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TACH'A (NIXON FORK)

DOYON, LIMITED

BLM #AA-12335

CERTIFICATE OF INELIGIBILITY

TACH'A (NIXON FORK)

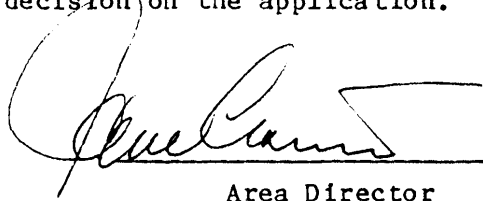
DOYON, LIMITED

BLM #AA-12335

I, Jacob Lestenkof, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, pursuant to the authority vested in me by 43 CFR 2653.5(h), hereby issue a Certificate of Ineligibility to Doyon, Limited, for Tach'a (Nixon Fork: BLM #AA-12335) as a historical place for the following reasons:

1. Extensive field investigation by BIA personnel failed to find any evidence supporting a claim of a Native historical place.
2. The site is of non-Native origin and while it may be of some interest in the history of Alaska, it does not qualify as a Native historical place.
3. This site does not meet the criteria for selection as a Native historical place as required by 43 CFR 2653, et seq.

This certificate and accompanying report will be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management which, pursuant to 43 CFR 2653.5(k) and (1), will issue an appealable decision on the application.


Area Director

Dated: 2 July, 1984

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CLAIMS EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE

TACH'A (NIXON FORK)

DOYON, LIMITED

BLM #AA-12335

I, Stanley J. Casey, hereby certify the following to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

That I reviewed this report of the field investigation and data supplied by field investigators, archeologists, their field notes, and research;

That the conclusions contained in the Claims Examiner's report are based on an accurate analysis of my findings;

That my recommendations are valid and consistent with the guidance contained in 43 CFR 2650, et seq.

Certified this 16th day of March, 1984

Stanley J. Casey
Claims Examiner

Reviewed and approved by:

L. P. Loope, Jr.
Claims Examining Officer

Date: 16 March, 1984

CLAIMS EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR

TACH'A (NIXON FORK)

DOYON, LIMITED

BLM #AA-12335

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Doyon, Limited, is a Native regional corporation organized in accordance with 43 CFR 2650. (Exhibit 2)
2. The Corporation authorized an individual to file its applications in accordance with 43 CFR 2650.2. (Exhibit 2)
3. The Corporation included a statement of significance in accordance with 43 CFR 2653.5(f). (Exhibit 2)
4. The site is marked on United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle map, 1:63,360, Medfra (A-6) in accordance with 43 CFR 2653.5(f). (Exhibit 1)
5. BIA field investigators located the site to be within the area described by the Corporation. (Exhibit 1)
6. The site is not within 2 miles of the boundary of any home rule or first class city.
7. BIA field investigators examined the site in 1981. (Exhibit 1)
8. CPSU archeologists investigated the site in 1981. (Exhibit 1)
9. The Corporation, CPSU, and BIA agree on the site location.
10. Based upon field examination, research, and the CPSU report BIA has determined that Tach'a (Nixon Fork) is ineligible for certification as a historical place.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. An eligible Native regional corporation can select lands pursuant to Section 14(h)(1) of ANCSA.
2. A Native regional corporation can authorize an individual to file its applications for Section 14(h)(1) selections.
3. An application for a Section 14(h)(1) selection can be amended.
4. BIA can modify the boundaries of a cemetery site or a historical place.
5. A historical place selection in a national forest can be granted.
6. BIA can consult other Federal agencies on Section 14(h)(1) selections.
7. BIA shall confirm the existence of a cemetery site or a historical place.
8. BIA can issue a certificate of eligibility or ineligibility for a cemetery site or a historical place.

III. RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that BIA issue a certificate of ineligibility for Tach'a (Nixon Fork) as a historical place for the following reasons:
 - A. Extensive field investigation by BIA personnel failed to find any evidence supporting a claim of a Native historical place.

B. The site is of non-Native origin and while it may be of some interest in the history of Alaska, it does not qualify as a Native historical place.

