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ALASKA STATE ARCHIVES:

ITS

RESPONSIBILITIES,

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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STATEMENT OF PROGRAM

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Department	OFFICE OF GOVERNOR	Code
Division	State Museum	50
Program		01
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Program Responsibilities:

These responsibilities are set forth in:

SIA 1968, Chapter 192 Establishment and functions of the Alaska State Museum.

(To be considered for passage) State Antiquities Act, provision for a State-wide survey and subsequent enforcement of the Act.

Program Content:

The Museum has rapidly expanded its functions over the past year and is now capable of moving from its traditional function to a new function of placing increasing emphasis on state-wide extension programs while maintaining and improving the level of services offered in the Museum building in Juneau.

There is a strong need for increased services within the following activity levels:

State-wide Archaeology Program: With the rapid growth of industry and tourism, archaeological sites in Alaska are rapidly becoming vulnerable to destruction before an accurate analysis of sites has been effected. This program is envisioned as a coordinating function with the State Museum acting as a clearing house for archaeological work within the State. This work is particularly critical as North Slope development rapidly expands, and is pre-requisite if Alaskans are to benefit from the wealth of prehistoric sites located in the State. Must have this level of staffing to work with Federal highway funding.

Traveling School Exhibits: During FY 69-70 the Museum initiated such a program with JOM (BIA-DOE) funding. These exhibits, which are primarily on Alaska's native cultures, and which are sent to the rural areas where museums are lacking, have been successful; requests far exceed exhibit supply. As culturally relevant educational materials are given increased emphasis in school curricula, these exhibits continue to assume a role as prime teaching tools. This JOM expires June 1970.

Extension Services: Key to the successful growth of Alaska's small museums is an effective consultant program. Through the establishment of a Museum field representative position this can be done, with the field representative personally consulting and working with local museums, historical societies, and native organizations interested in the preservation and interpretation of Alaska's past and present.