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Mr. C. D. Jones,

Shungnak, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Jones :

Jimmie and I had a fine trip back to Selawik. The trail got better all the time and the deer went very well. I hope your trip back to the school was as good as mine and I hope that all the deer you used had their horns removed so that Mrs. Jones did not have to talk in her sleep. "Oh, Charlie. These horns."

We got horrible deer from Selawik for the trip to Kotzebue which mortified Jimmie very much. But we got there. The hardest trip I had was up the Neatak. The snow was deep and loose and we had a hard time. From there to Kivalina and back here was fine going. So to date everything has gone well with me and I do hope it will go on the same until I reach Nome. But there is something uncanny about my luck so far and I expect I will have some trouble yet.

Jimmie will go back to Selawik in a few days and then go over to Kobuk as Chief Herder. I enclose a Bill of sale for one female deer in your herd which I have given Jimmie as part payment for his services as my driver. He is to choose the

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when he arrives at Kobuk. On July first you will mark for him 12 deer Ten of them as the regular payment due him as an apprentice and two females as payment for his services as Chief Herder from the time of his arrival to June 30. For these two you should make out a bill of sale in the same form as the one I enclose for the . As soon as possible after his arrival Jimmie is to get Govt. deer from your herd in exchange for the deer he owned in the Selawik herd. The division by sex is as follows, 5 males, 11 females, and 6 male fawns, (of last year), making a total of 22 in all. The reason for having these deer given Jimmie as soon as possible is on account of the near approach of the fawning season. He is entitled to the fawns,

until June 30 Jimmie is to get full rations, .

As a third year apprentice at Selawik he is entitled to a certain amount of support, and his services as herder are worth the rest of the full ration. I am sure that you will find Jimmie worth his weight in Excellent flour. He is a splendid fellow and I am very sorry to give him up here. He will do a great deal for your herd, I am sure. He has promised to make two sample sets of his harness which he will give you to send to me. You can mail each one separately using the Govt frank. I want to send one to Mr. Lopp. Please let him have whatever material he needs for that purpose. As soon as possible Jimmie is to move the Kobuk herd to the coast. I have decided that as he will be in charge this move should be made. Instruct him to have the

hard records sent to you at Ketchikan in June so that you can make out the report. I want to hear from Jimmie as soon as possible so that I may know where he is during the summer. I may want to get into touch with him for the next winters work.

I think I have covered all the points of business that I was going to write you about. The Ketchikan mail got here a few days ago and the carrier reported the snow very deep on the river. I look back to my visit to Shumagin with a great deal of pleasure and wish you to feel that you have all the backing the Bureau can give you, and that I believe your work is going to be very successful. I believe you have one of the best stations we have. That is the possibilities are very great. If either Mrs. Shields or myself can ever do anything for you in none please make use of us. Dont forget to send Dr. Neuman some specimens. I hope that Jim and the rest of them are not bothering you too much each night.

Very sincerely,