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Frank Moolin

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Frank Moolin talks about the facilities that were being used for Alyeska and Bechtel at the time of the recording for the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. The North Star Terminal was being built at the time to house operations for the pipeline construction. He discussed the housing facilities in Fairbanks available outside of Fort Wainwright that were being used for pipeline workers. Many of the workers were living in hotels and motels in the Fairbanks area. He talked about the different warehouse facilities, the pipe storage yard, a shop for insulating below ground pipe, and a shop for heavy equipment maintenance. In the Fairbanks area the pipeline construction is called pipeline section three. He talked about the area that they were using in the railroad yard and the staging area for air shipments that was located at the far end of the Fairbanks International Airport. The North Star Terminal area construction was described. It was located at the south end of Fairbanks so it would not interfere with traffic in town. He described the medical facilities for the pipeline construction workers.

Frank Moolin talked about the buildings that were being used on Fort Wainwright for a pipeline camp. Some of the buildings were used for housing, a mess hall, recreation facilities, an orientation program, and engineering offices. Price also used several other buildings on Fort Wainwright. There was a headquarters camp at Fort Wainwright that was used by Alyeska and Bechtel for their headquarters. Frank talked about various facilities for the office work force.

Frank Moolin talked about the numbers of beds that were being used at Fort Wainwright. He also talked about private sector beds that were available on a long-term basis in Fairbanks and the shortage of beds for blue and white collar workers that they were trying to solve. They needed about 2600 beds for workers in all. He talked about the proposal to install 560 camp units at Fort Wainwright for housing and the other facilities that were being planned for Fort Wainwright for the pipeline construction including a helipad. The airstrip at Fort Wainwright was also being planned for use during the construction period when necessary and upgrades to roads and a bridge at Fort Wainwright.

There was a question from the audience about family status people in the housing projections. Frank Moolin said the projection for housing was not for families but for people in single status.

Question could not be heard. Frank Moolin said the housing projections were for people that would be staying in town and not for transients.

Question about the figure of 2600 beds. Frank said that was the total number of beds that were required for single status workers. He said subcontractors were assumed to be finding their own facilities in the private sector.

Question about the total number of people at the peak of the construction of the pipeline. Frank Moolin said the peak was expected to be about 16,000 personnel.

Question about the percentage of local workers and how that affected housing. Frank said that that was taken into consideration when they projected how many beds they would need, but all workers were included in the projection.

Question could not be heard clearly. Frank talked about getting permission from the United States Army for changes at Fort Wainwright.

Question about when the construction of the pipeline would start. Frank said work had already started and the biggest part of the job was getting ready to lay pipe.

Question about the availability of office space. Frank said they were cramped, but that should change when the North Star facility was opened.

Question about using university facilities. Frank said they did not plan to use any university facilities.

Question about the installation of the 560 units at Fort Wainwright. Frank said he did not know who would be constructing the units. They were self contained units.

Question about the tapering off process. Frank said there would be a significant reduction in the workforce by mid-1976, but the workers for Alyeska would not be reduced at that time because of other programs that would need to be addressed.

Question could not be heard. Frank said there wasn't a problem getting the modular camp units.

Question about the beds at Fort Wainwright after the tapering off process. Frank said there was a five year contract with Alyeska at Fort Wainwright.

Question about the beds in the temporary modular units. Frank said they were 56 beds in each unit.

Question could not be heard. Frank said they processed 116-120 people every day through the orientation center.

Question about the telephone communications. Frank said the Alyeska microwave system would be complete soon and that would take a significant load off of MUS.