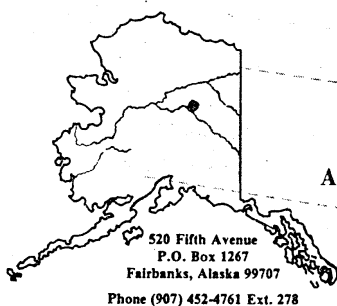




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Dear Dick:

As I promised in Corpus Christi I am sending some materials relevant to the issue of social and economic impact on small communities as a result of massive energy resource development projects. I note with interest that Senator Gravel has co-sponsored S. 1493, and assume it is part of the committee's work.

I am not sure which of these may be most relevant for the committee's record, but I would suggest either the letter to Mr. Goldman, or the written presentation to the President's Council on Environmental Quality. If neither is appropriate, you might give me a call in Fairbanks and we can discuss some of the local research materials that are available on the issue.

I feel obligated to emphasize, for your information, that federal agencies played no role in identifying or resolving pipeline related social and economic impact problems in Fairbanks...with the single exception of EDA's planning assistance grant to the Town and Village Association. Unfortunately, the state's role was only minimally more than EDA's role. The whole burden of dealing with the problem - including trying to figure out what the problem was - fell on the people, the municipal governments of Fairbanks, and, as a result of our regional development efforts, on us.

Reading the record of this effort raises some provocative questions of public policy, but an outside perspective may be more helpful to you than anything I might say. I thought you might, therefore, appreciate the observation of a delightful New Zealand lady who visited Fairbanks in August of 1976.