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Anchorage, Alaska  
July 29, 1942

Unsel  
Seattle, Washington

REWARD TWENTY NINE HAVE REQUESTED ADVANCE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS  
FOR YOUR OFFICE FOR PAYMENT OF LOCOMOTIVES TO WAR DEPARTMENT

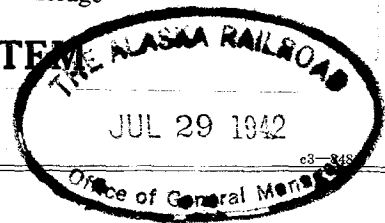
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Stephen C. F. Chilson  
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The Alaska Railroad

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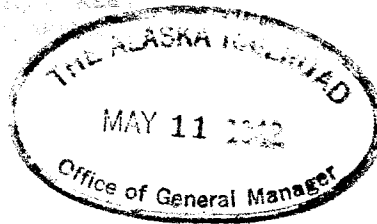
DISBURSING BALANCE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS WHICH WILL BE  
NEEDED TAKE CARE OF ORDERS PLACED BY THIS OFFICE HAVE RECEIVED INVOICE WAR  
DEPARTMENT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS LOCOMOTIVE  
ADVISE IF SHOULD BE PAID FROM OUR BALANCE OR IF VOUCHER SHOULD BE FORWARDED  
YOUR OFFICE FOR PAYMENT

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
ALASKA



April 27, 1942.

Mr. J. L. Close, Supt.,  
Great Northern Railway Co.,  
c/o Chief Dispatcher, Room 201,  
King Street Station,  
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Close:

Confirming a telephone conversation with your office Saturday, April 25th, please arrange to prepare for shipment to Alaska Locomotives Nos. USA 6998 and 6999, now held at the Great Northern Roundhouse at Interbay Yard.

The matter has been discussed with Mr. Blum, your roundhouse foreman, who understands exactly what is required to prepare the locomotives properly for shipment.

Any expenses incurred in the preparation of these locomotives for shipment is chargeable to The Alaska Railroad, and invoices in quintuple, original certified, should be presented to this office for payment.

It will be appreciated if this work can be expedited as the locomotives should be ready for shipment not later than April 30th.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. COBLE, Purchasing Agent.

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Traffic Manager

~~cc: Mr. Blum~~  
cc: Col. G. F. Wilson, Anchorage  
cc: Mr. Blum, Roundhouse Foreman, Interbay.

April 23, 1942.

Mr. Guy J. Swope, Director,  
Division of Territories,  
Department of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Swope:

The two Lima locomotives purchased by the Quartermaster General for the Alaska Railroad arrived Seattle April 19 in charge of I.C.C. inspector, G. P. Collins, whom I released April 22.

These engines arrived in good condition and it is suggested that you advise the I.C.C. of this with expression of appreciation for their splendid cooperation.

I have made arrangements with the Alaska Steamship Company to take these locomotives as a deck load which will eliminate a large expense of taking down and boxing the various parts. Expect them to leave on some freighter early in May.

I will leave Seattle on passenger ship sometime next Sunday for Seward.

Sincerely yours,

O. F. Ohlson,  
General Manager.

OFG:LF

April 22, 1942.

Mr. G. P. Collins,  
Inspector, Interstate Commerce Commission,  
Seattle, Washington.

My dear Mr. Collins:

The two Lima locomotives, number U.S.A. 6998 and 99,  
which you accompanied from the Lima Locomotive Works to  
Seattle, Washington, have been received by the Alaska Railroad.  
We thank you for the good care you have taken in the handling  
of these locomotives.

Sincerely yours,

O. F. Ohlson,  
General Manager.

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Anchorage, Alaska  
June 30, 1942

General E. B. Gregory  
Quartermaster General  
Washington, D. C.

I DESIRE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE SPLENDID COOPERATION RENDERED BY YOUR DEPARTMENT IN TRANSFERRING THE TWO LIMA LOCOMOTIVES TO THE ALASKA RAILROAD LAST MARCH THEY ARRIVED ANCHORAGE IN MAY AND ARE PERFORMING HIGHLY SATISFACTORY SERVICE PERIOD KINDLY RENDER THE BILL AGAINST ALASKA RAILROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND FORWARD TO J R UMSEL ALASKA RAILROAD FIVE TEN VIRGINIA STREET SEATTLE WASHINGTON WHO WILL PREPARE VOUCHER

Charles G. F. Ohlson

OHLSON

C. F. Ohlson  
General Manager  
The Alaska Railroad

Anchorage - June 30, 1942.

MR. D. W. KESTEDORF:

Reference: Two Lima consolidated type  
locomotives purchased from the War Department.

Please issue purchase order for these  
locomotives and I am, today, radioing to the War Depart-  
ment to submit bill to Mr. Umel for settlement.

