

Nome, Alaska. April 27, 1914

My dear Mr. Replogle :

Your letter of the 16th. was received a few days ago and I read with much interest your statement regarding the plans for moving the village to the Kobuk. It is too bad that the decision could not have been made unanimous. I have reported the situation to Mr. Lopp by wire but of course have had nothing from him. There is no news regarding the appropriation so there is nothing I can do in the line of making plans. That is the hardest feature of my work. I get little chance to make plans until it is too late..

You say the people want me to select the site. Well, right there I dodge. They should do that themselves. It is a very serious matter and should be settled by a committee. I am a little afraid that the Kobuk natives will consider that they are being crowded somewhat. Have your people sent a committee? Just as soon as there is any way of making a decision I will let you know. Mr. Lopp should have reached Seattle yesterday but I have not heard that the appropriation has been passed and it may not be taken up by Congress for a long time on account of the Mexican War. And we can do nothing until the appropriation is made. Encouraging, isn't it?

With best wishes,