C. This site does not meet the criteria for selection as a Native historical place as required by 43 CFR 2653, et seq.

APPENDIX A
CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW
TACH'A (NIXON FORK)
DOYON, LIMITED
BLM #AA-12335

I, Gene A. Smerchek, certify the following Section 14(h)(1) report to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

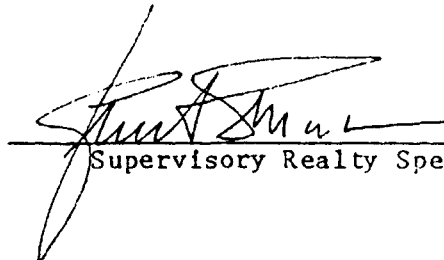
That the field investigators conducted the investigation hereinafter described;

That the report of this investigation was prepared from observations, interviews, field notes, photographs, and research before, during, and after the field examination;

That I reviewed the information hereinafter contained and found it to be an accurate report of the investigation;

That the field investigator's summary of this investigation accurately reflects the findings of the field examination required by 43 CFR 2653.5(h).

Dated: MAR 16 1984


Supervisory Realty Specialist

APPENDIX B
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
FOR
TACH'A (NIXON FORK)
DOYON, LIMITED
BLM #AA-12335

I. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The purpose of this report is to set forth investigative findings from the ANCSA Office examination of the Doyon, Limited, application for Tach'a (Nixon Fork) as a historical place.

Section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), Public Law 92-203, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to convey fee title to existing cemetery sites and historical places to the appropriate regional corporation.

Departmental Releases 1666, 230 DM 1, and 10 BIAM 3.1 delegate to the Area Director the authority to certify the existence of cemetery sites and historical places under Section 14(h)(1) of ANCSA.

The ANCSA Office is delegated the authority and responsibility to conduct field investigations of the sites selected, to prepare reports of those investigations, and to make recommendations as to certification in accordance with 43 CFR 2653.5.

II. BACKGROUND

Doyon, Limited, applied for Tach'a (Nixon Fork) as a historical place on June 28, 1976, in compliance with regulations of Section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA).

A tract of land was claimed including the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 29, T. 28 S., R. 17 E., Kateel River Meridian (KRM), Alaska (as amended on December 28, 1976). Doyon, Limited, marked the site location on United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle map, 1:63,360, Medfra (A-6), Alaska, 1954 (minor revisions 1973).

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) preadjudicated the application and assigned it case file number AA-12335. BLM then forwarded the application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) ANCSA Office for field investigation.

According to Doyon, Limited, "a village, probably from early historic times, was located here, and a single grave, marked by a cross with a large birch grown around it, is located there. The village was reportedly leveled by fire early in the present century."

On June 13, 1981, Bobby Esai, Sr., a Native informant from Nikolai, reported that his family had lived farther up river from the mouth of the Nixon Fork. He also said that after spring break-up, Native people from McGrath fished at Nixon Fork, and that at one time there had been a Native fish camp located on the opposite side of the slough from where Pete Egress' fish camp is now located. Steamboats and sternwheelers coming up the Takotna River docked in front of where the Egress' cabin now stands. Mr. Esai did not remember a Native village being located in this area, but provided information about seasonal Native use.

Pete Egress, a white man from McGrath, was interviewed on June 12, 1981, prior to the field investigation of the site. His cabin is located in the application area. He located a village site 12 to 13 miles up the Nixon Fork, possibly belonging to the Esai family, but knew of no village site at the mouth of the Nixon Fork. He reported remnants of old mining equipment scattered about his cabin site, an old steam engine on the east side of the mouth, and an old iron-hull riverboat located in the slough next to his cabin.

"Gold was also discovered on the north fork of the Takotna, called Dixon Fork (Nixon Fork) that winter (1909-10) by Ted Von Frank (a white prospector)." (Gudgel-Holmes 1979:21) "Valuable gold deposits were found in the Nixon Fork district in 1918. Nixon Fork itself is a tributary of the Takotna." (Mertie 1924:115) "Mining continued for some time in the Nixon Fork area in the 1920's and to some extent continues today." (M. Mespelt, 1979, personal communication; Gudgel-Holmes 1979:25).

