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3120-2-1 BLM (1993-1995 Flat Historic Building Survey)

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Dear Ms. Russell:

Pursuant to your telephone request of February 4, 2000, I am enclosing <u>copies</u> of the interview tapes from the Flat Historic Building Survey Project. I am also enclosing copies of the release forms signed by those who were interviewed on tape. Some of the interviews were not tape recorded because there was loud televison noise in the background. I took notes of those interviews and transcribed my notes immediately after the interviews. There are no releases for those interviews.

I have also enclosed obituary notices on a number of the people involved in the interviews. Glenn Barnnett, John Fullerton, Dolly Turner, Peter Bagoy, Sr., and Kathleen Mary Agoff have all passed away since the interviews. Mrs. Agoff was present during her husband's interview. She made a few comments on tape during the interview. The only photograph I have of interviewees is the one of John Miscovich, which appeared in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

I summarized the transcripts due to their length and repetition. The summaries were produced in *Flat and Iditarod 1993-1995 Oral History Interviews* (Office of History and Archaeology Report Number 52, 1995). They were later published by BLM as *Flat and Iditarod 1993-1995 Oral History Interviews* (BLM-Alaska Open File Report 66, April 1997). If researchers are seeking to clarify a point in the summaries, the actual tapes could be helpful. The substantive information provided by the interviewees is included in the summaries.

The interviews were conducted as part of a joint, on-going program between the State of Alaska and BLM to identify historic resources along the Iditarod National Historic Trail. The purpose of the project was to identify and evaluate historic buildings in Flat. Since there are few written records from Flat, the interviews were very important in producing the final report, *History Building Survey Report: Flat, Alaska* (Office of History and Archaeology Report Number 51, November 1996),

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which was published by BLM as *History Building Survey Report: Flat, Alaska* (BLM-Alaska Open File Report 64, April 1997).

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (907) 269-8716. My e-mail address is: Rolfe_Buzzell@dnr.state.ak.us

Sincerely,

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Enclosures