C. F. Olson

C. F. Olson,  
General Manager.

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Anchorage, Alaska  
April 6, 1948

L. W. Baker  
Alaska Steamship Company  
Seattle, Washington

TWO LOCOMOTIVES NOW ENROUTE ANCHORAGE ON OWN WHEELS LOCOMOTIVES WEIGHT  
EIGHTY SIX TONS EACH TENDERS TWENTY SEVEN TONS EACH PLEASE ARRANGE MOVE  
THESE LOCOMOTIVES FIRST AVAILABLE SHIP

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~~RECEIVED~~ O. F. Ohlson

O. F. Ohlson  
General Manager  
The Alaska Railroad



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Anchorage, Alaska  
April 6, 1942

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Seattle

REURAD SECOND THE LIMA LOCOMOTIVES WILL BE SHIPPED IN TWO PARTS ONLY HOLD  
THE MESSENGERS TO GUARD THE LOCOMOTIVES UNTIL ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE WITH  
ALASKA STEAMSHIP COMPANY FOR LOADING

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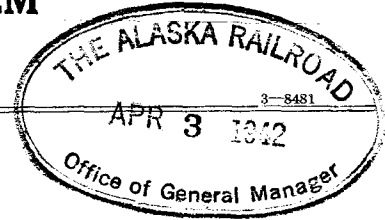
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ANCHORAGE ALS

REMYTEL FIRST LOCOMOTIVES NOW ENROUTE ON OWN WHEELS WEIGHT 86 TONS EACH  
TENDERS 27 TONS EACH HAVE YOU ANY INSTRUCTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR DISMANTLING  
AND PREPARING FOR SHIPMENT

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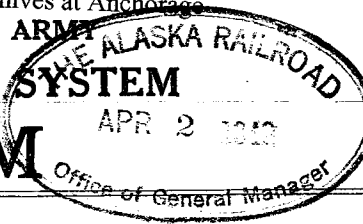
RE OUR RADIO MARCH 19 RELATIVE TO WAR DEPARTMENT LOCOMOTIVES TO  
BE SHIPPED YOU FROM LIMA OHIO COMMA SAME HAVE JUST BEEN RELEASED  
BY QMG OFFICE AND ARE BEING SHIPPED TO BELL STREET DOCK SEATTLE  
CARE OF UMMEL ON INTERIOR BILL OF LADING NUMBER 1187215 ISSUED  
MARCH 30 PERIOD LOCOMOTIVES ARE BEING MESSENGERED BY WAR DEPARTMENT  
MAN AND UMMEL HAS BEEN ADVISED PERIOD FAVORABLE REPORT ON NINE

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U S ARMY INSPECTOR FIRES TWO LOCOMOTIVES SHIPPED TODAY FROM LIMA

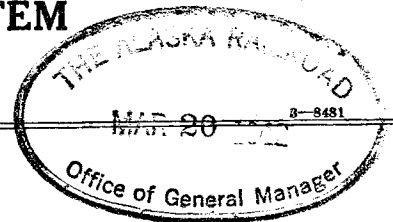
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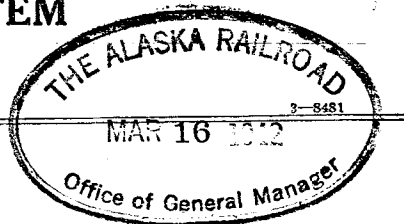
ALS RR-ANCHORAGE

QMG OFFICE-REPORTS THAT TWO ~~LOCOMOTIVES~~ LOCOMOTIVES AT LIMA WILL BE SHIPPED YOU IN TWO PIECES EACH SAME BEING LOCOMOTIVE AND TENDER WHICH WILL SAVE KNOCKING DOWN PERIOD THEY WILL BE READY TO LEAVE LIME WITHIN FEW DAYS BUT SAILINGS FROM SEATTLE ARE INDEFINITE

GUY J SWOPE

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ANCHORGE ALS

QMG OFFICE REPORTS THAT DUE TO PRIOR ORDERS ENGINEERS AT LIMA OHIO  
WILL BE UNABLE TO START KNOCKING DOWN YOUR TWO LOCAMOTIVES UNTIL  
LAST THIS MONTH BUT EXPECT SAME WILL BE DELIVERED SEATTLE BY APRIL  
FIFTEEN FOR FIRST AVAILABLE BOAT

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GUY J SWOPE DIRECTOR

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Anchorage, Alaska  
12 March 1942

GUY J SWOPE  
DIRECTOR TERRITORIES  
INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON D C

REURAD ELEVENTH INSPECTION LOCOMOTIVES BY ARMY ENGINEERS SATISFACTORY

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"Signed" O. F. Ohlson

O. F. Ohlson,  
General Manager,  
The Alaska Railroad

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THE ALASKA RAIROAD ANCHORAGE ALS  
REURAD TENTH TWO LOCOMOTIVES AT LIMA OHIO HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND  
APPROVED BY ARMY ENGINEERS AND ICC LOCOMOTIVE INSPECTION SERVICE  
ADVISES NO FURTHER INSPECTION NECESSARY PERIDD PLEASE RADIO APPROVAL  
IF SATISFACTORY

GUY J SWOPE DIRECTOR

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J. M.

