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A man is telling a story about interaction between Alaska Natives. Harrie Hughes says that Mr. Van Biver wants to know if Nick Nichols is alive at the Pioneer Home in Dawson City. Hughes says the time is ten minutes to nine and he met with Mr. Van Biver and his wife and he took pictures of them and pictures of the Color River Bridge. He says he stopped at the Storage River Road House for food. He is going across the Seward River Bridge heading for Dawson which is about 130 miles or so to Dawson City. The sign says 113 miles into Dawson. He is just crossing the McQuesten River Bridge. The time is 11:40 PM and he just saw a dead black bear by the road. He saw a red fox running in front of the car. [The recording is continuously stopping and starting as Hughes gives updates]. There are a lot of red foxes crossing the road. He says the road he is on is a gravel road and is wonderful. He says Alaska will be going into the fall very shortly. He sees a baby fox. The time is 1 am and he just passed the Dawson airport about 12 miles from Dawson City. The time is 1:40 and he got into Mccellister's log cabin court. He stayed at the same place last year. Mccellister gave him a room and he'll see him in the morning. He got up at 7:30 am and says there are a lot of tourists pulling into the Mccallister's log cabin court. He says he went downtown a little bit and came back at 930 and had coffee with Katy. He decided he was going to visit Glenn Franklin at the mines. He saw Glenn yesterday downtown. He is on his way to the mine. He has seen several old cabins, some of them occupied. He is visiting with Mrs. Franklin who used to be a resident of Fairbanks. Her husband is busy with his mining business because he had a cat break down. Katy says hello to everyone on the recording and says they are in El Dorado in the Yukon Territory and they are on the Lucky Swede's Claim. She says they have a small plaster operation with three caps and they have found one of the largest nuggets in the area. Glenn feels that one of the old-timers left it for them. Hughes asks her what her daughters full names are and what they are doing. She says they have two children; Ina Lucille Franklin (born in Fairbanks 1940) who is now a medical technologist at Virginia Mason hospital in Seattle and Glenna Marie Franklin (Born in Fairbanks 1945) is graduating from high school and has a scholarship to attend Seattle University next year. In the summer Glenna is employed at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Dawson. The time is 1:05 pm of July 10th, 1963.

The recording begins again and Hughes is saying that he has taken a lot of pictures of Glenn Franklin's mining on the Lucky Swede's Claim. He discusses the Trollberg Brothers, the president of the Yukon Pioneers and his brother. They are using hydraulics and washing out a cut. Hughes has taken pictures. He says he visited the Dawson museum in the old government building. Mrs. Inas Taylor is on board to help set up the museum. He says this evening he will be running pictures for Mr. and Mrs. McCallister's fallen mother on a visit. He says he had quite a crowd of tourists. He says he runs about half of his slides all together. They got a little insight into Alaska and Ketchikan. He says he made a mistake on the

previous date announcement. He says it was July the 9th and today is July the 10th. He says he is attempting to load the car to get back to Fairbanks.

The time is 9:50 am of July the 19th 1963. He is driving southwest to Boundary and the border. The time is 10 to 12 noon. He is on the road from Dawson City to Boundary. He got to George King and Dorothy King's place. He found George Gelverson down in a cap. He had a sandwich with the Kings and said goodbye. He stopped at Bob Mcculms [?] Road House at West Fork and Bob is not in so he talked to Dorothy and the Mother. Lil Agnam [?] came in with her daughter and husband. He is delivering the mail for them. The time is 6 pm. He checked in through Toke and filled with gas at Toke Junction. He purchased his car from Indianapolis, Indiana. He says the trip has ended and he has landed home. He went to see his landlord and his landlord has his family in town. He is getting ready for bed. He completed his 10,000 mile trip from Fairbanks to Washington, D.C. via Indianapolis to Minneapolis to Moosejaw Calgary Edmonton Whitehorse Color River Dawson City and back to Fairbanks.

