

the city of Bethel put out over \$17,000 in road building bids, and this is a very large amount of money for the small amount of roads that we receive for this. If the city could possibly get hold of some of this surplus equipment, it would greatly improve the area. This would cause more houses to be built, streets to be more straight than they are, and it would just bring more people into Bethel and so it would help the economy very much.

AIRPORT RUNWAY AND STATE-RESPONSIBILITY STREETS KEPT CLEAR OF
ICE AND SNOW

We do have an agency, the Department of Aviation in Bethel, at the present time. During the winter months, their No. 1 priority is the keeping of the airport runway free and clear of ice and snow and after they do clear the runway then they do come down into town and clear what they call the "State-responsibility streets."

Now, this does not include all of our streets. Some of the streets never get cleared because it is not their responsibility and there is a very small amount of equipment available in Bethel for the city to hire and to have these streets cleared.

ROAD EQUIPMENT TO WHICH IT SHOULD BE DEPOSITED. With all or these needs, if this equipment could be made available to us, then I am sure that the living conditions in Bethel would be greatly improved.

Senator GRUENING. Mr. Lippman, have you any comments on the equipment that Mayor Pike mentioned?

Mr. LIPPMAN. Yes, sir. I do.

The irony of the situation is that the very equipment that is needed in Bethel and in other communities, is lying idle in Turkey and in many other countries. Of the hundreds of pieces of equipment which the General Accounting Office audit and the internal audit has found were not being utilized, these items, these hundreds of items included just the things that you mentioned, Mayor. Such things as road scrapers, and road graders and tractors and bulldozers to clear snow; firefighting equipment; general purpose vehicles, all are on the list of items that I have here which were uncovered in Turkey as being not utilized since their receipt. If I may, Mr. Chairman, I would like to include this list of 125 items in the record.

Senator GRUENING. Without objection, it will be included, along with other pertinent materials.

(The list and other pertinent materials referred to above follow:)