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October 1, 1913

Mr. Walter H. Johnson,  
Nome, Alaska.

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Dear Sir:-

A few days ago I learned that Mr. White, the missionary in Kotzebue, was going up to Kiana with his gasoline boat. So I went along too. We stopped at Akshik on the way up and I gave the natives there a talk. At Kiana I gave another talk before the natives. While on the trip I gave medicinal treatment to six of the natives. We took up with us as far as Kiana the wash tub full of dishes that the Joneses brought down from Shungnak last spring. The boat that Mr. Snowden sent the government freight on up the Kobuk river failed to take the Shungnak cooking utensils. So as a matter of accommodation to the teacher at Shungnak I took the responsibility of seeing them part way at least enroute for the school from which they came. I left them in Judge Southwards ware house with other freight that is soon to go up to Shungnak, and left word with the judge about them. Mr. White's voucher is for one half the gasoline and

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cylinder oil used on the trip.

A little news that may be of interest to the department. The natives of Oksik and Kiana are uniting for a mission. The site is Hobson's island about half way between the two places. The natives are going to cut logs this fall for a mission house, let them season over winter and construct the mission cabin in the spring. The missionary will arrive next summer. The natives of both places have promised to move to the mission. The location is ideal for a native village. It overlooks the river, is dry, has good soil for teaching the natives to raise vegetables, and building timber is plentiful on the island which is several miles long. The fishing at the island is excellent. If the natives of both places all move to the island there will be a good many children there of school age. Let us hope the mission will conduct a school too.

I am enclosing voucher for personnel services

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during September. I am making an assignment of it to you, and am asking you to send me the cash by registered mail after deducting for registration and for whatever it may cost you to get my medical license in Alaska straightened out if you have not used August's assignment for it. I am enclosing a certified copy of my medical diploma secured from Tulane Medical School. It may aid you in securing a license for me to practice medicine in Alaska if the license has not been secured as yet.

Mrs. Nichols will write you in regard to her salary assignment.

I am enclosing medical report for September. Medical work has been lighter than during August on account of the native exodus from Kotzebue at the close of the fishing season. Here's hoping the Navahoe comes in soon.

Yours very truly,  
H. N. T. Nichols, M.D.

Government Physician at Kotzebue

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