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Pioneer Reports

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The recording starts with Harry Hughes stating that the date is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 1964 at the Chamber of Commerce log cabin. The meeting will be one between officers and friends of the pioneers in order to prepare a suitable resolution for three subjects. The group is going through a letter of appreciation for the Governor of Fairbanks, William Egan. There is discussion for how to word "at" or "near" in the letter. Harry Hughes and another man are writing a letter thanking Governor Egan for choosing the interior Alaska as the site of new Pioneer Home. There are members speaking in the background and providing suggestions for the letter. There are many "talk throughs" of the letter. George King made a motion that the resolution be accepted and Bill Schaeffer seconded the motion. Everyone is in favor. The resolution will be presented to Igloo Four at their regular meeting Sunday night. The next subject is the resolution to Bob McCombs for his speedy presentation for the bill for 2 million dollars from the pioneer home to the legislature. The next subject is the location of the headquarters of the centennial commission. He talked to the president of the chamber and the mayor of Fairbanks is going to make up a letter to be read Monday night. Irving Reed and Jack Blink will come up for a resolution to be presented to Igloo Four next Monday night. If there is nothing further Harry Hughes says he is going to turn the tape. Harry thanks everyone for showing up to the meeting. The time is 9:15 pm and present at the meeting is Irving McKay Reed, Mrs. Eleanor Reed, Dorothy and George King of Eagle, Vivian Gilvin, and Ruth Olson, Adolph Stock, William Schaeffer, Elli Link, Florence Mansville.

At 9:55 Harry says that he is testing the dynamic microphone and the date is February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1964. They had a funeral today for Jorgens Cloon. He was born in 1902 and was buried in the Pioneer Plaza in Fairbanks Alaska.

Harry says the date is February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1964 in the Chamber of Commerce log cabin at the meeting of the pioneer convention committee with Pat Sather chairman of the women and Bill Cashen chairman of the men. Pat Sather was elected to conduct the meeting. Pat Sather gave a rundown of the previous committees and now they are preparing to select committees and groups. Bill Stroecker is named. Arnie Lee is named. The recording is going in and out. There are four on the publicity committee. The next committee is favors. Ruth Shriver is on the favors committee. Adolph Stock will be on the housing and reservation committee. Egan McGown will be an honorary member of the housing committee. Gene Rogey [?] is on the transportation and greeting committee. Registration committee is next. Mary Stock is on the registration committee along with June Thompson. Next committee is hospitality committee and includes Muriel Thomas. Clyde Parker will be arranging for the drinks. Next is the women's luncheon. Elizabeth Bradford just volunteered for the women's luncheon. Isabel Richards will also help. Gladys Parker is the third member. The men's luncheon is Walter Burnett and Bill Schaeffer.

Bill Schaeffer will be chairman for the men's luncheon. Colin McDonald will assist. Frank Young also. The banquet is on Sunday evening. Jimmy Doogan has proposed for mc-ing the skits for Friday night. The grand ball is Saturday night. The old time costumes are discussed. Ruth Barrack and Dan Jones for the Grand Ball committee. August Stegers' name is mentioned on the banquet committee. Also Agnus Norfeld. Pat Roagie is on the banquet committee. Paula Stegler's name is placed on the Pedro Memorial Committee. On the advertising committee are Harry Hughes, Florence Manville, Betty Help, Joe Kruger, and Alda Crawford. The time is 10:25 pm in the evening and everyone is tired and going home. The recording stops.

At 20:12 of the recording, the recording resumes and Harry says it is Friday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1964. This is a memorandum report and Harry is president of Igloo Four and was asked to stay at the Ernest Gruening social at the Travel Museum from 7 to 9. They had a Pioneer Memorial Park board meeting program with Earl Viseline [?], Jim Cassidy, and Jim McDonald. Harry showed up before they adjourned and got some records straightened out in regard to the corporation. The next meeting on that corporation will be March 13<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. The recording stops.

