutual Interest Exchange Conference in 1976 proposed in Joint Resolution 51 recently passed by the Alaska State Legislature.

The Assistant Secretary's letter of March 15 to Senator Stevens, a copy of which you have, conveys the considered opinion of the Department on the feasibility of a conference such as that described in the Resolution. Your letter of April 5 suggests a much more modest international gathering of a planning nature. A preparatory meeting that would deal with the realities of such a demanding and complicated undertaking as that outlined in the Resolution would seem to be an essential early step.

The State of Alaska is, of course, at liberty to sponsor an international conference on the subjects it proposes, on a scale it desires, and at a time of its choosing. For our part, it would be virtually impossible to do more than offer advice and encouragement. Given the nature of the federal budget cycle, and the obligations already incurred, possible funding by the Department of State for an Arctic Country Mutual Interest Exchange Conference

could not have been anticipated for this or the next fiscal year. However, the Department would be prepared to transmit through its facilities abroad any invitations by the State of Alaska to intended participants in such a conference as Alaska decides to hold.

Sincerely,

Theodore Sellin
Theodore Sellin

Note

NOTE... THE SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO THE TOP PREFERENCE INTEREST OF ENERGY, THE MARINE LIFE & HEALTH. THE REST AS OUTLINED IN THE 76 RESOLUTION WILL BE CHOICES FOR OPEN ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS BUT THE TOP THEME OF ENERGY WILL HAVE THE BIGGEST & MOST PRODUCTIVE SPEAKERS, SEMINARS ETC.

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from

the Director and Staff



UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

January 31, 1977



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

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Sincerely,

Keith B. Mather
Vice Chancellor for Research and
Advanced Study

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Enclosure

PLEASE REPLY BY AIRMAIL



UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701

February 16, 1977

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

Dear George:

Thanks for your letter of February 8. I'm enclosing for your information a brochure on the Institute of Social and Economic Research. The various projects we are engaged in are generally described under the brochure and on the last two pages the institute's personnel and their training and interests are also listed. The various professional staff would potentially be available to participate in the conference, depending upon their individual work schedules and other commitments. Therefore, as the conference planning progresses and you identify topics for which you feel some of our professional staff would be qualified to address, I'll be happy to see if I can arrange for their participation in the conference.

With best regards

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Gorsuch".

Lee Gorsuch, Director
Institute of Social and Economic Research

Enclosure: ISER Brochure

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FRIDTJOF NANSEN-STIFTELSEN PÅ POLHØGDA
THE FRIDTJOF NANSEN FOUNDATION AT POLHØGDA

1324 Lysaker, NORWAY

10 February 1977.

Mr. George H. Byer
Alaska Conference Coordinator
Box 445
Homet, Cal. 92343

Dear Mr. Byer,

Thank you very much for your rather flattering letter of December 31, 1976, regarding the Arctic Alaska Conference. For various reasons I have not been able to reply to your letter before now. The proposal for your conference does arouse my interest and I certainly look forward to receiving further information.

As to your suggestion that I might play a role in connection with the conference, this of course, will depend on what the organizers would want me to do and then on my ability to actually act accordingly.

Even before having such suggestions or proposals as might evolve, I must point out that September of 77 will be a rather busy month for me, and that participation on my part will depend on timing.

Wishing you every luck in your effort, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Finn Sollie

Finn Sollie
Director

X [DR. SOLLIE & HIS INSTITUTE ARE CONSIDERED BY THE S. DEPT. NAT. SCIENCE FOUNDATION & OTHERS TO BE THE TOP AUTHORITY ON THE ARCTIC. TOO THE MINISTER OF FINANCE WHO HAS PUT NORWAY INTO THE TOP COUNTRY BRACKET HAS BEEN INVITED AND SHOULD BENEFIT ALL. BY THEIR N. SEA OIL HANDLING.

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ARCTIC ICE DYNAMICS JOINT EXPERIMENT

January 3, 1977

George H. Byer
Alaska Conference Coordinator
Box 445
Hemet, California 92343

Dear Mr. Byer:

Thank you for your letter concerning plans for an International Arctic Conference. Your letter and the attached material do not specify how the institutions listed on your letterhead are involved in the planning of the conference. Since I am associated professionally with some of them, i.e., the Arctic Institute of North America and the University of Alaska, I would appreciate it if any further contacts were made through them.

Yours sincerely,

N. Untersteiner

Norbert Untersteiner

X DR. UNTERSTEINER IS A PROFESSOR AT THE U. OF WASHINGTON IN SEATTLE AND ANOTHER TOP MAN IN ARCTIC PERSPECTIVES.



Mr. George H. Byer
Coordinator
Arctic-Alaska International
Conference, Inc.
Box 445
Hemet, California 92343

Ben W Agee
President

Dear Mr. Byer:

February 17, 1977

RCA Alascom has received your letter outlining your objectives for the Arctic-Alaska International Conference. We have also received a copy of your letter to Mr. H. R. Hawkins, RCA Communications, and have advised them of our willingness to participate in the conference.