According to Ray Collins, a local linguist who has extensively studied the Upper Kuskokwim people, there had been an old trading post here around the turn of the century (1900's). This post supplied most of the mining communities up the Nixon Fork and in the Ophir district, until it was destroyed by fire after 1935. Old McGrath then became the major trading post in the area. Both trading posts were primarily white settlements, with Native people using the area seasonally.

Preseason investigation indicated potential conflicts in the site, as applied for, with Native Allotment Application #F-18220 as applied for by Ann Egress of McGrath, State Selection AA-21379, and Public Land Orders 5251 and 5657.

III. INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Field investigation of Tach'a (Nixon Fork) was conducted on July 14 and 20, 1981, by BIA Field Investigators Patti Hughes, Marsha Walton, and Jim Sykes. Cooperative Park Studies Unit (CPSU) Archeologists Bill Sheppard and Martha McCollogh provided technical assistance. The site was located earlier on June 13, 1981, by Sykes and Native informant Bobby Esai, Sr.

On July 14, 1981, field investigators proceeded to the application area and made a transected reconnaissance of the area which includes two large, flat grassy clearings. The clearing nearest to the mouth of the Nixon Fork has Pete Egress' fish cabin situated on

an old burned building, possibly an old horse barn (according to Bessie Ivy, a Native from McGrath), that measured approximately 15 feet x 30 feet, were discovered. This was not historic or Native built. Field investigators then moved back into the woods (north) and walked (east) along the slough, but found no cultural remains or refuse.

Crossing over to the other side of the slough, field investigators transected the point of land between the mouth of Nixon Fork and the Egress cabin to investigate the possibility of Native fish camp remains, based upon information obtained from Bobby Esai, Sr. After a thorough search of the grassy clearing and the river bank, no evidence of cultural remains were found.

The field investigators returned on July 20, 1981, after further information was gathered from Ray Collins, a linguist from McGrath. He indicated that the mouth of Nixon Fork was primarily a white settlement that was used as a trading post for the mining communities up river. Another survey of the two clearings on which Pete Egress has his fish cabin was made and it was concluded that there had been no Native village at this particular location, with the exception of a seasonal Native fish camp on the slough.

Due to the lack of Native related cultural remains, and information suggesting a Native village somewhere upstream, no survey was conducted.

it, and some cultural refuse was found on the other. Between the two clearings, the remnants of an old steam engine within some birches, about 75 feet from Egress' cabin, were found.

Field investigators proceeded upriver (west along the Takotna River) to examine the area beyond the clearings. The remnants of an old burned building, possibly an old horse barn (according to Bessie Ivy, a Native from McGrath), that measured approximately 15 feet x 30 feet, were discovered. This was not historic or Native built. Field investigators then moved back into the woods (north) and walked (east) along the slough, but found no cultural remains or refuse.

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IV. SUMMARY

Doyon, Limited, applied for Tach'a (Nixon Fork) as a historical site due to its significance in being the location of an old village and grave.