The recording resumes at 21:33 and Harry Hughes says the night is February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1964. The Tanana historical Yukon society met at the chamber of commerce log cabin and the speaker tonight as JP Macdonald that has given his famous rock collection to the pioneers for the museum. He told about his early life from about 1907 to 1915 along the coast of Alaska and around the Anchorage area, the Chikaloon district. The meeting adjourned at 11 pm tonight. That is all of that report.

At 22:40 Harry Hughes says the date is March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1964. PJ McDonald is continuing his story and he is talking from 5 after 8 to almost 11 pm. He has told quite a bit about Anchorage and other parts of Alaska. They now have 4 hours of PJ McDonald's life story.

At 23:30 of the recording Harry Hughes say the day is March 7<sup>th</sup> 1964 and this is the meeting of the convention committee on the advertising and the booklet for the pioneer convention program. Present is Mrs. Crawford, Betty Harrep [?], Florence Manville, Joe Keger and Harry Hughes. The time is 4:20 pm and they are at Torgenson Plumbing Shop in south Fairbanks. After considerable discussion, Harry presented a few bids by commercial printers and the letter press company; it was chosen Justin's weekly to be the official printer of the pioneer convention booklet for Fairbanks. The prices of cost were analyzed and they will charge \$40 a page for black and white ads or \$25 dollars for a half page or \$13.50 for a quarter page. A color page will be \$10 extra for color. The inside front cover is \$60, the inside back is \$60 and the outside back is \$75 dollars. The fund is strictly for the pioneer convention illustrations. The first part of the book that is planned to have several pages of history including the pioneers, women, and auxiliary. Also program officers and credits. The purpose of the meeting was to get the thing reported to the pioneers and get instructions to go ahead and collect the ads for the booklet. They stopped their meeting at about 5:25 pm. That is all to report for the day.

At 26:40 Harry Hughes does a count.

At 26:55 a news recording is being recorded. The recording is a radio program on Channel 2 KFAR in Fairbanks, Alaska. The news and sports are presented. The news is the tragic scene which occurred in

Alaska and still going on throughout the entire state of Alaska. The report is that Anchorage had been badly damaged by an earthquake. Open report is the Anchorage International Airport control tower went down. 3000 feet of airport runway is out. The Alaska communication system in Fairbanks said that people are evacuating the ACS building in Anchorage. There were tremors lasting about 3 minutes. A radio operator said that structures were down in Anchorage from the coast guard. Tidal wave swept away some boats in Ketchikan. No injuries are reported at this time. Valdez was also hit by a tidal wave which cut off its water supplies. The quake was so strong that it knocked out the geophysical measuring device in Fairbanks. The quake was felt at 5:37 pm in Fairbanks. The tremors reached Seattle. House boats were torn from their boarding's. The quake knocked down communications in Fairbanks for an hour. The quake was described as the rolling type. Alaska bound planes were sent back to Seattle.

At 30:00 of the recording the news reporters say that at about 7:30 pm KFAR they set up their communications. The Anchorage runway at the airport as wiped out. Other reports from Lieutenant General Raymond Reeves commander of all troops. He said Fourth Avenue was completely flattened. A report from Captain Mayfield of the state police. About 100 homes in West Turnagain in Anchorage located on the Cook Inlet had received extensive damage. 6 are reported dead. There are numerous injuries. Extensive road damage both north and south of Anchorage. They have received a report from a HAM radio operator that Valdez had reported two dead. They have no doctor at that time. There was no fire and they said they didn't have fire protection. Kodiak reported tidal waves. The fish and game department mobile radio department in Anchorage reported between 50 and 300 injured. There have been some late reports that Providence Hospital had been asking for help. Report from Bob Risely [?] that 45 percent of the building in downtown Anchorage were destroyed. There are reports that the Anchorage Westward Hotel and the court building survived. Between 3rd and 4th Avenue it was estimated that 50 percent of buildings were destroyed between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 90 percent were destroyed. A call to Governor Egan estimated 50 dead in the Anchorage area. The Seward Highway has large crevices and there is no travel. There is an Alaskan Airlines plane with 8 doctors on the way to Anchorage from Fairbanks.