RCA Alaska Communications, Inc., is an Alaska corporation and regulated public utility under the auspices of the Alaska Public Utility Commission. We provide long line communications services throughout this great state. Due to our regulated position, however, it is not possible for us to provide services at rates other than those specified in our public tariffs. However, there must be some other way in which RCA Alascom can assist with the conference. We will be happy to coordinate directly with you any possible assistance.

As your planning becomes more definite, please feel free to contact me concerning our possible participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ben W Agee", written in a cursive style.

EXXON COMPANY, U.S.A.

POUCH 6601 • ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99502

ALASKA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BLEU BEATHARD
MANAGER

February 15, 1977

George H. Byer
Arctic - Alaska International Conference
Box 445
Hemet, CA 92343

A copy of your letter to C.C. Garvin, Jr. of Exxon Corporation has been forwarded to me. The proposed Arctic - Alaska Conference sounds like an interesting project. We would be glad to consider your ideas for Exxon involvement in the conference.

Bleu Beathard
Bleu Beathard

Alaska Region
Post Office Box 360
Anchorage, Alaska 99510
Telephone 907 277 5637

Howard A. Slack
Vice President &
Resident Manager



January 17, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Byer:

Mr. Bradshaw has requested that I respond to your recent letters to him. He and I are gratified that you are now receiving encouragement from local, state and national government heads for an Arctic Countries Mutual Interest Exchange Conference. We hope that it will materialize as planned in September in Anchorage.

Our records indicate that last year we donated \$500 to assist in the organization of the conference and sent it care of the Municipality of Anchorage. It was subsequently returned and upon inquiry we were advised that the conference would not be held. Governor Hammond's office advised us similarly.

We certainly will now want to reinstitute this commitment but before considering any increase we would appreciate receiving from you an indication of other support you have received from the private sector. Whereas we are pleased to be able to make a monetary contribution to the organization of the conference I regret that we will be unable to loan an executive for 6-8 months to help coordinate all phases of the project. The startup of the Prudhoe Bay Field and all of the attendant problems has already placed undue demands on the time of our capable people.

I look forward to your reply, meantime good luck with your project.

Very truly yours,

Howard A. Slack

Howard A. Slack

c: Mr. Thornton F. Bradshaw

AtlanticRichfieldCompany 518 South Flower Street
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Telephone 213 488 1738
T. F. Bradshaw
President

February 4, 1977

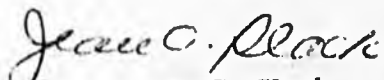
Mr. George H. Byer
Box 445
Hemet, California 92343

Dear Mr. Byer:

Thank you for your letter of January 31, 1977, regarding the Arctic-Alaska International Conference and suggesting that Atlantic Richfield consider the possibility of establishing an International Energy Foundation grant for the University of Alaska at Anchorage.

Your letter has been received during Mr. Bradshaw's absence from the office and will be brought to his attention upon his return.

Sincerely yours,



(Miss) Jean C. Slack
Secretary to Mr. Bradshaw

ROYAL
SWEDISH EMBASSY

Washington, D.C., February 14, 1977.

Mr. George H. Byer
Alaska Conference Coordinator
Arctic-Alaska International Conference, Inc.
Box 445
Hemet, California 92343

Dear Mr. Byer:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 30, 1976, regarding the Arctic-Alaska International Conference, which was waiting for me when I returned from vacation.

Your renewed invitation to participate in this conference has been forwarded to the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm and I will let you know of their reaction in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Eva Dieden

Eva Dieden
Press Assistant

SWEDISH EMBASSY

George H. Byer
P.O. Box 445
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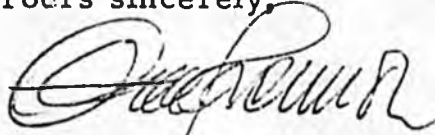
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we would do our best to promote Swedish participation.

Yours sincerely,



Ove Svensson
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February 17, 1977

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

Dear George:

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As Chairman of the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee, and in an effort to derive insight into the above referenced bill, I have made contact with the following people to receive input regarding the Arctic-Alaska International Conference:

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Governor's Office
Mayor Sullivan's Office, Anchorage
Arctic Institute of North America

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However, there do appear to be two concerns:

That the spectrum of the Conference is too broad in scope and needs to be reduced to a format more specific in perspective; and, secondly, that the necessary steering committees, on both the pertinent Conference subjects and the overall Conference organization, need to be formed. It surprises me that all this effort must be expended so early in the Conference timetable, but apparantly that is the way these international conferences are done.

In an effort to assist in this regard, might i suggest that you contact Senator Croft and attain assistance from his office in analyzing the stature of the Conference. I noticed in your letter, dated January 26, 1977, that you have a number of topics suggested as areas of discussion. Possibly two or three of these topics would be suitable as a theme on which to conduct the Conference.

Senator Croft's office would also, I am sure, be productive as a source in helping you establish and organize criteria for the Conference, suggesting individuals who may be interested in creating steering committees to assist in organizing and delineating the specific objectives of the Conference, and acquiring funds. As sponsor of the bill he has indicated his interest in the subject, and his experience and scope of statewide contacts would certainly be of benefit in this regard.

When our committee addresses this bill, I am sure the members will be very supportive as to the spirit of the Conference and will anxiously await the opportunity to review the refined product.

