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Dear Will,

Early in the summer you sent me five blank cassettes for copying my oral history tapes on the Squillantnu/Sterling Highway project. Unfortunately the field season took off before I could get the tapes and indexes copied, but you will now find them enclosed.

I am conveying to you 5 cassette tapes as follows:

Carl Clark
Beryl Lean (now deceased)
Beverly Christensen
Peter Kalifornsky (2 tapes)


For supporting material, you should also find tape indexes to all five tapes plus verbatim and edited transcriptions of the Kalifornsky tapes. Since we have essentially finished our work at Squillantnu (Cooper Landing) and have issued a report, I have decided to send you the higher quality original recordings and hold on to the copies.

You will also find enclosed a release form signed by Kalifornsky. I have just written to Clark, Christensen, and Lean's son to advise them that the tapes are being deposited in the archives and to notify me if they have any objection to their being made available to the public for research.

The interview with Kalifornsky was focused on Tanaina/Kenaitze folklife. Clark talks a little about Tanainas but speaks mostly about life in the Hope area along Turnagain Arm. Lean and Christensen speak more about the life of white settlers in the vicinity of Cooper Landing.

Have you got around to joining the American Society for Ethnohistory? I'm supposed to try to recruit one new member, and I figure you're a pretty good candidate. Krech puts out a fine little journal which I know you'd enjoy, especially for the reviews. I'm planning to attend the meetings in Chicago in November (my first ever) and will let you know what transpires.

Best wishes,


Craig Mishler
Historian