At 43:20 of the recording the news reporter says that the Coast Guard is reporting. Seward had a tidal wave at 11:40 pm. 3 dead and one injured. 20 are missing. The oil tanker beached is on fire. Texaco and standard oil facilities are burning. There have also been reports that old harbor has been wiped out. The city of Kodiak was considered flooded. There were also reports of the standard and Texaco tanks ruptured and burning. Sitka reports 1 dock is out and a petroleum gas pipe is broken. There are no injuries reported from Sitka. KFAR will have a report along on the trip from Valdez. KDNI will be reporting from Anchorage. He hopes that there will be pictures. Some more news in just a moment.

At 36:33 of the recording the news anchor is reporting the tidal wave in Kodiak. KFAR radio has its blinds down to Anchorage. Paul Garwood is standing by at the civil defense building and has latest bulletins coming in. They have just received an unofficial message to Major General Carol. Governor Egan has declared martial law in all major areas. The earthquake has hit all areas in Alaska. The least hit was the interior of Alaska. There are no reports from the city of Kenai. Kenai had called for help. Palmer is cut off from Anchorage by road. There are no fatalities reported in Palmer. KFAR radio running complete coverage. That's the night cap news.

At 38:30 of the recording there are messages being relayed. The first message is a message being relayed to a wife in Seward. A man is saying that someone behind him was bumping on his car. When he became aware that there was an earthquake it was because people were running in the streets. He got out of the car on Fifth Street and left the car running. There were maybe 15 people out there running around. They stood holding each other up. The time was difficult to tell. The walls of Penney's [of later J.C. fame] began to sheer off. The cars parked at the curb including his were buried in the rubble. The man said he started running for the [Anchorage] Times building and a woman gave him a ride and turned into Holy Family Church. He went inside and ran into Father Murphy. He told him that the Penny's building was very badly damaged and Father Murphy went there right away. He went into the Times building and the building seemed alright but inside was shambles. He said his equipment was buried in debris. He says there is no power but they have gotten word out to the AP in Juneau which still has communication landlines.

At 40:40 the news anchor for KFAR 660 in Fairbanks is reporting. There is an emergency message from the civil defense headquarters in Fairbanks. The fires from the oil riggings are out of control in Valdez. 26 men who were on the docks are missing and presumed dead. Also, Soldtona and Keena [?] have no injuries and some minor damage. Radio station KUNI in Anchorage returns. A man is talking about a water main blowing up across the street from them. Big cracks opened on the pavement at the their feet. Big trailer trucks toppled over on their side. As far as their own operation they are in shambles. It's hard to say how extensive the damage is. One wall caved in. He is very doubtful that they will publish tomorrow, they will try but he is doubtful. The damage is extensive but it depends on how much of the machinery was destroyed or damage. The man talking now is Bill Turbin. He says it is incredible to walk around and see it all dark. He is impressed by the way things are being run. There is no indication of what the losses are. The anchorwoman Jeanie says they have received word that the earthquake has extensive reaches throughout Alaska. They haven't found the center of the earthquake.

