

Kivalina, Alaska. Jan. 21, 1912

Mr. F. Sickler,

Point Hope, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Sickler :

I am very sorry to have to write you that I will be unable to come to Point Hope on this trip. It was not my original plan to go as far as your school, but when it turned out that the school there would be manned this year, I figured on getting that far. My regular work at Nome is piling up for me while I am gone and for that reason I have had to make a very hurried trip, not stopping at any place more than two days. But my reason for making Kivalina my turning point is mainly a private one, which however is thoroughly understood by the Bureau. We expect an important family event next month, and my latest news informs me that I should be back at home by the tenth of next month. That just allows me time to make it, with necessary stops at Kotzebue and Deering. So I think you will see why I feel that I must not go farther north, and I am sure you will not have any hard feelings. As it is I am much worried that I may not be able to get back in time.

I have been very glad to hear from several sources

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I am glad to hear you are well. I hope you will always find it that way.
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Very truly yours,