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Nome, Alaska. May 14, 1914

The Rev. E.H. Malony,
Tanana, Alaska.

Dear Sir :

Your letter of Jan. 2nd. was handed to me at Shungnak by Mr. Sickler and I regretted very much that I had not reached the Kobuk some days earlier so I could have seen you in person. I have delayed replying to your letter because I did not return to Nome as soon as I had expected on account of storms which delayed me considerably.

In connection with the proposed establishment of a Mission at Shungnak I would recommend that you consider erecting your buildings on a reservation of your own somewhat back of the present reservation, for several reasons. The main reason being that, by your taking a reservation of your own in that way that much more ground will be secured for the use of the natives. All of us wish to have as much ground controlled for that purpose as possible. And with the possible developments of Shungnak as a white center I certainly believe it advisable to work along those lines.

I understand that the natives object somewhat

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to the Mission buildings being at any distance from the village but I do not think their objections very serious as the distance would be very small and they would still be able to get to the church very easily.

In all our work it is the desire of our Service to cooperate with the religious bodies at work in the different native villages and I can assure you that it will give me pleasure to cooperate with you for the good of the natives. I regret very much that I did not get to see you on the Kobuk as there are several things that could have been cleared up between us which can be taken up by no one else for us. I trust that we may meet on the trail sometime in the future.

With best wishes, Very cordially yours,

W.S.

Superintendent, N.W. District.