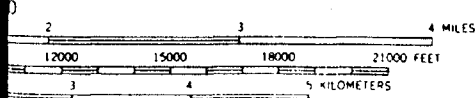
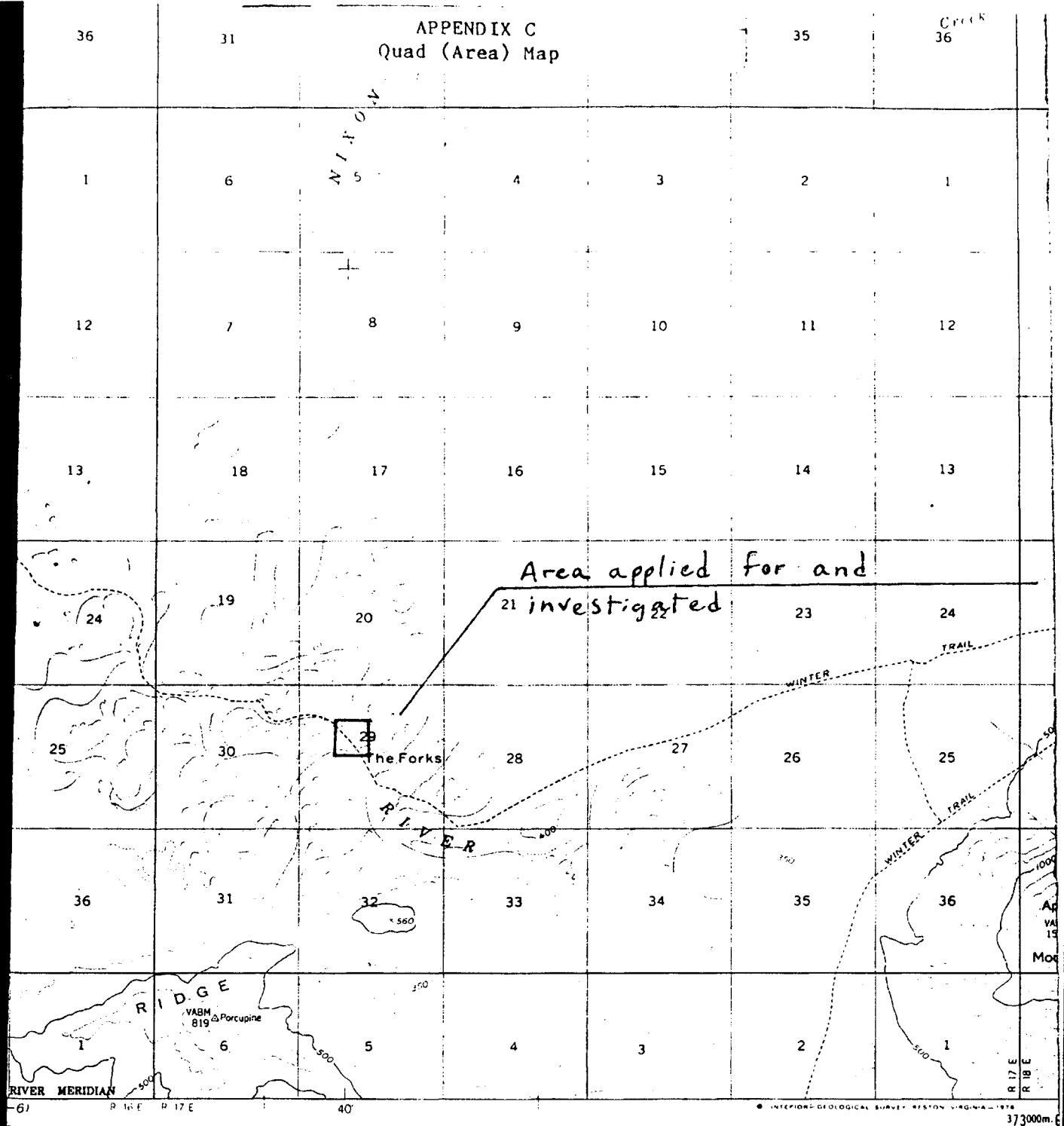
From information gathered from Native and non-Native sources at the time of site location and the field investigation of the applied-for village site, it was concluded that the area was an established white settlement with an associated seasonal Native fish camp. Since no Native cultural remains were located, no survey was conducted.

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Washington: U. S. Geological Survey Bulletin 754, 1924.

APPENDIX C Quad (Area) Map



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DOYON, LIMITED
TACH'A (NIXON FORK)
BLM # F-12335
SE1/4NW1/4 SECTION 29, T. 28 S., R. 17 E.,
KATEEL RIVER MERIDIAN, ALASKA

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 42-R1652

Serial Number 10335
INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE

REGIONAL CORPORATION SELECTION APPLICATION
Act of December 18, 1971 (43 U.S.C. 1601)

1. Name Doyon, Limited	Address (include zip code) First and Hall Streets Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
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2. Specify type of selection