Anchorage, Alaska  
March 10, 1942

GUY J SNOPE  
DIRECTOR TERRITORIES  
INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

REURAD THE TWO LOCOMOTIVES LOCATED LIMA OHIO OFFERED BY QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
TO THE ALASKA RAILROAD AT COST SIXTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH  
FOB LIMA OHIO PAYABLE NEXT JUNE ACCEPTABLE TO THE ALASKA RAILROAD STOP PLEASE  
ARRANGE WITH ICC TO HAVE THESE LOCOMOTIVES INSPECTED BEFORE THEY ARE TAKEN  
DOWN AND BOXED

OHILSON

*Mr. G. J. Snoop*  
G. F. Ohlson,  
General Manager,  
The Alaska Railroad

Anchorage, Alaska  
10 March 1942

LASHER  
ASSISTANT TO CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D C

REURAD 10th SHIPMENT OF THE TWO LOCOMOTIVES KNOCKED DOWN FROM LIMA OHIO  
ABOUT APRIL FIRST SATISFACTORY STOP HAVE REQUESTED INTERIOR DEPARTMENT  
MAKE ARRANGEMENT WITH ICC TO HAVE THESE LOCOMOTIVES INSPECTED

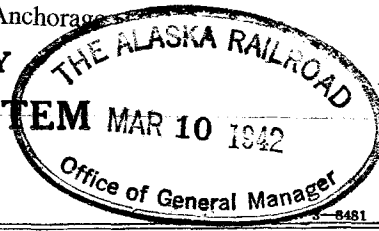
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"Signed" O. F. Ohlson

O. F. Ohlson,  
General Manager,  
The Alaska Railroad



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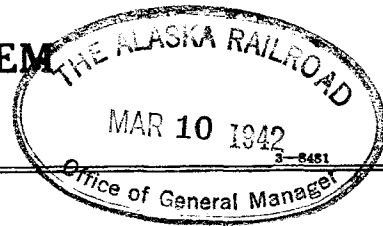
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ATTN O F OHLSON GENERAL MGR LIMA LOCOMOTIVE WORKS ADVISE THEY CAN  
HAVE THE TWO LOCOMOTIVES KNOCKED DOWN READY FOR SHIPMENT FROM LIMA  
ABOUT APRIL FIRST PERIOD ADVISE BY RETURN WIRE IF THIS IS SATISFACTORY  
LASHER ASSISTANT TO CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION

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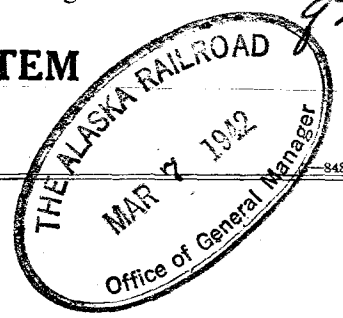
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THE ALS RR ANCHORAGE

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REURAD FIFTH REQUESTING RELEASE TWO LOCOMOTIVES BY QUARTERMASTER  
GENERAL TO ALASKA RAILROAD AT COST SIXTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED  
DOLLARS EACH FOB LIMA OHIO PAYABLE NEXT JUNE QMG ADVISES THESE LOC-  
OMOTIVES ARE BEING RELEASED TO YOU AND WILL BE CRATED IN PARCELS  
WEIGHING NOT MORE THAN THIRTY SIX TONS EACH AND READY TO LEAVE LIMA  
BY APRIL FIRST PERIOD IT IS REPORTED THEY SHOULD ARRIVE AT SEATTLE  
BY APRIL TENTH AND WILL BE SHIPPED FROM THERE ON FIRST AVAILABLE  
TRANSPORT PERIOD PLEASE RADIO DIVISION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ANY  
NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS SWOPE 1145A

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THE ALASKA RR ANCHORAGE ALS

REOURRADS SECOND AND FOURTH QM GENERALS WAR DEPT IS STILL HOLDING FOR  
ARR TWO NEW LOCOMOTIVES AT LIME OHIO WHICH IT IS WILLING TO RELEASE AT  
ORIGINAL COST OF SIXTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH IF  
DESIRED PERIOD PLEASE RADIO DIVISION PRIORITY WHETHER ONE OR BOTH  
THESE LOCOMOTIVES ARE DESIRED AS QMG IS INQUIRING PERIOD ALSO RELATIVE  
FLAT AND BOX CARS REPORTED IN OUR RADIO SECOND AS AVAILABLE FOR SALE  
TO ARR PLEASE ADVISE PRIORITY PROBABLE NUMBER OF THESE CARE YOU MAY  
NEED SUBJECT TO I C C INSPECTION FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION BY DIVISION

