

SE group gives computer to aid Soviet researcher

The gift of a computer to a Soviet scholar will serve to establish an electronic link between the University of Alaska and the Magadan Region of the Soviet Far East, according to Kootznوو Inc.

Dr. Alexander Pilyasov, who just concluded a two-month visit to Alaska, returned to the Soviet Union with an IBM compatible computer, a Wolf 286, given to him by Kootznوو Government Services, which manufactures the computers in Angoon.

"We heard recently that Dr. Pilyasov's economic and social research of the Magadan region involves Native populations. He has great deal of data to work with which our computer can help him collate," said Ed Gamble, president of Kootznوو Government Services.

Gamble's firm assembles the computers at its factory in Angoon, a small Native village on Admiralty Island, about 75 miles from Juneau.

"There's a Native-to-Native element in this, and we also hope it may help stimulate business contacts between us and the Soviet Far East," Gamble said.

Pilyasov, who left Alaska Nov. 17, spent the last two months in Alaska as a guest of the University of Alaska Institute of Social and Economic Research.

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Pilyasov is researching the economic and social changes in the Magadan Region that have occurred since World War II.

"This is an extraordinary ending to my visit. For my institute, I am most grateful to KGS. I have been met everywhere by great warmth and kindness. And now this. It is almost unbelievable."

The computer he received from KGS will allow him to complete his research and to communicate electronically with fellow scholars in Alaska.

The Magadan Region is about the size of Alaska.

KGS is a subsidiary of Kootznوو Inc., the Alaska Native village corporation for Angoon. A variety of computer models in various configurations are assembled by locally trained technicians, all shareholders of the Native corporation. The computers are sold under the brand name of Wolf.