Sincerely,

JOE ORSINI
Senator

JO/gd

cc: Senator Chaney Croft

Letter to George Byers (re-draft)

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RE: SB 63

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PC/js

cc Sen. Chancy Croft



LISA RUDD

ALASKA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, POUCH V, JUNEAU 99811

Dear George,

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

Yours,

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Lisa Rudd

REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 11 - ANCHORAGE



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United States Representative

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

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February 9, 1977

Friend Joe...

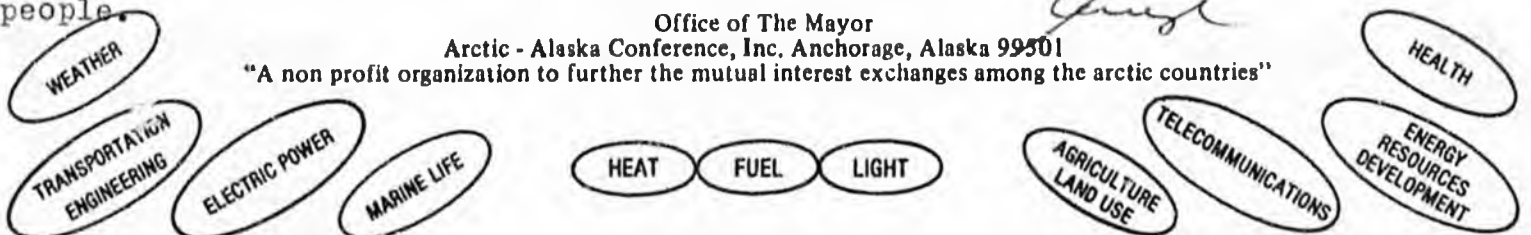
I have had a rumor that the Governor is luke warm to the conference and not very enthused about the money bill for it. Well, if this is true and I have had no indication by him of anything other than what the enclosed letter by him says which I have continued to use in copies to all the important letters assuring people the governor and mayor are still in favor of this history making endeavor. The governor signed the resolution in 76 by the legislature so it should still maintain that commitment.

The Arctic Inst. of N. America are working on a field for icefield ranges a sort of Alaska-Siberian project which they said would in no way interfere with our conference if it was to be held in 77 or 78.

I began this effort in late 75 and have been at it ever since and too much has been accomplished to turn back, postpone or delay. I should be getting full support and especially from all you upstate and Anch. legislators.

Joe, you are in the governor's confidence so why couldn't you get his ear and put some push behind this. I've asked him to write each of the embassies a personal invite to the conference for this is important now that we are already into the program planning with commitments. There is no yesterday left on this, its gone on now to only tomorrow. Joe, we ask your help and support as Lisa in the House has. I want to go to D.C. talk with the embassies, state dept, Carter people etc. but before I go I want the assurance I have the support from the governor & you people.

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



JAY S. HAMMOND
GOVERNOR



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

April 30, 1976

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

Dear George:

I have received your recent letter regarding the proposed Arctic Countries Mutual Interest Exchange Conference.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the telegram I have recently sent to President Ford urging action by the State Department in initiating this proposal. I know of your past interest and efforts in other such proposals bringing together Arctic representatives, and I applaud your efforts in this regard.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Jay S. Hammond
Governor

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

· WASHINGTON

May 18, 1976

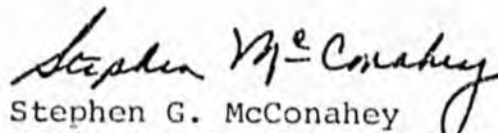
Dear Mr. Byer:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of March 1, concerning the Arctic Countries Mutual Interest Exchange Conference. We have received endorsements of your program from Governor Hammond of Alaska and Mayor Sullivan in Anchorage, as well as several members of the Congress.

Your proposal for the exchange of information and ideas between the cities and towns of the Arctic region is most interesting and constructive. I recommend that you keep in touch with Mr. Theodore Sellin at the Department of State concerning your project.

Thank you for bringing your proposal on an Arctic Conference to the attention of the President.

Sincerely,



Stephen G. McConahey
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

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



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Assistant Secretary for Domestic
and International Business
Washington, D.C. 20230

JAN 18 1977

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

Dear Senator Stevens:

Since receiving your letter of last December 6 regarding an Arctic Alaska International Conference, we have received additional material from Mr. George Byer, the Conference Coordinator. We share Mr. Byer's enthusiasm as to the important position Alaska is attaining in both U.S. and world economic affairs and certainly see the conference as a good forum for discussion and cooperation between participating countries.

I am sorry that we do not have funds to support the endeavor. Provision was not made for it in our current budget and, even so, it does not appear to fit within those areas of activity for which the Department is authorized to provide funding support. Please do not regard this as a lack of interest on our part. Many of the discussion subjects under consideration are of great interest to the Office of Energy Programs as well as to other entities within the Department. Specifically, I have in mind the energy and marine topics.

We will be glad to help publicize the conference and furnish advice on request. I wish we could do more.