☐ Surface and subsurface estate (43 CFR 2652)
☐ Subsurface estate only (Lieu Selections; 43 CFR 2652)
☐ Surface and subsurface estate (Cemetery Sites; 43 CFR 2653)
☒ Surface and subsurface estate (Historical Places; 43 CFR 2653)

3a. Give written legal description of lands requested (attach separate sheet, if necessary)

Certain available public lands as defined by Section 3(e) and withdrawn pursuant to Section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. These lands are described in more detail in Appendice A attached. Included in the selection are any and all lands listed in Appendice A as exclusion because of alleged valid existing rights, if such alleged rights are subsequently determined to be invalid, as evidenced by a denial of title thereto by the United States.

b. List U.S.G.S. quadrangle maps used to portray requested lands

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c. Have you attached a copy of each map? ☒ Yes ☐ No

d. Indicate land use and occupancy ☐ Occupied ☒ Unoccupied

☐ Mining Claim ☒ Native Use
☐ Entryman ☐ Other (specify)

Indicate Entitlement (acres)	Total Entitlement <u>2</u> Million acres <u>more</u> or <u>less</u>	Previously Filed	This Application
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Give numerical preference, if selection application is filed pursuant to Sec. 2652.3(f) of the regulations

Authority for signature ☐ Attached ☐ Previously filed in Serial No.

CERTIFY That the statements made herein are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.


(Signature)

Land Selection Agent
(Title)

JUN 28 1976
(Date)

The 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

Doyon, Ltd.: Historic and Cemetery Sites

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY

1. Site Number - MGR 36
2. a. Indian Name of Site Tach'a
b. English Name of Site Nixon Fork
c. Variations Nixon River, Nochothno, Tuentna
3. Map Reference MEDFRA T28S/R17E SW $\frac{1}{4}$
4. Land Status D-1

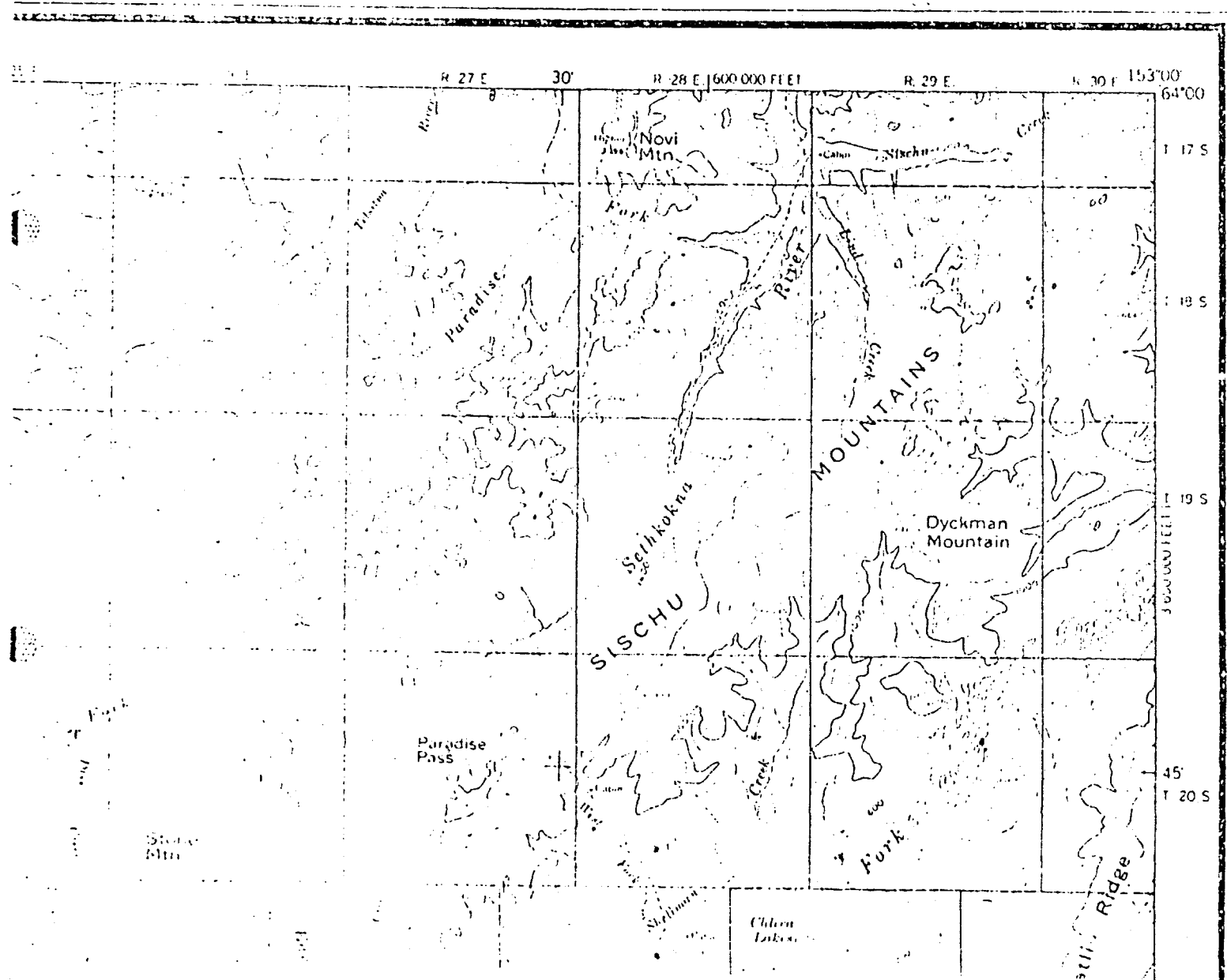
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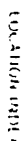
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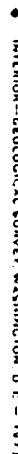


