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Memorandum

To: Director, Bureau of Land Management
Director, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife
Director, National Park Service
Director, US Geological Survey
Director, Bureau of Mines
Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation
Commissioner, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Through: A/S Public Land Management
A/S Mineral Resources
A/S for Fish and Wildlife and Parks

From: Secretary of the Interior

Subject: Establishment of Natural Resources Library in Alaska

The passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the lifting of Public Land Order 4552, the Alaska Land Freeze, has placed heavy demands on the Department to provide Alaska Natives and other private and public groups with land resource information to assist in their land selection and planning activities.

It is my decision that this responsibility can best be met by establishing a Natural Resources Library in Anchorage, Alaska. To form the nucleus of this library, it is important that each of your agencies make available appropriate material on land and resources in Alaska. Consequently, I am asking you to personally assure that maximum effort is exerted to locate and contribute information that is now in the files or libraries of your agency.

The administrative responsibility for establishing and operating this library will be assumed by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management. Guidance for establishing the procedures, organization and staffing of the library is provided in the recently completed study prepared by the Departmental library.*

Funding to establish and operate the library will be determined by the Assistant Secretary - Management and Budget, as discussed by members of the Secretariate and your representatives on September 25.

My Alaska Representative, General James Isbell, will be the primary coordinator in the assimilation of this resource information. He will be in communication with appropriate representatives of each agency in this assignment.

/s/ Rogers C.B. Morton

* Recommendations for the Establishment of a Library / Information Resource Data Center - Alaska State Office