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Alyeska community meeting

Fairbanks, Alaska

February 7, 1974

Unidentified speaker welcomed Charles Elder, Dick Johnson, and Bob Miller. The invited guests will answer questions about the proposed plans to use Fort Wainwright facilities during the pipeline construction. Earl Beistline was moderator and thanked the audience for participating in the forum. Charles Elder discussed the status of a permit for the start of the pipeline. He talked about work on the details prior to the start of the construction including the use of facilities at Fort Wainwright. He felt that the use of Fort Wainwright fits with the peak activity during construction. Charles Elder outlined the needs in Fairbanks: 65,000 square feet of office space, 125,000 square feet for warehouse and maintenance space, a construction camp with capacity of 1100 persons and a processing and billeting camp for 250 persons. He talked about building construction camps along the pipeline including a need for one in the Fairbanks area. The billeting camp was explained to be the processing camp for pipeline workers. Workers would only be in billeting camp for very short periods of time. They searched the Fairbanks area to match all of their requirements and Fort Wainwright was a good option. They contacted the army and asked for terms which would make their facilities available. They were still waiting for their reply at the time of the forum. If they were successful to lease facilities it would not be used for the execution contractors. There may be liaisons present, but building contractors will be located in other areas for their headquarters. They did not intend to house families on the base in temporary housing unless they cannot find housing in the community. They requested the use of the airstrip and ramp. Charter airplanes would operate out of the regular airport. He believes the lease of the facilities is advantageous to Fairbanks by using existing facilities. He talked about the amount of increased activity in the Fairbanks area. They desire to decrease the impact of the activity on the area. He thinks April would be the time for road crews to be mobilized. The meeting was opened to questions. Unidentified person asked about the impact on the schools. Chuck Elder said they have not estimated the total impact. He had estimated about 350 students in November. Unidentified speaker talked about the majority of people welcoming the people, but they are concerned about other things that might have an influence of a diverse nature. Chuck Elder said they aren't expecting the terms of the army by the requested date. He knows they are working on it. Dick Johnson did not think they would know specifics until the middle of March and discusses taxation, police protection and fire protection. [parts of answer inaudible]

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Unidentified speaker asked if Alyeska had failed to find their requirements within Fairbanks. Chuck Elder said yes, they were not able to find a place within Fairbanks to meet their requirements. Question about how close Fairbanks comes to satisfying the required needs. Chuck Elder said there is no office space in one location to meet their requirements. Unidentified speaker asked about the minimum requirements and does it include Fleur and Bechtel? Chuck Elder said Fort Wainwright fills Alyeska, Fleur and Bechtel's requirements and does not include the builder's operating requirements. Don Stetzman asked about the timeframe for occupancy at that time and how long would Alyeska be using Fort Wainwright. Chuck Elder talked about using Fort Wainwright for three to five years. The day-to-day headquarters for the construction phase will be in Fairbanks. Unidentified speaker asked about contractors relocating to Fairbanks and will they be allowed to move into Fort Wainwright. Chuck Elder said they will not be allowed to use Fort Wainwright. Unidentified speaker asked about requests from Fleur for office space and not being acknowledged. Chuck Elder said they don't have any money to make commitments at this time. John Hubank commented that he thinks using Fort Wainwright is the best thing for Fairbanks. Unidentified speaker asked if Alyeska intends to contract Fleur and Bechtel. Chuck Elder said yes they have contracted Fleur and Bechtel. They will not make bid contracts until all permits to proceed are cleared. They hope to make awards the latter part of March. Unidentified speaker asked about Fairbanks not having enough space for Alyeska. Chuck Elder said they didn't know until three months ago how to define the needs and in view of the history of the project they did not want to encourage anybody to proceed based on what they thought would happen. Unidentified speaker asked about alternate if Fort Wainwright doesn't work out. Chuck Elder said they have looked at other places. One thing they would do is first thing move the construction camp out in the field. Unidentified speaker asked if there could be a communication channel to the public to be prepared. Chuck Elder said it would be nice to say yes to that question but the contractors haven't been picked yet. They won't tell the contractors where to locate to do their job. Unidentified speaker asked about requirements for the headquarters. Chuck Elder said the construction plant would use the existing facilities and they were proposing to use land for material storage and temporary housing if it isn't available in Fairbanks. They plan to complete the phase one construction in 1977 with four pump stations. The next step is to build

more pump stations during phase two. Phase three would have twelve pump stations total. Unidentified speaker asked about how many acres they requested from the army. Chuck Elder said they were simply asking about buildings within the north base. He said they hoped to have people in by April 1. Unidentified person asked about what sort of policy will be established at Fort Wainwright. Unidentified person said that all depends on the lease and how it is written.