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Nome, Alaska June 15, 1917

Mr H.C. Sinclair,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sir :

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 2 in regard to freight accounts.

I have forwarded the checks for Noatak and Sel avik freight to their proper destinations. The corrections made were very welcome, no doubt, as they were an increase. You have already been informed that the Noatak reindeer supplies were paid for in supplies, so there will be no voucher for their freight.

I enclose herewith vouchers for the freight that was hauled overland from Teller to Shishmaref. The first voucher is for cash paid to Scott Wallak for \$10.00 covering school supplies. The second is for cash advanced to Robert Kiyutellok for hauling the medicines, \$2.00. Both vouchers are in favor of Mr Schultz. I am forwarding these for payment, or for you to make the proper sub-authorization and return them so I can make payment. Mr Schultz wanted his vouchers held until he came here so the delay does not matter. I understand that you will deduct this from the charges of the ARCTIC after she delivers the rest of the freight. As you can understand, these natives did the work very cheap.

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All the Kivalina supplies have been delivered at Kivalina except the lumber and one stove casting. The casting was left somewhere on the beach and will be recovered this summer. All this sound sort of simple but let me tell you how it was done. Mr Reese told the natives that the school supplies which were left at Point Hope (90 miles up) were badly needed and asked if the people would not get them. Then some of the leading men in the village, some of the richest, Elektroona among them went up. That coast is bad. There are several rocky high points to go around, such as Cape Thompson. They got into awful weather and were four weeks making the trip. They were cold and wet most of the time. Several times they were almost swamped and nearly lost their lives. The reason the heavy casting was left a was because of the awful weather. I am surprised they brought any load at all. Their families almost gave them up. And what did these men get for the work. The crews of the two oomeaks divided 2 1/2 tons of the coal at Point Hope between them. Figuring the coal at \$30 a ton that would give each man around six dollars for four weeks of hardest work, misery and danger. They have asked for nothing, but seeing that all the freight, practically is delivered and that we cannot charge the coal up to Rank I think it would be pretty fine to instruct me to draw a voucher for as much as you think it proper to charge against the ARCTIC. And I hope you can bring this to Mr Lopps attention so that he will write a letter to Elektroona thanking all those who made the trip.

Very truly yours

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