

Murkowski NARL efforts cited as waste

Washington — Efforts by Alaska Sen. Frank Murkowski to postpone demolition of Barrow's Naval Arctic Research Laboratory are among the examples of "wasteful" congressional spending cited in a presi-

dential report slated for release Wednesday.

However, details of Murkowski's efforts are expected to be deleted from the version of the report to be made public, which is toned down from earlier

drafts.

The Washington Post reported Monday that authors of "The Cost of Congressional Encroachment," members of the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control, have deleted all

references to congressmen and their pet projects in the report to be made public.

The newspaper obtained earlier drafts of the report which named members of Congress and examples of what the group said are wasteful government spending.

Among the projects cited is Barrow's Narl lab, which the U.S. Navy no longer uses and wants to dismantle.

The Navy had planned to spend as much as \$20 million to

tear down the facility beginning this year. The lab, which is spread over 4,544 acres and 135 structures, was established in 1947 to conduct climatological, biological and medical research in the Arctic.

Murkowski says the lab could be used if Congress approves a measure he has sponsored to set up a national arctic research policy. That measure has passed the Senate twice but is bogged down in the House.