

SENDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

May 16, 1968

Mr. John A. Phillip
Vice President
Kongigonak Council
Kongigonak, Alaska 99622

Dear Mr. Phillip:

This will acknowledge your May 10 communication concerning the new village school at Kongigonak.

This office approved and sent to Governor Hickel's office yesterday morning a request to work with the Rural Development Agency in building a school at Kongigonak this summer. The Division of Buildings and Mr. Frank Cox, of Rural Development, are all working with us in an effort to provide a facility by September 1.

Mr. Lee Hayes, Assistant Director for Rural Schools of the Department of Education, is handling this particular project for us. I will ask him to communicate with you as soon as we have received approval from all agencies involved.

I would like to correct one statement in your communication. You indicated that Mr. Hohman and Mr. Christiansen reported to you, "that \$75,000 was set aside by the State for a temporary building here in the village." It is true that \$75,000 was provided by the Legislature, but not necessarily for one area only. It was to be used by the Department in cooperation with the Rural Development Agency to establish new schools. We plan to provide additional educational facilities for Nulato under this program, also. We feel there are sufficient funds to provide facilities at both Nulato and Kongigonak.

I will ask Mr. Hayes to keep you informed concerning the progress on the project.

Yours Sincerely,
Cliff R. Hartman
Commissioner of Education

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The Honorable George Hohman
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