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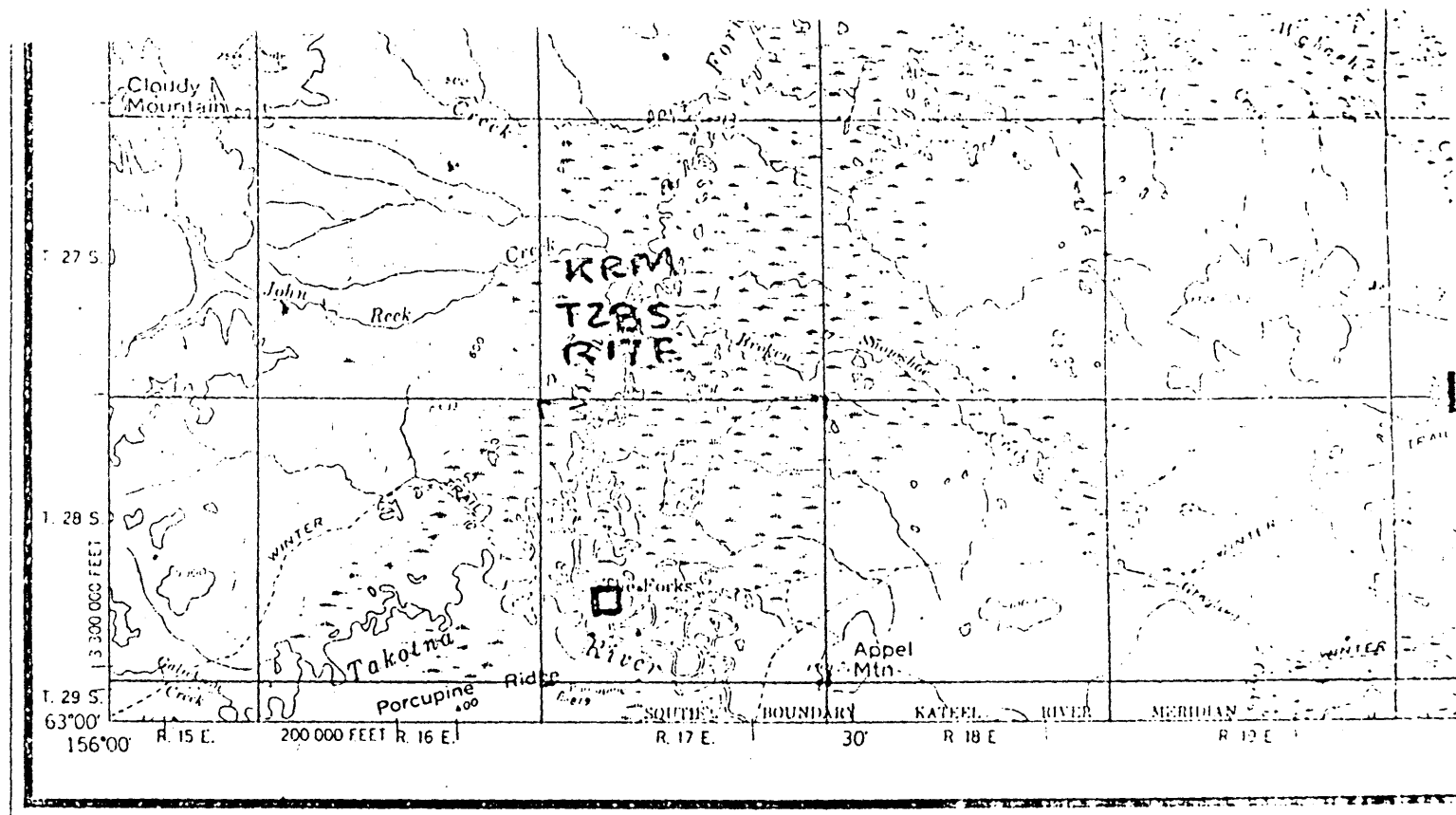
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Mr. Richard LeDosquet
District Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Fairbanks District Office
P.O. Box 1150
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

