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Jim Ludwig talks about Abram John with Steve Sherman on December 9, 1968 in Fairbanks, Alaska

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Steve Sherman talked about Abram John from Arctic Village, Alaska. Abram is ten years old. Steve asked Jim Ludwig how Abram John's trip was started. When Jim was producing a documentary about Arctic Village he had a dog sled ride with Abram. Jim had been thinking about taking someone back to Rochester, New York and he decided Abram would be a good choice. Jim wrote to Abram's mother and she gave her permission to take the trip. Abram arrived in Rochester last week for his visit. Jim said the documentary is airing in January. Steve asked about Abram's reaction to Fairbanks. Jim said Abram was coming from a small village without modern conveniences. Abram had never been on a plane before. He had a lot of new experiences. He is staying in the dorms on the campus. Steve asked if trips like this will be a regular thing for other Native children. Jim said he has been happy with the response to the whole trip. There have been donations from the university, student organizations, stores and civic organizations. He hopes that there will be more trips like this.