Sincerely,

L. S. Matthews

Leonard S. Matthews
Assistant Secretary for Domestic
and International Business

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

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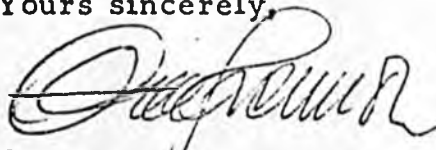
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Ove Svensson
Cultural Attaché

With compliments

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UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701

January 31, 1977



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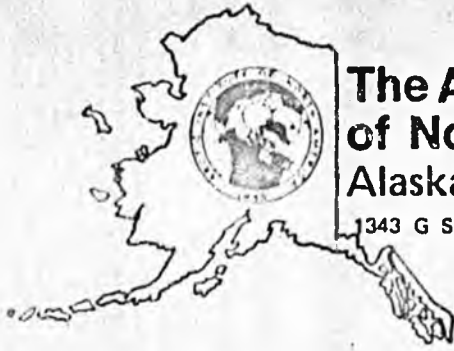
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Sincerely,

Keith B. Mather
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**The Arctic Institute
of North America
Alaska Office**

1343 G St. Anchorage, Alaska 99501

September 17, 1976

George H. Byer
Arctic Alaska International Conference Inc.
Hemet, California

Dear Mr. Byer,

Having recently returned to Anchorage from our Icefield Ranges Research Project in the Yukon Territory, I am now in receipt of your communications regarding the Arctic Alaska International Conference.

The Arctic Institute is very interested in participating in the conference, and would be glad to assist you in any way we can as preparations get underway. Accordingly, please feel free to list us as a participant.

We're looking forward to hearing more about the conference, and do let us know if we can be of help.

Sincerely,


Philip P. Upton
Manager, Alaska Office



December 28, 1976

INTERNATIONAL HOSTS

- Jay S. Hammond
Governor of Alaska
- Alaska State Senate
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- Alaska State House
of
Representatives
Mike Bradner, Presiding
- George M. Sullivan
Mayor of Anchorage
- Anchorage Municipal Assembly
Dave Rose, Chairman
- Ted Stevens
Alaska
United States Senator
- Mike Gravel
Alaska
United States Senator
- Don Young
Alaska
United States Representative

Mr. Kimmo Pulkkinen, Second Secretary
Embassy of Finland
1900 - 24th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

COPY....

Same substance interest
to each Embassy of the
Arctic countries.

Dear Mr. Pulkkinen....

We were highly elated by Alaska's neighbors in the Arctic for their interest in our first proposed mutual exchange conference. Sweden conferred their interest by writing... "As we think your idea of a meeting in Alaska is very interesting, we are looking forward to an invitation from the State of Alaska."

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

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So may we again invite all who are interested in helping to further the common bonds of the Arctic by an exchangeable program of mutual interests.

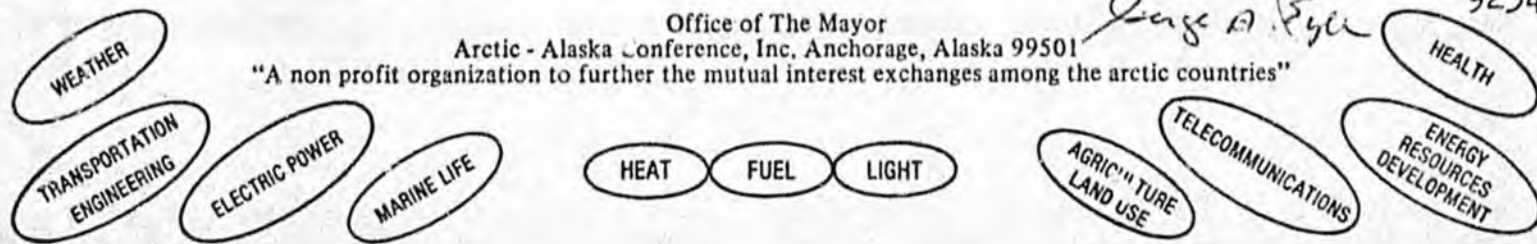
The delay of the conference until September of 77, has now allowed ample time to program the various workshops, seminars, demonstrations and speakers of Arctic experience and knowledge.

While most expenses are the responsibility of those attending certain provisions will be provided for relative to airport transportation, tours, special conference related trips, social reception and Alaskan gift remembrances. To help defray the various expenses including the banquet, a \$25.00 registration fee will be assessed each delegate. Those not wishing to attend the banquet are assessed a lesser fee. Let us suggest that those who have a preference subject, plan to bring your interests to share with others, and with appreciation to each and all, I am, sincerely, George H. Byer, Coordinator, Box - 445, Hemet, California 92343

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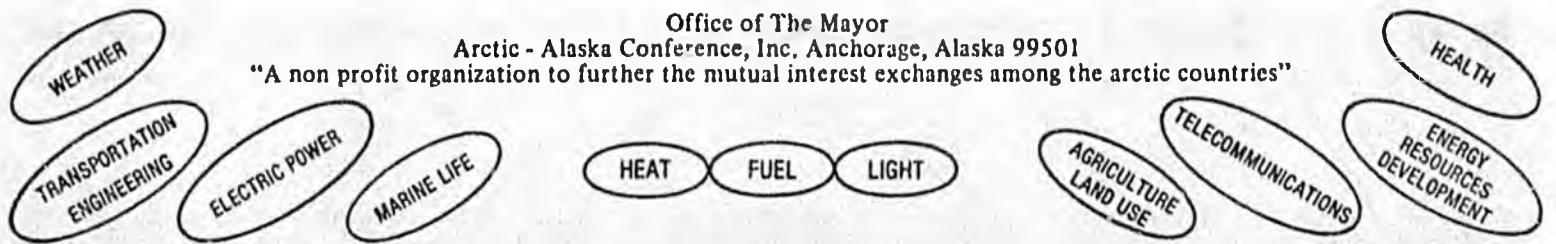
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Joe...if it is some answers people need, come to me by calling, or a letter for
 I've been at it for 2 yrs.
 and I've been in touch with whoever.