At 44:15 an anchorman says the radio station is 660 in Fairbanks and he says they are experiencing trouble in line between the station in Fairbanks and Anchorage. The Anchorage station returns and an anchorwoman named Jeanie says that if people are driving on Debar Road be careful because it is supposed to be in terrible condition. A man says that London is calling and they want to talk to somebody on the news line. He asks if somebody will come forward and talk. The anchorwoman Jeanie says she will be happy to do it. She says they have to make a report to London so KENI will return to the downtown studios. An anchorman says there are several messages and he would like to alert Fairbanks that they have two messages that they would like relay. At 447 East 13<sup>th</sup> there is room for 2 or 3. Paul and Betty Cruz's daughter Katie is with the Trick [?] family and is fine. Second of all there is going to be a meeting at the public safety building at 3 am for the following people: George Buyer [?], E.N. Courtney, Saul F. Faultner [?], Frank Beman [?], David Green, Clifford J. Grow, C.A. Hostetler, George Shirock [?], Joe Ushemsky [?], Harven Davis, R. Everett Harris, Glen McKee, Ben Booke [?], Dr. David Duncan. Irene Griffin. Robert H. Oldlan [?], Limen [?] L. Woodman, Robert Hernstein [?], Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Clore [?], Connie Wilson, James T. Bell, Joe Peterovich [?], Robert A. Green, Walt Slennon [?], Elizabeth Kirby, George Burns, Roy Sampson, Alice Ruten [?], E. Jack Schop [?], John Flannigan, Captain A.E. Hornid, Orin Hillman, Jack Easley, Larry Eastland. William Morgan II, Charles Bynum, George Easley [?], and

Jack Harris. Those people that were just mentioned are requested to meet at the public safety meeting at 3 am. There are two messages for Fairbanks. They had a call from Fairbanks earlier requesting the safety of Delnar Vennis [?], he just came to the station and is alright. He would appreciate if that message could get to his son who is Delnar Vennis Jr. As long as there are personal messages being relayed, the news anchor would like to personally request Fairbanks to put into a person to person call to Mr. Jack Hooper from radio station WKBO in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He would appreciate a report on the activities in the Anchorage facility. He would also like the message that he is alright to be delivered to his parents, he is Bill Berry. Jack Hooper person to person collect call WAPO in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Back to bob. Bob says he is in good shape too. He says this is what happens when he gets up to go back to work. The earthquake was yesterday. It is 7 minutes after midnight. The man speaking is Bob Flemming along with Don Hill, and Otto Miller, Bill Ferry, and Nat Brook, Jimmy Chancellor at Civil Defense Headquarters out at bootlegger's cover. At the transmitter site is Ty Clark. In the cars is Charlie Gray and Don Porter and Darrel Comstock. Captain Smith and Harold Honeywell are at the 4th Avenue building on the third floor and are sleeping. This is a message for Fairbanks: Bob Decker at Anchorage is OK. They have also learned that the lights came on firewood lane and Maxine's Beauty College is all lit up. Every light in the place is on and the Anchorman thinks that is a waste of electricity. Otto says he has a report from Channel 11 who heard a report from KFRB that Governor Egan has declared martial law and given General Carol authority to activate the National Guard in the Anchorage area. He also has some urgent messages one to the Carson family in Homer: Jane Carson is safe. Mrs. Ruth Dees [?] and Kerry Dees are fine in Anchorage. A call from Lee Colderwood [?]: she is worried about the C.R. Lewis children. She believes the children are in the hands in the housekeeper or uncle who may have picked them up.

At 52:47 of the recording KFAR begins. There are two bulletins from the associated press. The Valdez residential district is not on fire. Just the business district is on fire. There is no fire to fight the blaze. Also, Governor Egan says no martial law has been declared. General Carol suggested the National Guard be continued on active duty throughout the emergency. KENI returns. There is discussion about Don Hill. The Kenai camper has messages. From the Anchorage Fire chief: the international airport is closed for the evening. There is approximately 1 million gallons of jet fuel on the ground at the airport. No traffic should go out there. By morning or mid-morning the airport will be open again. A personal message from Jack Thornton to Dave Freund asking who has Georgia Sparks. Although there are no reports here or requests a person just came up and asked if they need blood at Providence Hospital. Back to Bob. He was caught in a hospital when the earthquake hit. When he went up to the hospital where the patients were he was walking in darkened corners. Some of the patients were being helped out. Several were unnerved by the earthquake. The children of one lady were waiting out in the car while she was in the hospital. There was so much debris in the hospital. He stepped in one room and didn't know what he ran into except that blood was pouring out of one of the room. It was some of the plasma that had fallen and broken on the floor. He is sure that other people who came into the hospital probably ran into the same situation. The providence hospital didn't separate in the way of damage and was able to absorb the patients from other hospitals that had to be evacuated. The Presbyterian hospital had to be evacuated. Many people offered their station wagons for ambulances. They were calm in the face of the fact that you could smell gas in the building. Many people went into the building

