Lawyer's Dispute— Gov. Keith Miller Answers Tundra Times' Querries

This week, Gov. Keith Miller's Fairbanks office called Tundra Times and asked the newspaper whether it had any questions for the Governor.

The editor hastily wrote three questions due to pileup of work at that time and the second question came out unclear and vague. It read:

"Now that Goldberg is reconsidering his withdrawal, do you think his services for the natives will be effective?"

The question should have read "Now that Goldberg is reconsidering his withdrawal and should he be reinstated, do you think his services for the natives will be effective?" It was unfortunate that the question on the editor's part was vague and we extend

our apologies to Gov. Miller.

The following are questions by the newspaper and answers by the Governor:

QUESTION: The Alaska native land claims matter in our state is easily one of the serious situations facing Alaskans. What do you think of the native organization regional lawyers criticism of Justice Arthur Goldberg as chief counsel for the Alaska Federation of Natives?

ANSWER: Unfortunate situation. However, the discussion is between lawyers and I prefer to leave it to the lawyers.

QUESTION: Now that Goldberg is reconsidering his withdrawal, do you think his services will be effective?

ANSWER: The question isn't clear, but I would say that he would remain effective.

QUESTION: How do you think the native organization lawyers' behavior affected the native organizations?

ANSWER: This is a dispute between lawyers.