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ACTION

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Last Day: December 31

December 23, 1974

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Colorado
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To Archives
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: KEN COLE
SUBJECT: Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res. 234
Transfer of Archives to State of Alaska

Attached for your consideration is S.J. Resolution 234, sponsored by Senator Stevens, which provides for the transfer to Alaska of the official archives of the Territorial Governors of Alaska.

OMB recommends approval and provides you with additional background information in its enrolled bill report (Tab A).

Max Friedersdorf and Phil Areeda both recommend approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign S.J. Res. 234 (Tab B)



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 20 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res. 234 - Transfer of
archives to the State of Alaska
Sponsor - Sen. Stevens (R) Alaska

Last Day for Action

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Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget Approval

General Services Administration Approval

Discussion

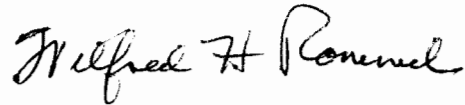
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building is almost ready for occupancy and GSA hopes to transfer
the records in the spring. Microfilm copies of all the records
to be transferred are being made by the National Archives and
Records Service and will be retained after the transfer is made.



The enrolled resolution is identical to a draft resolution submitted by GSA to Congress in July 1974.

The committee report estimated costs of the legislation at less than \$500.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wilfred H. Rommel".

Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

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To
Sharon Hendricks
12-20-74
1:00 p.m.

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 804

Date: December 20, 1974

Time: 4:30 p.m.

FOR ACTION:

Geoff Shepard *ok*
Max Friedersdorf *o.h.*
Bhil Areeda *ok*

cc (for information): Warren Hendriks
Jerry Jones

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, December 26

Time: noon

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res . 234
Transfer of Archives to the State of Alaska

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor West Wing

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K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20405



DEC 19 1974

Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director, Office of
Management and Budget
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Ash:

By referral dated December 18, 1974, from the Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, your office requested the views of the General Services Administration on enrolled joint resolution S.J. Res. 234, 93rd Congress, an act "Transferring to the State of Alaska certain archives and records in the custody of the National Archives of the United States."

The resolution, which originated in this agency, would transfer to the State of Alaska the records of the Territorial Governors of Alaska for the years 1884 through 1958, which are now in the custody of the National Archives of the United States.

Since the Territorial Governors were responsible to the Office of Territories, Department of the Interior, these are Federal Records. They are essentially local in character, however, and of interest primarily to residents of the State of Alaska. Records of this type generally have been inherited by successor State Governments when the Territory became a State or Commonwealth, as in the case of Puerto Rico (Public Law 85-158).

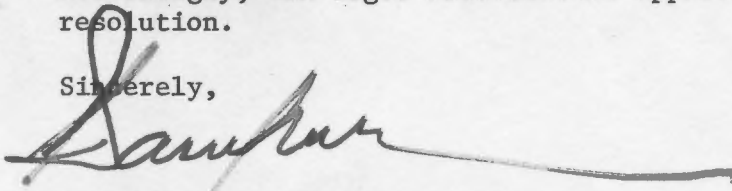
The Alaskan records have been held in the Federal Archives and Records Center in Seattle since 1958. At that time the Archivist of the United States indicated to the Governor of Alaska that the return of the records to State control would be initiated at such time as the State provided suitable archival facilities. The records are being microfilmed by the National Archives and Records Service, which will retain the negatives.

A new State archives building is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy in early 1975. The Archivist has been invited to attend the

dedication ceremonies which are now anticipated in February or early March. It is our hope that a ceremonial transfer of the records may be accomplished at that time.

Accordingly, GSA urges Presidential approval of the enrolled joint resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sampson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ARTHUR F. SAMPSON
ADMINISTRATOR

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: WARREN HENDRIKS
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
SUBJECT: Action Memorandum - Log No. 804
Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res. 234 - Transfer of
Archives to the State of Alaska

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs in the attached proposal and has no additional recommendations.

Attachment



Date: December 20, 1974

Time: 4:30 p.m.

