

Grant to Enable Hippler to Continue Research on Native Acculturation

COLLEGE—The National Science Foundation has awarded a research grant to Dr. Arthur Hippler, Associate Professor of Anthropology at the Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research of the University of Alaska.

The NSF grant will enable Dr. Hippler to continue his studies of the problems and processes of urban acculturation of Alaska Natives.

"The focus of the research is directed toward understanding the dynamics of some of the social, cultural, and psychological factors influencing people in Alaska during a period of dramatic change," Hippler explained.

Professor Hippler has done extensive preliminary work in this field in past years with grant support from the National Institute of Mental Health.

"The new NSF grant will enable Dr. Hippler to continue his work in an area of social research that involves significant theoretical and practical problems and will complement work undertaken by the Institute faculty," Victor Fischer, ISEGR director said.

Dr. Hippler, 34, who received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, is one of the few United States scientists recognized as an expert in the

field of psychological anthropology.

He is the author of numerous articles and monographs and has contributed sections to standard anthropological texts.

In Alaska since 1967, he has conducted extensive research in the areas of social and cultural change among Alaska's Natives. In addition to his regular academic research and teaching duties, Dr. Hippler has served as a consultant to a variety of Alaska agencies and conference.

Currently, he is assisting the Alaska Psychiatric Institute in setting up a psychiatric training program.