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Mr. James W. Bee
Peters Lake, Alaska

Dear Jim:

George Gryc told me that you proposed to go to Anderson Point when you leave Peters Lake, for a stay of about five days, and then to come into the White Hills area for another station.

Anderson point is impractical for ARL operations, Jim. It is even farther from Umiat than Schrader, and the pilots tell me that a refueling stop would be necessary at Schrader each flight. In addition, in making flights there we would have to contend with not only the higher clouds in mountain passes, but also the coastal fogs which might be at Anderson Point. Even with luck, and no abortive attempts to get you there and back, we would still have at least six or eight extra hours flying to make. There are a number of reasons a station at Anderson is out of the question.

I took the matter up with Dr. Wiggins over radio. Reception was bad, and he couldn't understand clearly, so he came to Umiat that night. He discussed the proposal with ArCon and Alaska Airways, and all felt it inadvisable.

I assume that you will come from Peters lake directly to some lake in the White Hills area. Please advise the pilot when you want to be picked up from that station. Being in lower country, weather should not be such a problem.

Livingstone and Leahy are here now, will go to East Oumalik in a day or two. Rawson is here also, and is about to go south to Fairbanks. A number of investigators have departed for home. Steere is going the 18th. We hope to close Little ARL by the 25th. Cade and Schaller were spotted on the Colville about ten miles below the Awuna river, so are well on their way to Umiat. Flew down to the Delta with Leopold, Darling, and Treichel, and left a message for Irving. He has answered that he will be ready for pick-up. So things seem to be under control.

The weather here this last week has been perfect. Too hot, up to 75, and not a cloud in the sky. Hope it has also been good for you fellows. Looking foreward to seeing you, and hope that the stay at Peters and White Hills will net you some interesting things.

Yours sincerely,

George