FOR ACTION: Geoff Shepard
Max Friedersdorf
Phil Areeda

cc (for information): Warren Hendriks
Jerry Jones

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Thursday, December 26

Time: noon

SUBJECT:

Enrolled Resolution S.J. Res . 234
Transfer of Archives to the State of Alaska

ACTION REQUESTED:

 For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations Prepare Agenda and Brief Draft Reply For Your Comments Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor West Wing

*no objection
P. Areeda
12/23*

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Warren K. Hendrik
For the President

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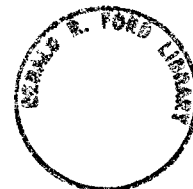
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JL m for G.C.S.

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 For the President



TRANSFERRING CERTAIN ARCHIVES AND RECORDS TO THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEPTEMBER 26, 1974.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. ERVIN, from the Committee on Government Operations,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S.J. Res. 234]

The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 234) transferring to the State of Alaska certain archives and records in the custody of the National Archives of the United States, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the joint resolution do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of Senate Joint Resolution 234 is to transfer to the State of Alaska the official archives and records of the Territorial Governors of Alaska, 1884 to 1958, on condition that the State of Alaska make provisions for the safekeeping, repair, and preservation of such archives and records in fireproof, air-conditioned storage space under professional archival direction, and that the Administrator of General Services determines that these conditions have been met prior to his release of the archives and records.

BACKGROUND

The records and archives of the Territorial Governors of Alaska, who served between 1884 and 1958, are now Federal property and are in the custody of the National Archives and Records Service at the Federal Archives and Records Center in Seattle, Washington. They are essentially local in character and of interest primarily to residents of the State of Alaska. Such records generally are inherited by suc-

cessor State governments when Territories become States or Commonwealths (e.g., Public Law 85-158, pertaining to the Records of Puerto Rico).

The State of Alaska expects to complete a new State archives building by the first of December 1974, at which time it is expected that the conditions of Senate Joint Resolution 234 will be met. The Administrator of General Services has expressed a desire to transfer the archives and records as soon as suitable facilities are available in Alaska.

The archives and records are being microfilmed by the National Archives and Records Service and the negatives will be retained by the Service.

COST OF THE LEGISLATION

The Committee estimates that enactment of Senate Joint Resolution 234 will require the expenditure of less than \$500.



Ninety-third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the twenty-first day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four*

Joint Resolution

Transferring to the State of Alaska certain archives and records in the custody of the National Archives of the United States.

Whereas the archives and records of the Office of the Territorial Governors of Alaska, 1884-1958, were transferred to the Federal Archives and Records Center, Seattle, Washington, in 1958 as part of a records management improvement program and because of a lack of proper archival facilities in Alaska; and

Whereas it was agreed by officials of the General Services Administration and the State of Alaska at that time that legislation would be requested to return these archives and records to the custody of the State of Alaska at such time as a State archival agency should be prepared to receive them; and

Whereas the State of Alaska will complete construction of a State archival facility in the near future; and

Whereas Federal records created by territorial governments pertaining to territorial activities have traditionally been transferred to the successor State government when a State enters the Union: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the official archives and records of the Territorial Governors of Alaska, 1884-1958, now deposited with the National Archives of the United States at the Federal Archives and Records Center, Seattle, Washington, shall be transferred to the State of Alaska at the expense of the United States: Provided, That the State of Alaska makes provisions for the safekeeping, repair, and preservation of such archives and records in fire-proof, air-conditioned storage space under professional archival direction: Provided further, That the Administrator of General Services shall determine that the condition imposed above has been met prior to his release of such archives and records for transfer to the State of Alaska.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

December 19, 1974

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on December 19th:

✓ S.J. Res. 234	S. 2838	S. 3578
S. 184	S. 3341	S. 3615
S. 194	S. 3397	H.R. 3538
S. 1283	S. 3418	H.R. 14401
S. 1357	S. 3489	H.R. 15912
S. 2125	S. 3518	H.R. 16609
S. 2594	S. 3574	H.R. 16901

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable Roy L. Ash
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.

