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request that you make an investigation into this matter and see what is required to correct it.

I feel that the small aircrafts going into these areas should be checked prior to departure as there is the possibility that the narcotics are being introduced by this means.

In 1968, I obtained evidence of bootlegging and the person responsible was arrested and then the DA's office in Nome just let everything drop. This is another area you should look into, as ABC seems either unconcerned or just lax in doing their job.

These conditions are common knowledge among the northern residents but for some reasons there is little, if anything, done. One of the bottlenecks is the DA's failure to prosecute, and the leniency shown by the magistrate and judges. You can get more for being drunk in public than in possession of narcotics.

I feel that this lack of the DA's and other judicial officers doing more to aid the law enforcement officer in doing their job, leaves them with a feeling that they are just wasting their time. If there is lack of prosecution of the perpetrators getting off practically scot-free.

Our Association is behind the law enforcement officers 100% in their enforcing the laws against narcotics traffic and boot-legging and we are relying on you to see that the attorneys and judges do a better job.

If there is anything we can do to help you please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,
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