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SUBJECT, Native Son

To Mr. Southworth,
U. S. Commissioner,
Kiana, Alaska.

Dear Sir: It is important that I should report to you the imminent danger several people at Shungnak are in as long as native Son is allowed to roam at large. He is a peculiar type of the native and fails to understand the object of law and order or the necessity of government or its officers. He is desirous of getting the younger woman (he formerly had two as you know) for a wife and there isn't anything he would hesitate to do to satisfy this desire. She has told me several times that she does not like Son and said so this evening. A native by the name of Cormack wanted her a short time ago and she liked him but Son

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threatened terrible vengeance upon them both should they wed. The outcome was that Mary would not consent to go to Kiana to get married because she feared that Son would harm her on the way down there. Son has even threatened me with personal injury of some horrible nature for performing my duty. I was instructed by the Dept. of Education at Home that the Dist. Judge wished me to watch Son and see that he lived up to the agreement he made in Home. He was to remove Mary from his cabin and leave her strictly alone. I have told him this was the judge's wishes and not mine but he seems to think that I am to blame. To what extent he will carry out these threats I do not know but I do not care to have a crazy man

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frowning about my place when it
may be necessary for me ^{at most any time} to leave
Mrs. J. alone.

As I have said already he was
in here this evening with Mary.
Because I told her she did not have
to marry him or go to Kiana with
him, he told the interpreter that
plenty trouble would come to me
and also to Mary if she did go with
him to Kiana. That sort of a man
is not safe to have around.

I wish Mr. Southworth that you
would give this matter your earliest
attention. We would be pleased to
see you at Shungnak in the near
future, when I could place this
matter before you more plainly.

Very respectfully yours,
Behash Jones.

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