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**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE  
METLAKATLA INDIAN COMMUNITY  
ANNETTE ISLANDS RESERVE  
ALASKA**

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Mr. Chester D. Stone, Superintendent  
Metlakatla Public Schools  
Metlakatla, Alaska

Dear Mr. Stone:

I am enclosing a memorandum covering conferences relative to the status of Metlakatla, including our conference with Mr. Camarot on Friday. Mr. Camarot has checked the memorandum and is in general agreement with it.

I believe this information will be sufficient for purposes of reporting to the Metlakatla Council and represents a complete picture of the situation as it now stands. Please let me know if there is further information you need.

Yours sincerely,

Don M. Dafoe  
Commissioner of Education

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cc: Mr. A. H. Ziegler  
Office of Attorney General  
Territorial Board (Pending)

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ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS IN ALASKA

Alaska: Indian and Native Affairs

There is no Federal law which prohibits the territory of Alaska from creating school districts in territory set aside for Alaskan Indians.

Alaska: Territorial Agencies

A school district is usually a separate taxing district for school purposes.

Indians: Taxation: Generally

The power of local taxation can not be asserted against the property of the Alaskan Indians without Congressional authorization.

June 27, 1956

Mr. E. A. Haglund  
State Department of Education  
Carson City, Nevada

Re: Metlakatla Reservation

Dear Mr. Haglund:

This office has been requested to make a review of the following question:

May a school district, authorized under the laws of the Territory of Alaska, be organized and incorporated on an Indian reservation under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Government?

In a communication from the Office of the Attorney General of Nevada, he advises us that there are, at present, seven schools existing on Indian Reservations. Could you please inform us whether these schools are operated by a local school district or are they under the Johnson-O'Malley Act.

Very truly yours,

J. GERALD WILLIAMS  
Attorney General

By:

Henry J. Camarot  
Assistant Attorney General

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