to help others. None of the KENI removed units have checked in lately. Darrel Comstock was in the Turnagain area and reported that the damage there was quite extensive. It is difficult now with night and snow to even get enough civil defense people to go into all the places. In many places homes in the Anchorage area have dropped into chasms. Helped will have to be lured by rope. It will take a crew of men. Tim has a report. They have just made a trip [inaudible]. Tim is discussing a Friendly Ford building that did not even lose any windows. He is on east 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The civil defense has set up a big radio. That's about the extent of the damage. A few windows here and there. Bob says he was taking cognizant of the crew and basically the whole Kenai crew is working. As the daylight hours come out in the morning the reports will become more vivid and descriptive. There probably are...the recording stops and music is played.

At 1:01:50 of the recording KENI returns and says there is no report from Kodiak. A lot of people are asking about the damage along the Aleutian chain. Some of the reports were sketchy. Whether the title wave had hit or not, Bob doesn't know. A man has a message for Ms. Joan Mcgeegicks [?] and she would like to get a hold of her aunt Mrs. Joan Rigund [?] who is employed at the McKinley gift shop and also her husband Mr. Rigger [?] who is with the Marsten Real Estate Company. Another one is Robert Culkey is OK and wants to know about his wife at Akutan. Bob says he is getting a message from a lady. The recording stops. The recording resumes with Harry Hughes saying the recordings are getting very garbled and he is going to change to a new reel. They are inanimate reports that are coming in and personal messages are being delivered by KENI anchorage to Fairbanks. KFAR Fairbanks says that Sitka has been very lucky. There has only been slight damage. The time is now 12:30 Am and KENI is being returned to. 4<sup>th</sup> avenue has a large section of it is sunk. The Denali Theatre is down. In some areas it is up to 30 feet of sunk. Harry Hughes says this is a tape recording of Harry L. Hughes at 920 14<sup>th</sup> avenue in Fairbanks, Alaska. During and just after an earthquake in the whole of Alaska. The conversation now is through wire from KENI Anchorage to KFAR Fairbanks. The recording stops.

The recording resumes at 1:17:15. A man is asking ACS to get on the circuit because people are trying to talk to them. The message was from Charlie Gray. They are anxious to get heliotype circuits going so they can get the news from the outside. He wants to know what news is being transmitted regarding Alaska. Someone is waving frantically at him. Bob Fleming is the man speaking. At 5:36 yesterday afternoon on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March a major earthquake hit Anchorage Alaska. It was felt in Seward, home, Kenai, Soldotna, and also Valdez and Cordova. The earthquake was a severe one. Many building crumbled and fell to the ground. There is no way to assess the total damage. Also there is no way to estimate the number of persons who have been injured. Bob was in the hospital as a visitor at the time of the earthquake. The building was in a swinging motion. There was ether and gas released. The building had to be evacuated as fast as possible. Many were moved to a large hospital, Providence Hospital. He says there were full size three bedroom houses that were almost out of site. The fact of getting civic defense personnel to see who was in the houses has yet to be entirely possible in all area. The damage has been pretty general in the entire Anchorage area. There are no reports in the Aleutian chain or the western part of Alaska. At this time there have been no reports of life loss but so far there have been no accurate reports of any direct losses of life. The governor has declared martial law. Many

buildings were left with no fronts. One motion picture theatre literally sank into the ground. The recording fades out.

