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Nome, Alaska. May 15, 1915

Mr. C. Replogle,

Deering, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Replogle :

Your letter of the 22nd. was received a few days ago. It will be the last one from you for some time. First let me copy the last telegrams I have had from Mr. Lopp in regard to Noorvik.

After telephoning to you I wired him as follows:

Nome, April 29, 1915

Lopp, Seattle:

\$475 move public property and village Deering to Noorvik. From appropriation for next year. Send assistant teacher first boat as per letter of Feb. 17.

Shields

You see I did not get the figure correct over the phone.

Seattle, May 14, 1915

Shields, Nome.

Coppock willing have Cox build church Noorvik and withdraw at once in favor of Replogle if Cox or wife can be appointed Selawik one year.

Lopp

Nome, May 15, 1915

Lopp, Seattle

Cox leaving first boat for medical treatment. This is for your confidential information to be communicated to ----- (in the code there is this blank, and I meant it to mean Coppok in this case. The information came to me in confidence from a third party and I do not care to be the one to spread the news)

Young couple needed Selawik. Missionary there now. Have rate from ship Kotzebue to Noorvik, Six Dollars. Referring to my telegram dated April 29 cost entire move \$575. Contract has been let.

Shields

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These telegrams are all in code which I have translated which accounts for the rather clumsy wording at times.

First I should tell you in confidence, as it may assist you plans for the broader work in your district, that it is very likely that Mr. Samms will go out this summer. Personally I have every respect for him and believe that in some way he has forgotten a few things, but as things have turned out the only thing to be done is for him to go out and look into things

You will note that Mr. Coppock seems determined to get some "recognition" (as our good friend Hunnicutt says) for Mr. Cox. Just why he should insist on Cox building the church or why he should fight to have him appointed I cannot ^{understand} do. Does anyone have the mistaken idea that this wonderful CHURCH at Aksik can be held over us as a threat! Do they think that in any way at all Noorvik could be made to suffer by any "opposition" that could be started at Aksik! We are not the ones that have to ask favors for Noorvik. Noorvik is in such a strong position that she is the one to be sued for favors. Don't you think?

Mr. Cox would absolutely finish Selawik, I believe. A very active man is needed there and above all a very buoyant character, as those people are rather down in the mouth. If as far as any obligation that rests on us, to see that we do nothing that will in any way lessen the efficiency of the mission work, is concerned (if there be such an obligation

us) we are surely relieved from that now that Miss Hunnicutt here representing the church.

I have written Mr. Lopp very plainly on

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this situation, and he should receive my letter before long. For the present, I believe that when Mr. Coppok hears that Cox is leaving on account of his health that will settle the matter. As far as Mr. Lopp is concerned, I believe he was simply giving me a chance to reply to the proposition. However, I do not like any mission board to make a proposition to withdraw in favor of the Government IF the Government will appoint one of its people.

I am returning your plans in accordance with your request. I had supposed they were to remain here so had them out to fit into our files. I am sorry that I could not get them into the last mail overland.

Wasler need not worry about the Igloo business I had understood that he was to kill three deer and have arranged for the proper transfers down here and will look to you to have them made up there.

Pauls offer to take the Noorvik freight from ships tackle to destination is very satisfactory, I think, and later on I will notify you to accept it. I will let you know as soon as Mr. Lopp wires anything about your assistants. I may send you a telephone message on this.

I am extremely doubtful about any moves from Shishmaref. There are several reasons for wishing to hold it back. The main one is that I am very much afraid of mixing those Shishmaref and Wales people with your people. Believe me, there is a tremendous difference in them. Those natives from Wales to Shishmaref are almost like a different people and they are hard to handle. I know that you could handle them, I don't doubt that, but

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there is sure to be much friction among the people as a result of such a mixture. You have seen a little of that in the reindeer situation at Deering, and you are really working yourself towards a separation between the herds of Deering people and Wales people. There will be problems enough at Noorvik between the conflicting claims for precedence on the part of the original dwellers on the Kobuk, and the original colonists from Deering, and the "strangers" that will wish to come in from Kotzebue and other villages. The Shishmaref ~~xxxx~~ element would certainly not tend to blend them all together. Therefore for the sake of the work at Noorvik this first year we must discourage these people from coming.

There is also another reason. We really cannot consider abandoning all coast villages because we are moving Deering. We aren't ready for this wholesale transplanting of all the Eskimos from the coast.

It is therefore almost a sure thing that when I visit Shishmaref this summer I will inform the people that Noorvik is not for them at all.

I enclose authorization cards for \$25.00 to cover the purchase of supplies for the ~~gaxk~~ Claire. I hope that you will be able to make a success of that most ill-fated boat but am somewhat doubtful.

The following telegrams relate to your famous clock.

Seattle, Wash. May 11, 1915
Shields, Nome. Want Replogle's clock order be recalled.
Should use all surplus for stores. Lopp

Nome, Alaska. May 11, 1915
Lopp, Seattle. Have no authority cancel clock. Cannot communicate with Replogle except by telephone. Cost \$7.50. Suggest delay if late sailing to Kotzebue. Shields.

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I feel that Mr. Lopp is certainly correct in this matter as the money spent for the clock could certainly be put into the stock for the new store and be of more use. However, I know that you all have set your hearts on that clock and I can see your point of view. Mr. Lopp looks at it from this point of view: Your people had plenty of money when they first collected for the clock but now times are hard and they will need all that they can raise for stores. For this reason Mr. Lopp thinks that the clock should not be ordered. But, as you see, I wired that I had no authority to cancel the order and I presume that it will come.

I have received two copies of your contract with Fred Thomas as Government apprentice. The value of the supplies to be furnished by the Government is greater after the first year than we have ever allowed elsewhere, but as you say, it is no more than it should be. The following sections I have added to the last page of the contract and wish you to add them to your copy and to Fred's copy.

"It is also understood by both parties that in the event that the Government deer are needed elsewhere or from any reason the number in the herd falls below the number that would warrant the employment of an apprentice, this contract can be terminated at the end of any fiscal year.

It is also understood that the support of the party of the second part may be in regular supplies or in deer."

I have to put these extra provisions in the contract as I have been instructed that no more apprentices could be guaranteed me in this district. Next year I will attempt to support two, and Fred will be one. I hope to be able to give you an authorization for \$150 so that you can purchase the supplies for him but I may not be able to do that.

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As soon as there is anything to report please let me know what Fred says as to the condition of the Buckland herd. Please inform Fred that from now on he is responsible for the Government deer there and that no one else is to issue any orders concerning those deer except yourself. The only person at Buckland who will have any authority over Fred is Sokweena, as Chief herder. I know that things have been pretty fast and loose with that herd and I look to Fred to straighten it out. You can make the proper arrangements for the moving of the Government deer as soon as the proper time comes for it. But we will talk about that this summer. Tell Fred that I will be unable to allow him any supplies for a month or so after July first but that in the meantime he is hereby authorized to sell not to exceed two government stags and to use the proceeds for his support. I want him to start to keep a book showing all his receipts from the Government and his purchases. I want Fred to leave the service in four years a regular business man and do not want him to be ruined for life because he got a regular ration for four years. I rather think that I will suggest that you have him make his own purchases from the amount allowed for his support. In that way he will do his own business.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent, N.W. District.