



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

18 DEC 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Proposed Reply to Senator Stevens (Aleutian Island Debris)

Provided at Tab A is the proposed reply to Senator Stevens in response to his 2 December 1975 letter concerning the problem of World War II military debris on the Aleutian Islands.

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Proposed reply to
Senator Stevens

Martin R. Hoffmann



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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Honorable Ted Stevens
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Ted:

This responds to your inquiry of 2 December 1975 concerning the World War II military debris problem on the Aleutian Islands.

The Army has been assigned the task of performing the study to determine the methods and costs for cleaning up the Aleutian Island chain.

It is my understanding that the Army will have the study done by the Alaska District, Corps of Engineers, located in Anchorage, and that some preliminary investigations have already been effected. The complete study probably will require the services of an architect engineer firm but no problems are foreseen in completing it within the year prescribed.

The final report will be submitted to Congress prior to November 1976.

Sincerely,

SIGNED
DONALD RUMSFELD



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December 2, 1975

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary
U. S. Department of Defense
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Conference Report on the 1976 Military Construction Appropriations bill contains language directing the Department of Defense to evaluate the World War II military debris problem on the Aleutian Islands and determine the methods and costs of removing such debris. The Conference Report directs that the report be submitted to the Congress within a 12 month period.

The Appropriations bill contains \$4.5 million for planning and design and it is my understanding that the Aleutian Islands debris evaluation can be conducted using a portion of these funds. In this regard, I would appreciate receiving a report as soon as possible on the schedule proposed to undertake and complete this study using available funds.

With best wishes,

Cordially,

Tom Stevens
TED STEVENS
United States Senator

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Thinking Republicans
in the Committee
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front to know the
cost of cleaning up the
Aleutian Islands - they
were the only work
American ever
accomplished in Alaska.
They say it & he
cleaned up before
our Senators
leave this planet*