The recording returns at 1:31:54 with a man talking to a man named Evan. A man from Channel 11 is saying reporting the news from outside resources from the Lower 48. Houston, Texas reportedly received unusual tides and disturbances. Some 12 or 13 feet of water hit Crescent City California. San Francisco had high tides. Canada had some trouble. The Seattle station is reporting reports from all over the place and they seem to have quite a bit information. All along the west coast of the United States there was tide activity. The news sources have all called the earthquake the "Alaskan Earthquake." The National Guard in Anchorage were reported. According to KFRB martial law has been declared according to the man speaking. That is the only source reporting the martial law. On the settle broadcast, civil defense is now active in Seattle. There was damage to small boat which were set loose. Downtown Kodiak has been destroyed which was word from the Seattle area. KFIB rebroadcasted what they claim was a CBS feed to them. The signal was so weak that it didn't reach Anchorage. The recording stops.

The recording resumes at 1:45:20. Bob says that anything that happens now is an aftershock. Kenai Camper is calling and has many messages. Molly Canfield and Jamie Canfield have been evacuated from Turnagain by the Weeks family. Mrs. Canfield is at the American Legion Post 1. Also, a message from the Civil Defense. It is requested that people from the area still should leave the house. The list for the public safety building meeting is read again. Following messages on the local scene: Mrs. Bird is here at the Northstar Motel and is wondering about her children in Seldovia. A message to the Ogrins [?]: Dennis Ogrin, Martha Ogrin, Mitsy Wasum, and also the Kiels are all OK. Herbert Wathensaul [?] should contact Kenai to make sure everything is alright. Marie McKlaney [?], Mrs. Janice McKimbell and Ed McKimbell are asked to put a message out to Kenai. To Mike Turner: his parents are safe at Mrs. Lamberts. He should call Kenai at the earliest opportunity. Jane begins speaking and says city manager Robert Oland is going to make announces. He says Joe Columbus or any or fuel leader who can assist because the Terpin over supply down at the Terpin site is running low on oil and they would like fuel delivered. There is a message from northwest airlines. The crew cannot locate stewardess Beverly Johls [?]. The crew it at the YMCA building. There is report from states police that there are no injuries at Kenai. There seems to be a mix-up of messages involving chlorinators. The chlorinator has been installed at the providence hospital. Chuck Gunnen [?] did arrive and it has been installed. However, the air force had brought in 6 chlorinators in case they were needed in other places. Somehow there was a mix-up and they came by the public safety building. The recording stops. The plug was kicked out. She says they did feel a slight tremor at about 1 am and about at 10 minutes after 1. If the fellows from Elmendorf are listening, the public safety people are asking for the chlorinators to be returned. If the air force men with the chlorinators would return them to the public safety building. There is word for Beluga; the Frank Smith family is at the home of Red Dodge. One Seattle station reported that Seattle felt an earthquake at precisely the same time that the quake hit Anchorage. It was felt to the point that the space needle swayed. There is a person monitoring outside and Juneau station reported that an area is Louisiana had an earthquake at approximately the same time. He heard Sacramento broadcast that small tidal waves in Hawaii had occurred and that the island was bracing. There is an earlier report

