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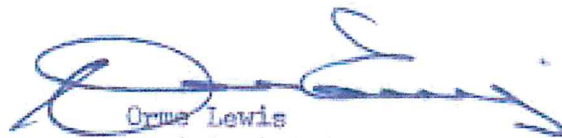
May 13, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Thomas E. Stephens
Secretary to the President
The White House

Those meeting with the President at 9:30 this morning are Governor Heintzleman, Alaska, Mr. Bartlett, Democratic Delegate from Alaska, and a group of Alaskans who have come here in the interest of statehood, some of whom are members of the Alaska Legislature.

For political and other reasons much criticism has been heaped upon Governor Heintzleman for the suggestion he made with respect to statehood for a portion of the Territory.

It would be most helpful to Governor Heintzleman and the Republican Party if the President made a few complimentary remarks to the delegation concerning the Governor's activities.


Orme Lewis
Assistant Secretary

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The following members of a delegation from Alaska
will call on the President, Thursday, May 13, 1954.

Hon. B. Frank Heintzleman, Governor of the
Territory of Alaska

Hon. E. L. Bartlett, Delegate from Alaska

Walter J. Hickel, Anchorage, Alaska
Republican National Committeeman

Raymond E. Plumber, Anchorage, Alaska
Democratic National Committeeman

Senator John Butrovich, Fairbanks, Alaska

Senator William A. Egan, Valdez, Alaska

Dr. Will Chase, Mayor of Cordova, Alaska

Miles Brandon, Dillingham, Alaska

J. C. Morris, Anchorage, Alaska

Ralph J. Rivers, Mayor of Fairbanks, Alaska

Helen Fischer, Anchorage, Alaska (Housewife)

Ralph Browne, Anchorage, Alaska

Barrie M. White, Jr., Anchorage, Alaska

Carl Rentschler, Anchorage, Alaska,
Member of House of Representatives

Ken Johnson, Anchorage, Alaska

Larry Meath, Fairbanks, Alaska

Chester Peterson, Anchorage, Alaska

Hon. Orme Lewis, Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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