

Nome, Alaska. Nov. 30, 1914

Mr. F. M. Sickler,  
Shungnak, Alaska.

Dear Sir :

Your letter of Oct. 26th. was received on the last mail. I am glad to hear that you got up the River safely although I am sorry that some of the supplies got wet. I wish to congratulate you on your success with the garden. Half a ton of vegetables is a good supply. I hope that the natives did well with their own gardens.

I send a copy of a letter I have just written Mr. Lopp regarding the work on the residence. I have wired him today for an authorization to cover Mr. Lloyd's labor. While I have authorizations of my own yet it would mean that I would have to take ten dollars from each one to cover this bill. I will arrange it in some way. If Mr. Lopp cannot make the authorization I hope that Mr. Lloyd could accept a deer or two (males) and the rest in cash. I will know how this matter stands when I reach Shungnak. I am sure that you have done a complete job on the building and trust that for the first time since there was a school at Shungnak, the teacher and family will be comfortable.

Dr. Nichols wrote me about going to Shungnak and I have told him to go if possible. I enclose a letter regarding the pair at Igloo. I send it for your information as I do not want

anyone to attempt to come from Shungnak. Please tell the reindeer men about it as we want to get them all interested in all matters connected with their industry.

Right after the fair I will go to Deering and Kotzebue and then to Kivalina and return to Kotzebue. Then from there to Selawik and Shungnak. This reverses my trip and will get me to Shungnak later than usual, probably late in February. I will write you again about my probable arrival. I shall come via Selawik as usual.

With best wishes to Mrs. Sickler and yourself, also Elizabeth, and Christmas Greetings to all at Shungnak,

very truly yours,