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February 19, 1977

Dear Joe...

I have both your letters of the 17th and let me shed some light on your concern that the spectrum of the conference is too broad.

(I) the listed subjects are what the resolution mentioned however it never was the intention to carry out on each but rather on the ones of the most interest such as energy, marine life, health & agriculture with the others merely worked in on forums & group gatherings of their own.

Joe, we have been through all of this advisory committees etc. These are already and waiting for the governor to cooperate so it all depends on Jay and his willingness to fully support and help all concerned. That's all we need but that has to be assured. Wheres the leadership? And why can't you people help

Hell, I'm not spending my time, effort, my own money for this very worthy program for Alaska without one dam benefit to me without having the governor come forth and show he is doing what is right toward the conference. So it is up to you rep.

in a leadership role to set down with him, see the advantage of what this means to Alaska and let's get it back on the right track. An idea who time has come needs to be pursued.

As for your letter to the mayor I feel I can clarify it since George is away on vacation.

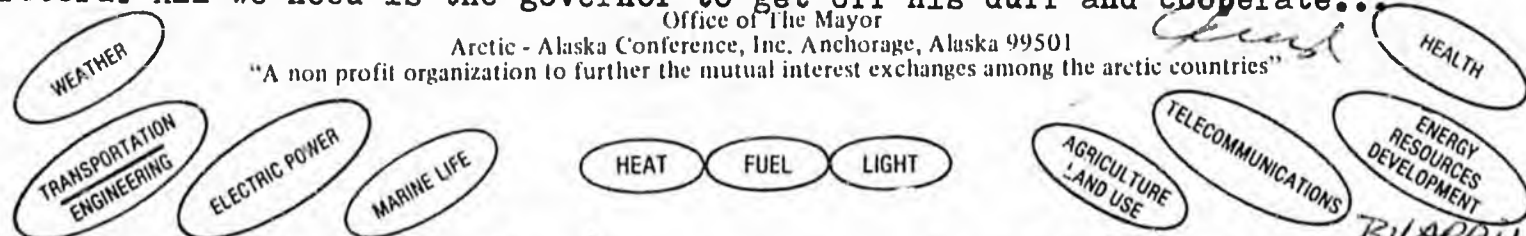
The mayor told me the city will take care of all transportation to & from the airport, tours, one large cocktail reception, programs and what added personnel need be. The money appropriated would be used for an exec. dir. - program coordinator, basic salaries and limited expenses such as luncheons etc. interpreters, decorations, flags, music, some entertainment and to bring in some top knowledgable people of arctic experience and knowledge like Dr. Untersteiner of U. Of Wash. Dr. Roots of Canada etc. Now the states contribution last year was that the state dept. heads would be provided to lead the subject seminars etc.

As for someone to think its not a program that can be put together, they are merely looking at it from a novice point of view. I've done similar things before and know what needs to be done and how to do it or I would never have tackled it in the first place. Never doubt ones ability to perform unless they look at the record. All we need is the governor to get off his duff and cooperate...

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PS: We should be having an exp dir & program coordinator

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ROYAL
SWEDISH EMBASSY

Washington, D.C., February 14, 1977.

Mr. George H. Byer
Alaska Conference Coordinator
Arctic-Alaska International Conference, Inc.
Box 445
Hemet, California 92343

Dear Mr. Byer:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 30, 1976, regarding the Arctic-Alaska International Conference, which was waiting for me when I returned from vacation.

Your renewed invitation to participate in this conference has been forwarded to the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm and I will let you know of their reaction in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Eva Dieden

Eva Dieden
Press Assistant

THIS MAN ACCORDING TO THE STATE DEPT. IS ONE OF THE TOP MEN OF THE ARCTIC,
PLUS DR. ROOTS OF CANADA AS THE OTHER

FRIDTJOF NANSEN-STIFTELSEN PÅ POLHØGDA
THE FRIDTJOF NANSEN FOUNDATION AT POLHØGDA

1324 Lysaker, NORWAY

10 February 1977.

Mr. George H. Byer
Alaska Conference Coordinator
Box 445
Homet, Cal. 92343

Dear Mr. Byer,

Thank you very much for your rather flattering letter of December 31, 1976, regarding the Arctic Alaska Conference. For various reasons I have not been able to reply to your letter before now. The proposal for your conference does arouse my interest and I certainly look forward to receiving further information.

