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August 11, 1972

Rear Admiral J. A. Palmer, Commander
Seventeenth Coast Guard District
P. O. Box 3-5000
Juneau, Alaska

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Dear Admiral Palmer:

Congressman Kastenmeier a few days ago wrote me and enclosed your letter to him regarding my proposed trip to Attu. I want to express my sincere gratitude to you for your permission to visit the island and your offer to sell us our meals while there. My daughter and I will do our best to cause no inconvenience to the loran crew.

I don't know at this time the exact time I will make this trip but it will probably be around Labor day or that week. As soon as I get to Anchorage, get together with my daughter, and find out what flight is available, I will call your office and advise you of our plans. I do not plan to stay on the island more than a week. Your letter indicated that there are two flights per week now so perhaps three or four days will be enough.

Please rest assured I have no intentions of fooling around with old ordnance. I recall the location of one of the old bomb dumps and I don't care to go near it.

sincerely,

John B Threlfall
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September 17, 1972

Rear Admiral J. A. Palmer
Commander, 17th Coast Guard District
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Admiral Palmer:

Now that my visit to Attu with my daughter is over, I want to express my thanks for your help and let you know that Lt. J.G. Crane and the entire crew treated us with the utmost kindness so that our stay will long be fondly remembered. Lt. Crane met us when we landed and showed us to an old building west of the runway where we were most comfortable. I had planned to return on Tuesday but the plane could not land because of fog so we ended up staying a week. Now I am glad it turned out this way.

Lt. Crane was helpful in every way and impressed me as a fine young officer and a credit to the Coast Guard. I was just his age when I was on Attu 28 years ago. It is a lonely tour of duty for these men so I hope our visit at least broke the monotony a bit for them.

Thanks for everything.

sincerely,

John B Threlfall
John B. Threlfall

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

REGISTERED MAIL

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TO : Chief, Aids to Navigation Branch

DATE: 18 September 1972

FROM : CO Lorsta Attu

SUBJECT: Visit of Mr. Threlfall and Daughter

ADMIRAL J. A. PALMER
 SEVENTEENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT
 P. O. BOX 3-5000
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Mr. Threlfall and his daughter arrived Attu Friday 8 September with a planned departure of Tuesday 12 September. The missed Reeves flight of 12 September delayed their departure until Friday 15 September. They brought all necessary equipment with them for their stay and were subsequently taken to the "Whoopee House" on the hill behind the station. Their meals were taken at the station as planned.

Most of their daylight time was spent boondocking and were usually accompanied by those crewmembers who desired to act as guides. There was a mutual exchange of information about Attu, with Mr. Threlfall adding an interesting human element to the written histories of the Island. Mr. Threlfall's daughter is 22 years old, an outdoor type, and had recently graduated from college with a degree in Biology. She spent most of her time gathering and cataloging the different varieties of plants and flowers. Naturally, there was a sudden increase in interest about the Attu Flora and many volunteers helped her with her identifications. She seemed to comprehend the situation well, listened with an attentive ear to all our conversations but was not selective or overly friendly in any way. Mr. Threlfall and his daughter fit themselves well with the station routine, creating a good deal less disruption than was originally anticipated.

The visit was considered to have had a positive effect upon station morale and there were no significant problems which developed. The conduct of the crew throughout the duration of the visit was nothing short of outstanding and a source of great pleasure to me.



R.D. CRANE



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From: Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District
To: Commanding Officer, LORSTA ATTU

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. Enclosed is copy of a letter from John B. Threlfall expressing his appreciation for all the kindnesses shown he and his daughter during their recent visit to Attu.

L. W. GARRETT
By direction

Encl: (1) Copy of ltr from John B. Threlfall