

30 August 1951

Mr. Ralph Steiner  
Camp Superintendent  
Umiat, Alaska

Dear Ralph:

This will introduce James Bee and Knox Jones, two of the men who have been working out of the ARL this summer. They wish to do some trapping of mammals in the vicinity of Umiat for a few days under a permit issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service in order to carry out the terms of their contract with the Office of Naval Research.

I will appreciate your kindness if you can give these men a bit of help on transportation from Umiat out three or four miles to a camp site where they can operate without being in your way and where the activities of the camp will not have reduced the small mammal population. All they will need will be weasel transportation from the Umiat camp to a site of their choosing, where they and their gear will be deposited by your weasel operator, then, at the time determined in their conversation with you, a weasel to run out and take them and their gear back to Umiat so they can return to Barrow. It is my understanding that Mr. Jones will return to Umiat with only his personal gear by foot a few days before Mr. Bee breaks camp at the end of his collecting season.

I think the above is about what Jim Dalton has set up with you for the visit to the Umiat region by these two men. If not, please feel free to modify the details in accordance with your communications with Jim.

Dorothy sends her regards to Davie. Best wishes from us both.

Very sincerely,

Ira L. Wiggins  
Scientific Director