As to your suggestion that I might play a role in connection with the conference, this of course, will depend on what the organizers would want me to do and then on my ability to actually act accordingly.

Even before having such suggestions or proposals as might evolve, I must point out that September of 77 will be a rather busy month for me, and that participation on my part will depend on timing.

Wishing you every luck in your effort, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Finn Sollie

Finn Sollie
Director

HERES ~~AMTHER~~ ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF INTEREST AND COOPERATION



UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99701

February 16, 1977

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

Dear George:

Thanks for your letter of February 8. I'm enclosing for your information a brochure on the Institute of Social and Economic Research. The various projects we are engaged in are generally described under the brochure and on the last two pages the institute's personnel and their training and interests are also listed. The various professional staff would potentially be available to participate in the conference, depending upon their individual work schedules and other commitments. Therefore, as the conference planning progresses and you identify topics for which you feel some of our professional staff would be qualified to address, I'll be happy to see if I can arrange for their participation in the conference.

With best regards

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee Gorsuch".

Lee Gorsuch, Director
Institut. of Social and Economic Research

Enclosure: ISER Brochure

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ALASKA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

BLEU BEATHARD
MANAGER

February 15, 1977

George H. Byer
Arctic - Alaska International Conference
Box 445
Hemet, CA 92343

A copy of your letter to C.C. Garvin, Jr. of Exxon Corporation has been forwarded to me. The proposed Arctic - Alaska Conference sounds like an interesting project. We would be glad to consider your ideas for Exxon involvement in the conference.

Bleu Beathard
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TO ADD TO THIS INTEREST BOTH TEXACO & ARCO HAVE ALREADY INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENERGY SEMINARS.



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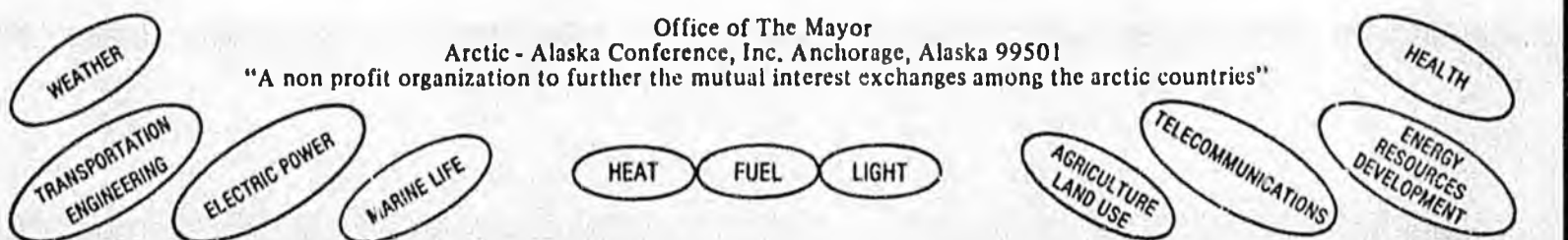
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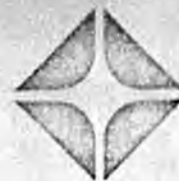
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Howard A. Slack
Vice President &
Resident Manager



January 17, 1977

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

Dear Mr. Byer:

Mr. Bradshaw has requested that I respond to your recent letters to him. He and I are gratified that you are now receiving encouragement from local, State and National government heads for an Arctic Countries Mutual Interest Exchange Conference. We hope that it will materialize as planned in September in Anchorage.

Our records indicate that last year we donated \$500 to assist in the organization of the conference and sent it care of the Municipality of Anchorage. It was subsequently returned and upon inquiry we were advised that the conference would not be held. Governor Hammond's office advised us similarly.

We certainly will now want to reinstitute this commitment but before considering any increase we would appreciate receiving from you an indication of other support you have received from the private sector. Whereas we are pleased to be able to make a monetary contribution to the organization of the conference I regret that we will be unable to loan an executive for 6-8 months to help coordinate all phases of the project. The startup of the Prudhoe Bay Field and all of the attendant problems has already placed undue demands on the time of our capable people.

I look forward to your reply, meantime good luck with your project.

Very truly yours,

Howard A. Slack

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c: Mr. Thornton F. Bradshaw

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BUREAU OF OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

April 26, 1976

Mr. George Byer
Post Office Box 445
Hemet
California 92343

Dear Mr. Byer:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of April 5 to Assistant Secretary Robert J. McCloskey regarding an Arctic Country Mutual Interest Exchange Conference in 1976 proposed in Joint Resolution 51 recently passed by the Alaska State Legislature.

The Assistant Secretary's letter of March 15 to Senator Stevens, a copy of which you have, conveys the considered opinion of the Department on the feasibility of a conference such as that described in the Resolution. Your letter of April 5 suggests a much more modest international gathering of a planning nature. A preparatory meeting that would deal with the realities of such a demanding and complicated undertaking as that outlined in the Resolution would seem to be an essential early step.

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CHARIFIED
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A The State of Alaska is, of course, at liberty to sponsor an international conference on the subjects it proposes, on a scale it desires, and at a time of its choosing. For our part, it would be virtually impossible to do more than offer advice and encouragement. Given the nature of the federal budget cycle, and the obligations already incurred, possible funding by the Department of State for an Arctic Country Mutual Interest Exchange Conference

could not have been anticipated for this or the next fiscal year. However, the Department would be prepared to transmit through its facilities abroad any invitations by the State of Alaska to intended participants in such a conference as Alaska decides to hold.

