

Nome, Alaska. April 24, 1914

Mr. Milton White,
Kotzebue, Alaska.

My dear Mr. White :

Your letter of the 15th. just received. I enclose herewith the bills of sale that I have approved. The one between Ralph Samson and Shakwalena, however, I have not kept the two copies of as it is necessary that the mark have a witness. Please have a witness and return two copies to me.

I am sorry to hear that the conditions have been bad up your way for the deer as well as here. It has given me a lot of worry. I had hoped for an exceptional fawning season but fear it will be the worst on record. I have instructed all the herds I could reach to move back to the hills where it is possible it will be easier for the deer to feed. This is the first year within my personal knowledge that these conditions have existed. And there is no way to meet it except to get a lot of men at all the herds to assist the females, especially, in reaching the moss. I will send you the proper blanks. I am also sending a large supply of the reindeer report blanks to Dr. Nicholls for distribution if needed.

It will certainly be all right for you to make use of the school building for four or five days for your Conference. I know you do not wish to let the conference interfere seriously with any necessary fishing or work that the natives may have to do at that time. I do not offer this as a criticism for I

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do not believe that a conference for four days will interfere. Of course, if at that time for any special reason, the local representatives of the Bureau have an important use for the building, then the matter would be left to them. We will also expect that you will appoint a committee of natives to see that everything is kept in order and that the buildings are cleaned.

I have just been informed that the Snowdens will have to leave on account of their health. You state that natives are up the Neotak cutting logs for a church building. I suppose that you mean for a building at Kotzebue.

It is possible that there will be a small amount of second class mail left at Solomon after the last trip. There has been a surplus there for some time. The local Postmaster wired the Department for an appropriation to move this surplus but was refused. It is out of the question for the boys to carry more than the limit and there is no way for us to move it under the present contract.

This hard snow has knocked out my trip to Norton Bay as I did not want to go bad enough to use a dog team. Give Mrs. White my best wishes. I expect to see you all this summer.

Very sincerely,