SWOPE DIRECTOR 328P ✓

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Anchorage March 5, 1942

Ruth Hampton  
Acting Director  
Territories  
Interior  
Washington D C

Reurad second received Quartermaster General's letter of February twenty third today offering two new locomotives cost each sixty nine thousand six hundred dollars F.O.T. Lima Ohio period The Alaska Railroad can use these locomotives in freight service but cannot pay for them until June this year and I have radioed QMG to that effect period Some of the cars enumerated your radio apparently the same as offered by Calumet Equipment Company which eye see see inspectors pronounced in poor condition and we have therefore issued invitation bids for forty new flat and twenty five new box cars which car builders have indicated can build and make early delivery bids to be opened Seattle within next few days of which will advise you further period Would appreciate if you could ascertain condition of cars located Ogden Utah and if an inspection of these cars could be obtained through eye see see

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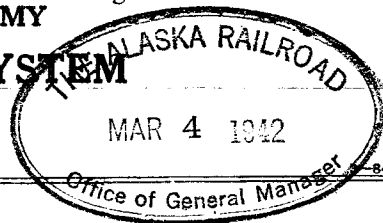
"Signed" O. F. Ohlson

O. F. Ohlson General Manager.

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THE ALS RR ANCHORAGE ALS

QMG OFFICE REPORTS IT HAS WIRED YOU RELATIVE YOUR TAKING OVER TWO NEW LOCOMOTIVES IT HAS AVAILABLE AT LIMA OHIO AT ORIGINAL COST SIXTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH ALSO RELATIVE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY BOX-CARS AND FORTY FLAT CARS REPORTED AS AVAILAELE FOR PURCHASE AT OR NEAR CHICAGO WHICH THEY BELIEVE ARE SUITABLE FOR YOUR PURPOSE PERIOD QMG ALSO REPORTS TODAY ONE HUNDRED CARS FORTY TON THIRTY SIX FOOT LENGTH SUPER STRUCTURE OF STEEL WITH METAL ROOFS CORRUGATED STEEL PLATE ENDS FULL STEEL UNDERFRAMES AND CAST STEEL TRUCKS AT COST ELEVEN HUNDRED

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DOLLARS EACH LOCATED JGDEN UTAH ALSO ONE HUNDRED CARS SAME SIZE AS ABOVE EXCEPT DOUBLE SHEATHED WOOD AT PRICE NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS EACH BUT NOT IN AS GOOD CONDITION AS FIRST LOT PERIOD PLEASE RADIO DIVISION AS TO POSSIBRLITY YOUR INTEREST IN SECURING ANY OR ALL OF THESE CARS AND IF SO NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS

HAMPTON

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Anchorage March 5, 1942

Quartermaster General  
War Department  
Washington D C

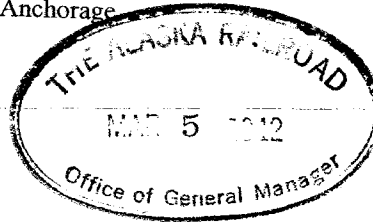
Reference your letter February twenty third Q.M. four five three T dash C T regarding availability two new coal burning locomotives at cost sixty nine thousand six hundred dollars each F.O.T. Lima Ohio Period The Alaska Railroad desires purchase these two locomotives at price quoted and can make payment in full to the War Department at end of July this year plus cost boxing and rail transportation Lima Ohio to Seattle Washington assuming that these locomotives will be moved free of charge by Transports from there to Seward Alaska period I have advised Interior Department accordingly

O. F. Olson  
General Manager  
The Alaska Railroad

Signed O. F. Olson

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O. F. Olson General Manager.



WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO QM 453 T-CT  
(The Alaska Railroad)

February 23, 1942

General Manager,  
The Alaska Railroad,  
Anchorage, Alaska.

Gentlemen:

There are available to The Quartermaster General for transfer to The Alaska Railroad two (2) new coal burning consolidated type locomotives per the attached specifications and changes thereto.

It is requested that if the acquisition of these locomotives for your railroad is desirable, this office be immediately informed by return wire.

The cost of the locomotives is \$69,600.00 each, f.o.t. Lima, Ohio.

For The Quartermaster General:

Very truly yours,

I. C. OLSEN,  
Major, Q.M.C.,  
Assistant.

2 Incls.  
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