Sincerely,

Theodore Sellin
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SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Senator Joe Orsini
Chairman

Senate Bill No. 63

Croft
Prime Sponsor

Resolution No. _____

This Bill is currently in the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee for consideration. Your response, as prime sponsor, to the following questions will serve to hasten Committee action on this Bill.

1. What is the need for your proposed legislation; what is the goal you are trying to accomplish?

This funds an idea that George Byer, former Mayor of Anchorage, came up with. It would provide for a conference of Arctic nations - Russia, Canada, Finland, Greenland, Norway, Sweden, etc., be held in Anchorage.

2. Are there any other viable ways of accomplishing this same goal?

We're having enough trouble doing it this way that I don't know of any other way that might come as close.

3. Persons or groups you know of who are supporting the legislation.

George Byer, the Municipality of Anchorage, etc.

4. Persons or groups you know of who are opposing the legislation.

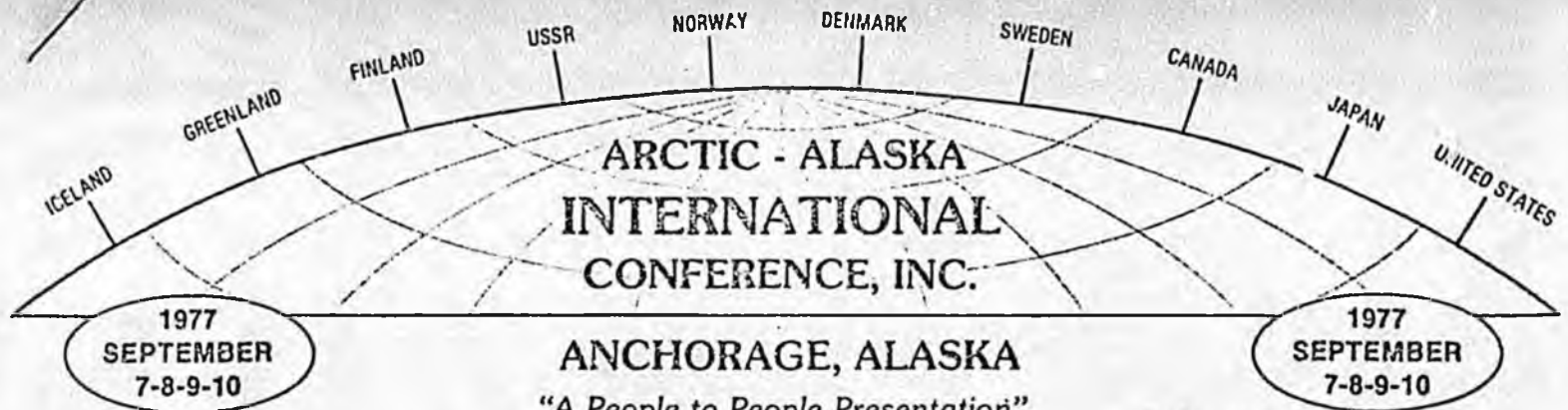
I understand that the Governor is unwilling to commit funds for this purpose.

5. Can you foresee any new problems that might be caused as a result of enactment of your bill?

No. The purpose of the bill is to help Arctic countries solve problems.

6. What is the earliest time you would like the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee to consider your bill?

Week of February 28.



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Joe - we need your help - action important now
 If the enclosed from Mayor Sullivan is true and let us assume that (it is not) for I have never and I repeat never had any indication from Governor Hammond other than the enclosed as copies expressing his good-will, cooperation and go ahead.

No one knowingly, over the months, would continue to spend all the time, endless effort and money to promote this very worth event for Alaska if the governor had ever expressed his dislike or opposition too it. After it was canceled in 76 due to requests for more time to prepare, no word, letter or call was ever received by me, the mayor or anyone, by the governor, opposing the conference or discontinuation of it or the final for achieving it.

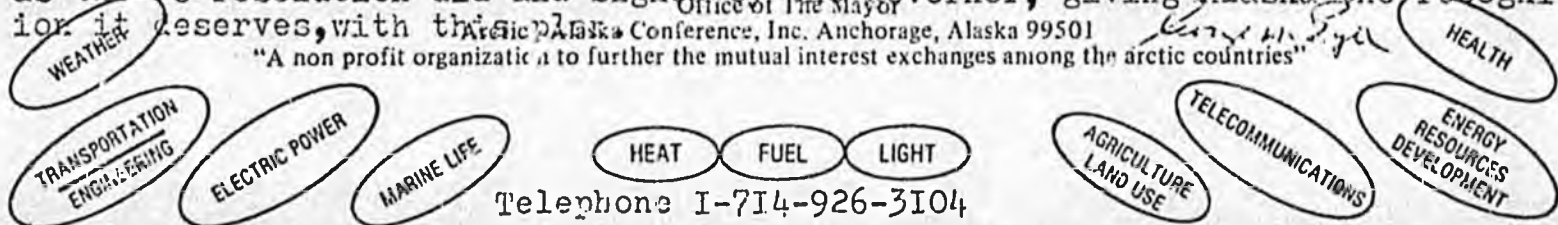
So naturally we have taken him at his original word as you or anyone would and we have continued to do all the many things it takes to prepare such an important international program.

