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TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY LAND IS USED FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES THE PROCEEDS SHOULD (A) HELP NATIVES WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR VILLAGES ADJUST TO URBAN LIFE, AND (B) HELP ALL NATIVES ADAPT TO THE DRASTIC SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ECOLOGICAL CHANGES WHICH WILL OCCUR BECAUSE OF THE OIL DISCOVERIES AND ALASKA'S GROWTH AND INDUSTRIALIZATION. MOREOVER, THROUGH OWNING LANDS FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES, THE NATIVES WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP MANAGERIAL TALENTS AND INCREASE THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH THEY CAN MAKE TO THEIR STATE AND NATION."

THERE WILL BE A LAND CLAIMS SETTLEMENT. THE PUSH IS ON FOR A BILL BEFORE THE END OF THIS CONGRESS. THE CONTINUATION OF THE LAND FREEZE; THE PRESSURES TO CONTINUE WITH THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF OUR STATE, THE OIL DISCOVERIES, THE HIGH PRIORITY ASSIGNED TO THIS MATTER BY SENATOR HENRY JACKSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE INTERIOR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AND CONGRESSMAN WAYNE ASPINALL, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AND FINALLY - THE DETERMINATION OF THE NATIVES OF ALASKA TO SEE JUSTICE DONE - ARE ALL HELPING TO BUILD UP THE PRESSURES FOR CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.

DESPITE THE FOCUS ON THE SCOPE AND EXTENT OF THE ALASKA NATIVE LAND RIGHTS QUESTION, I MUST OBSERVE THAT THE ALASKA BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED ITS USUAL PERCEPTIVENESS AND VISION RELATIVE TO THE IMPENDING CHANGES THAT WILL AFFECT THE ALASKA NATIVES.

OVER 50,000 BUYERS, SELLERS, INVESTORS, ENTREPRENEURS, HUNTERS, FISHERMEN - OUR NATIVE PEOPLE - WILL RECEIVE THE ECONOMIC MEANS TO PARTICIPATE MEANINGFULLY IN THE GROWTH OF OUR STATE. THEY WILL JOIN THE POLICY MAKERS IN A MORE SIGNIFICANT WAY AS THEY RECEIVE THE MEANS TO PLAN AND TO CHANGE THEIR WAY OF LIFE AND THAT OF THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.