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Dear Mr. LeDosquet:

Enclosed for your files is Doyon, Limited Board Resolution, 77-19, which makes certain changes in the authorizations to act on matters pertaining to Doyon, Limited land selections.

In addition to this, and subject to it, I am also enclosing amended descriptions for certain selections made pursuant to Section 14(h)(1) of ANCSA and under Regulation 43 CFR 2653.5. These amendments are filed under the authority of Waiver of Regulations dated September 30, 1976, 41 FR 44040, which extended the deadline for 14(h)(1) Selections and Amendments thereto to December 31, 1976 and at the request of the staff of the Alaska State Office, BLM.

The amended descriptions represent the best information available as to the location of these sites after a one field season study by a study team supervised by National Park Service Anthropologist, Elizabeth Andrews. It should be stressed that our intent is to select the sites identified on the original applications by name and that a potential exists that, in some instances, it may be found, upon field investigation, that the land described does not encompass all or part of the named site. In such cases we reserve the right, pursuant to 43 CFR 2653.5(i), to amend our applications and upon amendment to have the application reprocessed, including segregation of the newly described lands, whether they have been subsequently withdrawn or appropriated under some other authority or not.

It should be stressed that the sites described herein are of utmost importance as part of the cultural heritage of the

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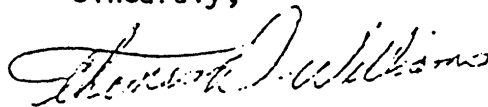
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native population of the Doyon Region and that it is essential that they be identified, segregated from appropriation by others, and preserved as mandated by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. As such, we request that BLM make every effort to process these as is necessary to enable their field examination and identification by BIA at the earliest possible date.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