Since the Arctic countries are most interested and look to Alaska as a leader as they seek some of the answers to the social, economic and environmental problems of the Arctic, the conference has assumed an even greater importance to them Requests by Sweden and embassies are waiting for the official invitation from Alaska and have asked why it is not forthcoming.

Ford Adm. State Dept. Senators, Congressmen, Alaska Legislators, Foreigners of the Arctic, diplomats, businesses, colleges, schools & many others have congratulated and offered support.

Why! They say the time is right for Alaska to assume its rightful place as a leader in the exchange of ordinary people to people. The program has gone to far now to not move on in commitments, interest and accomplishments, such as Texaco & ARCO on energy; RCA, CBS, NBC-Communications, medical specialists-health but a few besides working Comms., U. of Alaska-programing help, chambers, Fed. of Natives et Two yrs. of dedicated work, unselfishly given by all so would I or you put our dut honor into a wasted effort & embarrassing position now by inviting the President of U.S. and write the first Lady on her people to people plan hopeful of bringin it into being with the conf. if we knew the governor had any opposition whatever and giving me in writing his assurance... "Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance in this matter"... Words of encouragement and words of support The program deserves the cooperation & support of the governor & legislature just as the 76 resolution did and signed by the governor, giving Alaska the recognition it deserves, with this ^{Office of The Mayor} Arctic Alaska Conference, Inc. Anchorage, Alaska 99501

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MAR 10 1977

Hugh -

Am enclosing a copy of my letter to Pat Rodey which explains what time, effort, money & planning has gone into this program for Alaska.

Now that Pres. Carter has asked the Governors to join the effort, why wouldn't it be a good plan to come up with a short resolution bipartisan in full support of the Pres. Plan and asking the Governor to follow thru which is already a leadership role for Alaska in the 77 Conf.

We need some action

Hugh -

... said that as Governor of Georgia, he and his wife, Rosalynn, worked on an exchange with a sister state in Brazil that led about 200 persons from each state to trade visits.

"We're going to try to do this on a nationwide basis," he said. The White House issued a statement dubbing the new project the "Friendship Force." It estimated that trips under the program would cost \$300 to \$400 a person for 10 days.

A staff for the project is being assembled and is to be based in Atlanta. The statement said Carter anticipated six or more exchanges this year, beginning July 4. By the end of 1978, the project envisions six or eight trips a year from most of the 50 states.

Perhaps our own state this first year would like to take just one airplane, and we've asked the State Department to give us advice, and we would like to have maybe a couple

Plan for World Peace



FIRST LADY Rosalynn Carter foresees oads of grass-roots advisors from the U.S.

involvement, but with it and encouragement.

... yet known who will the Friendship Force, much it will cost. The between the people of and Brazil were paid those involved.

Washington, Rosalynn's n staff says the hlp Force plan is one op three priorities.

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

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

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

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

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say, Idaho, to perhaps Morocco, and back," Carter said.

public funds involved at the state e're going to try to join in and raise the places to finance these trips."

Los Angeles Times 7:17 PM, Mar 6, 1977

Voters Tell Congress to Get Behind Carter

Earlier Indications of Hostility Toward White House Apparently Disappearing

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Senator John L. Rader

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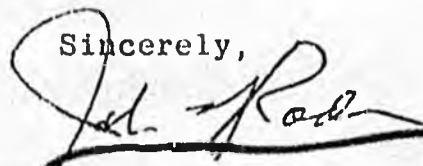
It was sure good to hear from you and know that you are actively pursuing the Conference. As you may have heard, our winter has been one of the mildest ever. I'm sure carrying the mail would be a bit easier than some of the winters in the past!

Senator chancy Croft has introduced a bill (enclosed) that would appropriate money for the conference. The bill is presently in the Community and Regional Affairs Committee, chaired by Senator Orsini. The Finance Committee will then have an opportunity to review it. John Sackett is Chairman of Finance.

Rest assured, George, that I will keep my eye on the bill as it moves along.

Thank you for your kind thoughts and encouragement.

Sincerely,


John L. Rader, President
Alaska State Senate

Dear George:

Thank you for the letters dated January 26, 1977 and February 9, 1977 indicating the work expended on your part to make the Arctic-Alaska International Conference a reality. You are to be commended for the time devoted in spearheading this Conference.

As Chairman of the Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee, and in an effort to derive insight into the above referenced bill, I have made contact with the following people to receive input regarding the Arctic-Alaska International Conference:

Theodore Sellins, Polar Affairs Officer, State Department
Governor's Office
Mayor Sullivan's Office, Anchorage
Arctic Institute of North America

The feedback I received was overwhelmingly favorable to the prospect of an Arctic-Alaska Conference to promote relations between Arctic Nations. The theme behind this Conference was well entertained by all those concerned, and there didn't seem to be any dearth of support behind the basic proposal.