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Nome, Alaska. Oct 21, 1913

Mr/W.P.Lopp,  
Chief of the Alaska Division,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir :

I enclose herewith voucher in favor of Leo Argruk, for ~~lighterage~~ delivering the Deering supplies from the point of landing to the schoolhouse. As it will be too late to get an immediate reply from you I am sending the memorandum sheets only so that you need not return them. In any event, the voucher is hardly in the proper form for payment.

This charge amounts to \$59.94. You told me while in Seattle that this year there would be no large lighterage bills that would have to be charged to my local authorizations as you had made arrangements for the landing of supplies at all stations. This voucher is therefore entirely unexpected. Argruk is the husband of Ashagak Kenworthy and I believe that he would put in a bill what ~~he~~ he considered right. Natives often get the regular longshore rate of One Dollar per hour, but I believe in the present case their rate should be lower. The following is a quotation from Mr/Replogle

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\*The supplies have come all right and the extra lighterage is a grief to me. If the Seattle Office would demand it I think the supplies could be landed in front of the schoolhouse. We cant do it here but there is no reason why we should pay two lighterage fees.\*

I am submitting this voucher for your approval, not of its form but of the charge. The only question in my own mind is whether or not you expected the supplies to be landed in front of the schoolhouse, or down near the store as last year. If you expected them landed at the school then this charge of hauling them to the beach in front of the school should be settled by the ship. If you did not expect that then I will have to take it up with Argruk and have the voucher put into different shape. It will be difficult to have the charge reduced and I certainly do not wish to have to take that much out of my funds.

Kindly wire your reply.

very truly yours,

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Superintendent, N.W. District.

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