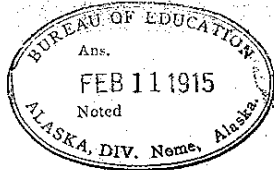


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Shungnak, Alaska,
Jan., 15, 1915

Walter Shields,
Supt Native Schools,
Nome, Alaska.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of Nov. 30, 1914, I wish to state that the stove in question is probably here. However as there is no way of sending the stove to Noatak this winter, and the freight charges even in the summer would not justify reshipment, I suggest that the stove should be transferred to this station and a new one ordered for the Noatak.

As I have already informed you, we unloaded in a heavy rain and the supplies were at all times covered with canvass or rushed from the boats to the Government buildings. This stove in question was placed near those that were sent in the year previous (the Hunt River Outfit), and was not noticed until I checked up the annual bills, when I found that I had no bill for a heater. I also did not have the usual extra sheet of the bill of lading (copy).

When I checked off the Original Bill of lading I did not discover the stove, as I have stated, but I found a box of "Woolen Goods" marked "Noatak" and Paul Davidovics was glad to return the same to Kotzebue. I am sorry that I could not have returned the stove. I was short a box of evaporated Corn, which was checked up I suppose on account of the Noatak box. I have not been able to trace the whereabouts of my Corn.

Respectfully

Fred M. Suckler
U. S. Teacher
Shungnak, A.