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Shungnak

Nome, Alaska, Aug. 30, 1911.

Mr. Fred N. Sickler,
Shungnak, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your communication of June 7th with reference to the question of natives paying a license as storekeeper, I beg to enclose for your information a copy of a letter of the U.S. District Attorney to the Clerk of the District Court.

With reference to your second question concerning the possibility of a native operating a store on the school grounds, I beg to say if it is his own business and there is no likelihood of a white man acquiring an interest in it or otherwise coming to locate on the school grounds, I see no objection to his conducting his store within the limits of the school grounds. I rather favor the natives engaging in business of a legitimate character, provided that it is not only for their individual interest but for that of their fellows. As far as possible, I believe we should encourage the natives to acquire methods of doing business.

Very truly yours,

District Superintendent.

Enclosure.

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