

Letters to The Editor

Savoonga, Alaska

June 27, 1971

Mr. Donald R. Wright

President

Alaska Federation of Natives

1104 Southhampton Drive

Anchorage, Alaska 99503

Dear Mr. Wright:

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that on April 14, 1971, the City of Savoonga has submitted a housing application to Alaska State Housing Authority (ASHA) to include Savoonga to participate in the 1971 phase of this program for the needed housing here in Savoonga.

As you may already concerned the homes we live in are old, poorly built, inadequate for the size of the families, the high cost of living due to poor houses. I feel that, being a council member, and the people of Savoonga, will find helpful to push ASHA to consider Savoonga as top priority in this program to build houses sooner than we expected and request they send a representative out to Savoonga to discuss housing program for the most needed housing.

Your concern for this village will benefit all to build housing under this program and remind ASHA to make their decision shortly thereafter to make this program start sooner.

There are 32 families that would be willing to participate in a program to build new homes in Savoonga and your help in getting this program started will be much appreciated. May we hear from you soon. Regards.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Noongwook

President

City of Savoonga

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Governor, State of Alaska

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United States Senate

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