that tidal waves are expected as far away as Japan. The quake was also supposedly felt as far away as Houston Texas and there has been tidal waves all up and down the west coast. Frank Beluga's family is safe and at Red Dodge's house. She does want to remind the key personnel of the city to report at 3 am at the public safety building where a staff meeting will be held. Plans will be made for the operation to be carried on in Anchorage. She will be offering the services of KENI radio during the meetings tonight. KENI radio will fit in where they are need and do their best to carry on 24 hours a day. There is another message for Mr. Nofli [?] in Cordova at the Northern Hotel: his family has been contacted and everything is OK. Don Andrews is asked to call the Spenard volunteer fire department. They just got word from the local YMCA that they do have additional space and are putting up beds. Before they go off the air they understand KFAR of Fairbanks is relaying messages to the south 48. She wants the message to be sent to Bonham, Texas to Judge Broadfoot and tell him that the Chance family is alright. There is another message to Enfluskis [?] at Soldotna and Goskerkov [?] at Ninilchick: their relatives at Anchorage are alright signed Bill and Alice Bowens. A message to Clyde Wyt at Homer: his daughter is ok signed Nelda. That is all the messages they have at the point at Civil Defense headquarters so a return to KENI studios in downtown Anchorage. There have been messages received. Otto informed Bob that he has 75 messages and probably has 76 by now. There is a message from John Steppe from friendly ford, that the building has about 10,000 square feet and is available to any group or organization who might need it for shelter. It's heated and there are lights. Jeanie says there is a message from city manager Robert Oland asking that Dale Tiel [?] or some other representative of Anchorage natural gas organization would please attend the meeting at 3 am at the public safety meeting.

At 2:03:24 of the recording Otto from KENI radio station in Anchorage begins relaying messages he has been receiving. One is addressed to Dick Johnson who expected his brother Bob and family from Fairbanks they were to arrive in Anchorage at 10. He says Dick is OK and the house is OK and brother Bob should get to the house. Wyman Cane the road expert would like to send a message to Jack Woodland in Homer that Mrs. Woodland and the family is alright and are with Sam. George's family is also fine. Wyman suggests Woodland fly home. Mary O'hagen [?] to her husband Thomas in Fairbanks: Mary and boys are OK. Lieutenant Rosenthal [?] wants his wife to know that he will be downtown to pick her up. A message from Ms. Luis Lopez from Port Rich to Earl Benett [?] in mountain view: blanch is ok she is with Ms. Lopez. Bob says that he thinks there is another report from the camper soon. The message goes out to Primo Teratilly [?] at mile 94 at the road commission camp. He wants him to know that all the kids are fine in Anchorage. No sweat. Charlie Gray says there is no ACS communication. The teletype is open and KENI are connected and anxious to get the teletype working. Kenai camper again. Evan white stated earlier that the stations outside Seattle have declared that martial law is in effect at Anchorage. He says martial law has not been declared and if Fairbanks could relay that then it would be a good thing. The civilian populous is handling the disaster with the help of military personnel. Bob says the authorization of martial was extended by the governor but only the authorization of the powers in Anchorage have not seen fit to declare martial law. The police department swung into action to protect people and property. The time is about 1:31 am in Anchorage, Alaska. The radio station is KENI and this is the KENI crew.



At 2:09:07 Bob is asked to take a message on line two. Wally is on the line. Wally is in Ketchikan. Wally says the earthquake did not affect Ketchikan so far. He says the town is evacuated up to the 50 ft. level. They don't know what to expect. Some of the towns to the north of them have had 10 and 17 ft. waves. He says he hopes they don't get anything. Bob asks if he felt the earthquake. Wally says they felt the earthquake but it was very mild. He says here in Ketchikan there has been nothing really exciting except for city defense officials have evacuated everyone from the lower levels because Ketchikan is built on the water front. People have been evacuated to schools and churches and their friends' homes as a precautionary measure. So far nothing has been reported and they hope it stays that way. Bob says some very disastrous tide waves have hit Kodiak and Seward. Valdez and Cordova have both been hit. The report from Kodiak was pretty grim. The main part of Kodiak was washed away. They heard that in Seward and in Cordova and Valdez that the tidal wave hit pretty hard. The earthquake conditions have been exciting in a sense in Anchorage. The KENI radio tower lost 20-30 feet. Part of the TV tower is just hanging there. Everybody has felt the sense of the earthquake. Buildings have sunk into the ground and it has been a grim picture. The earthquake lasted about 3 minutes but some said 5 minutes and 2 minutes. It was long enough to do a lot of damage. Harry comes in and says he is going to change reels. The recording ends.