The recording resumes at 15:30 and there is music playing. The music is live and man is thanking them and saying that if people want to hear more from the Pacific Singers they will be around Fairbanks for about a month. The recording stops and starts again with Harrie Hughes saying it is Monday morning, September the 2nd, 1963. He is at the home of Dick Porter and his wife in Anchorage, Alaska. 319 Barrow St. is where the Porters live. Mr. Porter said he received a pleasant surprise when Bob Bloom and Harrie Hughes arrived. He feels that Hughes has done a tremendous job and he owes Hughes a debt. He is hoping in the near future the people will be able to see Hughes' pictures and hear the recordings. Mr. Porter was born October the 28th, 1913 in Fairbanks on the hospital side of the Chena. His house at that time was in the vicinity of the Cramer home. He had an older brother Harrie, a sister Margaret, and a younger sister Mary who passed away in 1917. His father first came into the country in 1898. His brother Harrie was born in Nome. His father was in Nome for some time before coming to Fairbanks. His father went over the trail to Valdez in 1918. The family spent some time in Cordova where his father was interested in a saw mill on Enak [?] Lake. They made a short rip from Cordova to Yakima Washington. They didn't fare well there. They came back to Alaska and have been in AK since then. His mother passed away in 1937 in Anchorage and his father in 1943. His older brother died in 1950. His sister Margaret is living in the states. He has continued residence in Anchorage Alaska since 1921. He is associated with the local clubs, the Pioneers, been chairman of the visitation committee with the Elks Club. He received the Elk of the year award out of a field of 1,800 members. He spends most of his time with pioneer activities. He is president of the Igloo in Anchorage and is looking forward to working with Harrie's Igloo in Fairbanks. His wife is named Josephine and she is Bob Guise's daughter.

Mrs. Porter begins speaking at 22:40 of the recording. She says she was born in Fairbanks in 1912 in St. Joseph's hospital. The hospital was built in 1910. Her family moved to Seattle in 1925. She finished her schooling in Seattle and went to Anchorage in 1935. She was married to a railroad worker and they raised two sons in Anchorage. In 1956 she married Kenneth Porter. Her mother raised four children and was named Minnie Guise. Her father was Robert Guise. Her brother was the oldest. She had a sister named Charlotte who passed away in 1925. Dorothy is the name of her other sister. Mr. Porter says the session is going to come to a conclusion and he would like to thank Bob Bloom. He would also

like to thank Harrie Hughes. Harrie Hughes says that he is hoping to hold on to the way of the old way of life because so many people today are forgetting about how things used to be. He says he is going to continue on another tape. The recording ends at 26:19.

A new recording starts at 26:30. Harrie Hughes says it is October the 19th, 1963 in Fairbanks, Alaska. He says he is testing the microphone on the high fidelity web core recorder for quality and function. Harrie says he has replaced the element in the microphone and he is using a Japanese microphone which should make for better recordings. A recording of a news story starts in which a verdict in Dallas, Texas is about to be announced. Lou Wood is the person reporting on the radio. Wood says they are waiting for Judge Brown to arrive at the courthouse. Attorney Henry Wade is already at the courthouse. Chief Defense Attorney Norman Beli has arrived and is now in the courtroom. The courtroom is full of television reporters. The verdict can be one of four choices. Jack Ruby is on trial. He could do time in the state penitentiary in Huntsville near Houston, Texas. Jack Ruby killed Lee Harvey Oswald. Ruby could go to Rusk State Hospital for the Criminally Insane which is located in Rusk, Texas. Ruby may have had Phsycho Motor epilepsy which allowed him to blackout when he shot Lee Harvey Oswald. The trial has gone on for 28 days. Judge Brown is entering the court. The process of how the verdict will be stated is discussed by Mr. Wood. The tape skips forward. The judge asked the bailiff to bring the jury in. 4 women and 8 men are a part of the jury. Ruby was found guilty on murder with malice with the sentence of death.

A new portion of recording starts at 38:30 with a man discussing territorial legislature and a branch pioneer home being put down in Sitka. He says he is hoping Fairbanks will support the branch pioneer home. The governor has said that Fairbanks is the proper place since Sitka is in such a state. He said with the existence of a pioneer home in Fairbanks, elderly people will want to stay in Fairbanks even if they are well off. He says the state is in financial difficulty and they have a 2-3 million dollar bond issue. He says if the home can be built it wouldn't be exactly what it should be but the people can always add to it. A man mumbles after Mr. [Inaudible] is done speaking. He says the man discussing the pioneer home will be back again on the 21st of March to discuss projects. He says next week Jim Couch will be on the program. The recording cuts off.

At 42:05 music begins playing. "Whistle While You Work" is the song. More music plays until the recording ends.