

Atty. Gen. Warns—

Telex Solicitations

Atty. Gen. Avrum M. Gross has again issued a warning concerning the Telex solicitations which are in the guise of billing statements.

Gross said that in the past few months the office has received copies of bills which total approximately \$25,000 in false billings.

These billings seem to indicate that various business establishments have ordered listings in Telex directory guides.

Most of the times the billing is stated in positive terms so that it looks as if the company actually ordered inclusion in the directory when this is not the case, Gross said.

Gross said that the Consumer

Protection Service of the attorney general's office is now assisting the United States Postal Service by securing statements from various companies that have been so solicited.

Gross stated that these will be turned over to the United States Postal Service for proper action and that this will be the first time in Alaska that there has been a concerted effort to try and stop this wrongful type of solicitation.

Gross said that if all businesses respond to the letters which will be going out from the attorney general's office to come in and sign affidavits about the wrongful solicitation for the directory

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listings, that the U.S. postal authorities could take action by stopping the mailings or by working in cooperation with other governments to put an end to the operations.

Gross added that no doubt the business community will not be rid of the falsified billing in the near future since there are so many of these companies, "Alaska seems like a fertile place for such endeavors."

He said that if any businesses encounter these Telex directory billings, they should be turned over to the attorney general's office for action.