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The recording begins with an unclear question about self-preservation in a society. A man answers. [Unclear talking from 00:17 to 2:17.]

2:17 Another man's voice says that he's under the impression that when they go to court, they are dealing with an entirely different subculture that varies from whether one is in Galena or Barrow. They are imposing a foreign standard "on these people" and when they form a jury in a village, the jury applies a local standard that is different from what "we" recognize. He continues that they can trust a Fairbanks jury to follow the law but in a bush people take the case and do what they please.

[An unclear comment.] The man says that he doesn't know if he feels that way about it, but he has the feeling that "they" aren't all in favor of what "we are bringing to them." [Unclear comment and discussion.]

5:22 In Point Barrow, they would like to have Eskimo police officers, but those Eskimo police officers who have attempted a job are generally chased off the business. [Unclear comment and discussion.] The other man says that there aren't Eskimo men who are being tolerated as [unclear] in Barrow and it's unfair to say that [unclear]. They have the same rights than any American citizen.

Hippler asks if the other man could see any local rule system that would work. [Unclear talking.] Hippler says he doesn't argue against something the previous speaker said but he finds friction in trying to take the law in the city out into the bush. Often things in the bush are filed as misdemeanors because nobody would be willing to uphold that level of [unclear.] [The other speaker says something unclear.]

8:00 Hippler says that he feels less satisfied with the job that his office and the court system are doing in the bush for the same level of crime. In bush, social

norms have developed differently. “We” have imposed their norms to a different cultural unit.

[The other man says something unclear again. Unclear discussion]

12:33 Hippler [?] says that the unified court would [unclear] much tedium and boredom as a lot of [unclear]. [Unclear discussion until 15:40.]

15:41 A man’s voice thanks the panelists.

[End of the recording.]