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Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 12, 1925

My dear Doctor NICKOLA:

Your letter of March 30 and the other letter with a list of drugs to be purchased here were received this morning. We tried to give us much time to get the things together but I believe we will be able to get them off on this mail. The information will be mailed as usual. You will be able to put in no work I had to make of course at your expense on your way back to Ketchikan because one always sleeps at the other fellow's. But I had no fun myself going across the Council as the snow was very deep and we snowed out a great part of the way. The pit best we got from Ketchikan (which includes Yukon from the mine on hand) went all the way through in line shape. They were certainly were fine deer. I have never put deer to such a long endurance trip through deep snow all the time. But from Council to Kona I had to take a dog team because it would have involved two days delay in getting fresh deer and then too the snow was deep and it would have been hard to feed the deer on the way. So I did not get home after all, without using the dog team. I had to get back in time to be present at the trial of the CHISHMARETIVE and while the judge was out was called to make a statement in court. I am much pleased to report that the man who shot the deer had been out all twelve months in

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The Home (all) instead of being sent outside in every way I was pleased with this statement.

I am sorry to hear that you and Ralph had to sleep out but now you have been able to give your outfit the supreme test and should be satisfied with it. Si men is a wonder, as I have proved many times, in smelling his way to the camp or the village. We had some bad weather but were never up against it very bad.

Here are a few bits of information for yourself and Mrs. Nichols and Miss Hawk, which however is not official and should not go out of the building. Mr. Gamma will probably go out on the first boat as Mr. Lepp has evidently satisfied himself as to the receipts and check etc. I have recommended that if the funds are low the Kotzebue school be closed next year. It was a surprise to Mr. Lepp as he wired back for me to give additional reasons for that recommendation. \$4000 will probably be allowed for the whole cost of the Neorvik move. Not quite enough, but indeed I don't know where ever that much comes from. Mr. Hopp Quetan a rare from Deering to Kotzebue on the Deering material etc. on the ABERN, so I suppose that power schooner is coming up this summer. I wonder if that is Capt. Beckland's boat? But it is more likely that the Abier is on a Walrus hunt.

Tell Mrs. Nichols that her cookies and her doughnuts went most of the way to Camp 11 and that they were certainly eaten every day. The reason they lasted so long was because Mrs. Gunn added some water herself with best wishes.

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