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## *A letter from Uelen, USSR*

To the editor:

A short time ago I posted a letter to you. And now I have a nice opportunity to pass another letter through the Bering Bridge Expedition.

The people of Uelen are very happy to meet this expedition. Everybody greeted the members very warmly. The expedition means very much for the peoples of Chukotka. It's a remarkable, history-making event.

During 49 years the border between Alaska and Chukotka was closed. To get to the United States you had to go via the whole world. Many relations between families and friends were broken.

People lived in two different worlds. The Bering Strait divided people who

have so much in common: clothes, dances and songs, traditions, language, the saltwater of the Arctic Ocean, nature, weather and land.

I am happy, and my village-mates are happy, too, that the things are changing now to the best.

We are so close neighbors and must be good friends. The cooperation will profit both, Alaska and Chukotka.

Perhaps exchanging our experiences we'll be able to solve different problems which are not solved today. The Bering Strait must not divide but join the two coasts, join the peoples of our countries.

Sincerely yours,  
Lyudmila Tachenko  
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