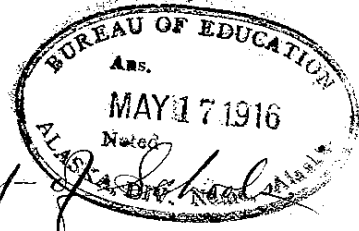


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May 8, 1916.  
SCHOOL, Kotzebue, Alaska.

Mr. Walter C. Shields,  
Superintendent,  
North Western District of  
Nome, Alaska.



Dear Sir:

Your letter of Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> arrived  
May 6<sup>th</sup> and found us very well.

We have been cleaning up the school property and  
I have made many necessary repairs since we came.

As soon as we are finished with the out going mail  
I will start making some alterations to the hospital,  
and when the work is completed (changing some of the  
windows and tightening sashes) I will paint and clean  
the hospital thoroughly. It will take several days to finish  
painting etc. in the hospital and it is work that is badly needed,  
as a hospital in this village is liable to be used much in  
the summer season when so many of the natives gather  
here.

If Dr. Nichols leaves Kotzebue before the arrival of  
the physician who will succeed him, I will give my attention  
to any and all medical work that is necessary.

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I want to make a trip to the Noatak deer herd at Sealing Point, after the "Cordova" arrives, if it is possible for me to get away from Kotzebue for a few days.

I am hoping the Government freight and my own food supplies arrive on the "Cordova" this year as Captain Backlund, was so everlastingly slow about landing my food supplies here last Summer.

Well I have some good news for you. You remember I had quite a time getting Dick Hall to pay the Noatak natives for freighting last Summer. When we came from Noatak in April some of the natives who were entitled to payment for the freighting last Summer, came with us, and I went with them to Dick Hall and asked him to pay those who were present, and he paid them in money who did not want trade, except James Mc. Clellan who was not present, and Dick promised to pay him this Summer when the Noatak natives come from Sealing Point.

With best wishes to you self and family, Dear,

Yours truly,  
Clarence Arshy

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