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**ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD - SITKA CAMP #1
235 Katlian Street, Suite A
Sitka, Alaska 99835**

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Honorable Bert K. Stedman, Senator
State of Alaska
50 Front Street, Ste. 203
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

P31, R 27

June 11, 2007

RE: History of the Sitka ANB Camp #1 Hall summary.

Dear Senator Stedman,

On behalf of the Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB) Sitka Camp #1, I would like to take this moment and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for taking the kind of interest in our ANB Hall and your effort to put the necessary improvements into it by way of the State Capital budget of \$50,000.00. We are very grateful.

Your staff dedicated to this project, Fred Fisher, contacted me to put together the following information, a brief history and general description of the building. Please accept this letter to fulfill the necessary documentation needed by your office.

History:

The Building

The Sitka ANB Hall was first built in 1914 and enlarged in 1928. The land was donated by a Tlingit, Kiks' adi by the name of Katlian, grandnephew to the Kiks' adi Chief and Warrior who led the battle against the Russians in 1804 and had the same Tlingit name. The building sits on creosote pilings over high-tide water. Has a tin roof that was put on after a fire in the early 1970's. The electrical wiring hasn't been dated from when it was installed, but it is safe to say the electrical wiring is at least 40 years old, as is the pipes for water and plumbing - if not older. The floor has survived a fire the soldiers started in the 1940's when the military requisitioned the ANB Hall for their use. The wood floor is over 65 years old. The bathroom floors were repaired a couple years ago, as a temporary fix. The oil furnace is over 20 years old.

The Sitka ANB Hall was established as a National Historic Site in the early 1990's and, until now, has not received any funding for renovation.

The Organization

The ANB was formally organized in 1912, founded on Christian principles, was established to advocate for the rights of Alaska Natives. Credited for many accomplishments that include, gaining the right for Alaska Natives to own land, vote,

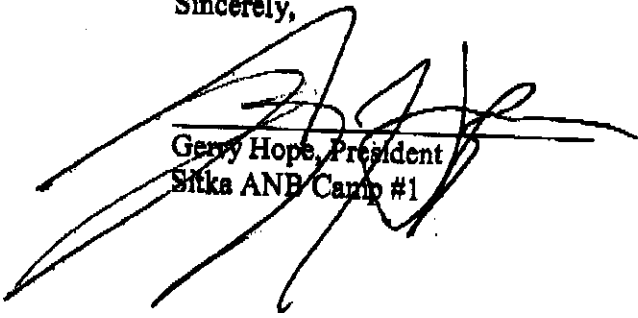
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attend segregated schools, Equal Rights in the 1945 Territorial Legislature and winning the Land Claims suit in the U.S. Congress.

This is a brief overview. I hope this helps. Please know that the members of both the Sitka ANB and the Alaska Native Sisterhood have deep appreciation of your effort to bring the "health" of the Sitka ANB building back up to the appropriate standards of today.

If there is anything further I can do please do not hesitate to call, write or email me. My cell phone number is 907-738-3377, home 747-4729, work 747-5910. Snail mail address is, Gerry Hope, President, Sitka ANB Camp #1, 235 Katlian Street, Suite A, Sitka, Alaska 99835. The email address, hope@sitkatribes.org

Sincerely,



Gerry Hope, President
Sitka ANB Camp #1