T.D. Williams
Director of Lands

TDW/mm

Enclosures

cc: Fairbanks Land Office ✓

Curt McVee, State Director
Alaska BLM
555 Cordova Street
Anchorage, Alaska

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AA-12353	T. 33 N., R. 60 W., SM	The SW 1/4 of Section 28
AA-12354	T. 27 N., R. 58 W., SM	NW 1/4 of Section 8
AA-12355	T. 28 N., R. 59 W., SM	NE 1/4 of Section 26
AA-12356	T. 27 N., R. 58 W., SM	W 1/2 of Section 21
AA-12357	T. 27 N., R. 58 W., SM	SW 1/4 of Section 14
AA-12358	T. 26 N., R. 61 W., SM	NE 1/4 of Section 25 and the SE 1/4 of Section 24
AA-12359	T. 26 N., R. 58 W., SM	NE 1/4 of Section 12
AA-12360	T. 27 N., R. 55 W., SM	NE 1/4 of Section 18
AA-12361	T. 33 N., R. 53 W., SM	NW 1/4 of Section 33
AA-12362	T. 27 N., R. 56 W., SM	E 1/2 of Section 3 and the W 1/2 of Section 2
AA-12363	T. 30 N., R. 55 W., SM	Sections 1-3, 10-12 and 13-15
AA-12364	T. 28 N., R. 58 W., SM	E 1/2 of Section 30
AA-12365	T. 19 S., R. 27 W., FM	The SE 1/4 of Section 11
AA-12366	T. 33 N., R. 46 W., SM	SE 1/4 of Section 9, SW 1/4 of Section 10, NE 1/4 of Section 15 and the NW 1/4 of Section 15
AA-12367	T. 28 N., R. 48 W., SM	Section 1

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Mr. Larry P. Cooper, Jr., Director
ANCSA Projects Office
Bureau of Indian Affairs
P.O. Box 6688
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Enclosed is the National Park Service, Cooperative Park Studies Unit (CPSU) submission of findings regarding the below listed site for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' final certification document.

AA-12335

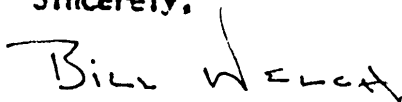
Nixon Fork

As required by the ANCSA 14(h) rules and regulations (43 CFR 2653), the Anthropologists from the Cooperative Park Studies Unit, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, representing the National Park Service, have conducted field surveys, gathered ethnohistoric information from knowledgeable local residents, and researched archival and library sources.

The research staff has assessed the evidence available for making a significance determination and, on the basis of their research, have concluded that there is not sufficient information available at the present time to ascertain if the site qualifies under 43 CFR 2653.5 as a 14(h)(1) selection.

This letter constitutes National Park Service's consultation for this site as required by regulation. We recommend, however, that the Bureau of Indian Affairs conduct additional field and archival research for this site prior to completing the certification document.

Sincerely,



William C. Welch
Associate Regional Director
Planning, Recreation, and Cultural Resources

Enclosure

cc:
Bruce Beam CPSU, Fairbanks
Regional Archeologist, Alaska Region
(Contracting Officer's Representative)
File # Contract CX-9000-9-0060

ANCSA 14(h)(1) SITE SURVEY FORM
Revised 1981 Format
Anthropology and Historic Preservation
Cooperative Park Studies Unit
University of Alaska
Fairbanks, Alaska

I. SITE NO.

A. BLM Serial No. AA 12335
B. State AHRS No. _____
C. Other, specify _____
D. Regional Corporation
Name Doyon, Ltd.

II. SITE NAME

A. Common Nixon Fork Creek
B. Native Tach'a
C. Non-native _____
D. Variations Tuentna
E. Translation _____

III. SITE SURVEY

A. Date(s) visited 7-20-81
B. Researcher Elizabeth Andrews
C. Others present at site (affiliation and title) _____
D. How site was reached _____

IV. SITE LOCATION

A. USGS Quad Medfra Map Scale: 1:250,000
B. Longitude _____ Latitude _____
C. UTM zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____
D. USGS 15 Minute Series _____ Map Scale: _____
E. Legal description
T.285., R17E SW 1/4

F. Aerial photo reference _____
G. Additional locational information This site has not yet been correctly located. At this time insufficient evidence exists upon which to make a determination of eligibility.

ADDENDUM

TACH'A (NIXON FORK)

DOYON, LIMITED

BLM #AA-12335

Doyon, Limited, was notified of the preliminary decision that Tach'a (Nixon Fork) was ineligible as a Native historical place on March 21, 1984, and was requested to provide additional comments and information that might have a bearing on this decision. Doyon, Limited, has failed to respond to this request within the sixty (60) day time period agreed upon in the Memorandum of Agreement between the National Park Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.