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Mr. R. C. Barton  
Shipbuilding, Railroad,  
Ordnance, and Aircraft Division  
Room 4022  
Department of Commerce  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barton:

In accordance with your telephone request of last week, I radioed The Alaska Railroad as to the condition of the steam locomotives which are now surplus to the railroad's operation and which are up for sale on a competitive bid basis. I am attaching a carbon copy of the railroad's reply.

You will notice that the railroad has 14 steam locomotives (Lima) and 10 steam locomotives (Baldwin) for a total of 24, all in operating condition. Please note also that where repairs are required, the cost of such repairs will not exceed \$2,000 per locomotive.

We greatly appreciate your interest and assistance in the matter of disposing of these surplus locomotives.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Edwin M. Fitch

Edwin M. Fitch  
Special Representative  
The Alaska Railroad

Enclosure

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Copy to: Mr. John E. Manley  
Acting General Manager  
The Alaska Railroad  
Anchorage, Alaska

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**P R I O R I T Y**

**25 APRIL 1955**

**FM MANLEY ACTING GENERAL MANAGER THE ALASKA RAILROAD ANCHORAGE ALASKA**  
**TO HOWIE FITCH SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE THE ALASKA RAILROAD WASHINGTON**  
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**URGENT APRIL 22 FOLLOWING BEING LOCOMOTIVE INVITATION FOR BID GS BASH**  
**FIFTY FIVE BASH AL BASH TWO E CASH**

<b>ALASKA RAILROAD LOCOMOTIVE</b>	<b>KAMA SERIAL</b>	<b>BALDWIN SERIAL</b>
316	8379	
317	8383	
315	8391	
318	8392	
404	7877	
405	7875	
406	7876	
402	7880	
401	7879	
320	8388	
310	8390	
319	8382	
311	8402	
312	8407	
		<b>BALDWIN SERIAL</b>
702		59604
588		70478
552		69637
902		70336
901		62515
703		80689
555		69854
701		59605
559		70479
560		70367

**ALL LOCOMOTIVES IN OPERATING CONDITION FB ANY REPAIRS REQUIRED WILL NOT**  
**EXCEED \$2,000.00 PER LOCOMOTIVE**

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**Stores and Purchases**

**John E. Manley**  
**Acting General Manager**

Anchorage, Alaska  
March 31, 1954

Memorandum

To: Mr. W. E. W. Simpson, Acting General Auditor

From: Elroy P. Hinman, Assistant to General Manager

Subject: Survey of 20 steam locomotives to be retired from the accounts

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 30, 1954, in connection with the above subject.

No immediate plans have been made for the sale of these locomotives; at least a portion of them will be held for future disposition. In performing the accounting retirement, the amount of \$25,500.00 representing the appraised value set up in the accounts, should be reversed. The proportionate balance carried in the accrued depreciation accounts should be charged to the depreciation reserve and the remainder of the ledger value should be set up on the estimated salvage to be recovered from all of the locomotives retired from the accounts.

(Signed) Elroy P. Hinman

Elroy P. Hinman  
Assistant to General Manager

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Anchorage, Alaska  
March 19, 1954

Memorandum

To: Mr. L. J. Swift, Acting Supt. of Stores & Purchases  
From: F. E. Kalbaugh, General Manager  
Subject: Report of Survey No. 321

Attached hereto is copy of Report of Survey No. 321, recommending disposal of 26 steam locomotives and all spare parts for same.

Upon receipt of the list of materials and parts to be retained in Stores stock, you may advertise these locomotives and parts for sale.

Mr. Benedict, by copy of this letter, is authorized to prepare the A.P.S. necessary for the retirement of these locomotives and parts.

F. E. Kalbaugh  
General Manager

Enclosure/ta  
cc: Mr. George Schwartz  
Mr. G. A. Benedict

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Anchorage, Alaska  
March, 16, 1954

Memorandum:

To: Mr. W. D. McNamery, Jr., Administrative Officer  
From: G. A. Swartz, Dept. of Active Power & Equipment  
Subject: Survey of Steam Locomotives

It is requested that the Board of Survey inspect the following equipment, which is surplus to the requirements of the Railroad, and submit recommendations as to final disposition:

<u>Inventory No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Locomotive No.</u>	<u>Location</u>
302	Anchorage	154	Birchwood
301	Anchorage	153	Anchorage
303	Birchwood	152	Birchwood
301	Birchwood	151	Birchwood
303	Birchwood	150	Birchwood
302	Birchwood	149	Fairbanks
301	Fairbanks	118	Birchwood
302	Curry	117	Birchwood
300	Seward	116	Birchwood
300	Seward	115	Birchwood
300	Birchwood	113	Miller
305	Birchwood	112	Miller
306	Birchwood	111	Fairbanks
308	Birchwood	110	Fairbanks

All steam locomotive spare parts and equipment that are not usable on 500-class locomotives are presently located at Seward and other line points.

Mr. Swartz will furnish a complete inventory of 500-class locomotive parts and equipment; Technical Department will, in turn, furnish the used list of material and parts to be retained, and the balance to be salvaged and disposed of as recommended by the Board.

The following locomotives are to be located at each of the Railroad Shops and retained in serviceable condition for emergency use:

Locc. No.

551  
552  
556  
557  
561

Engine 554 to be converted to oil burner and assigned to Whittier.

\* Retain locc. #403 - Tender with fuel oil tank for application on Locomotive 554.



G. A. Benedict  
Supt. of Motive Power  
and Equipment

- cc: Mr. J. L. Kelbaugh, General Manager
- Mr. A. E. Manley, Asst. General Manager
- Mr. R. H. Bruce, Supt. of Operations
- Mr. E. H. W. Simpson, Acting General Auditor
- Mr. L. J. Swift, Acting Supt. of Stores & Purchases
- Mr. D. L. Plunkett, Master Mechanic
- Mr. K. A. Nahn, Chief Mechanical Engineer



Anchorage, Alaska  
March 22, 1954

Memorandum

To: Mr. W. W. Hollway, Jr., Administrative Officer

From: John E. Hanley, Assistant General Manager

Subject: Survey to be made of Steam Locomotives

Please arrange to have all steam locomotives, except six (6) locomotives of the 520-class, surveyed to determine proper action as regards selling or scrapping such locomotives.

By copy of this memorandum, Mr. G. A. Benedict will have all 520-class locomotives inspected, in order that the six (6) 520-class locomotives which are in the best condition may be retained.

Mr. Benedict will also take the necessary steps to retain a tender from one of the 420-class or 520-class oil-burning locomotives, with proper appurtenances, in order that one (1) of the 520-class locomotives being retained may be converted to oil-burning at no expense to the railroad for parts.

Parts inventory for all locomotives, except the 520-class locomotives, shall also be surveyed for disposition.

Mr. Benedict will furnish the proper reports to the Accounting Department in connection with the locomotives which are being surveyed, showing the last date of service for each of the locomotives. Upon completion of the 520 surveying the surveyed locomotives, the Accounting Department will then be able to make the necessary adjustments in the depreciation account in accordance with the last date of service shown.

John E. Hanley  
Asst. General Manager

cc: Mr. F. G. Selbaugh  
Mr. A. H. Price  
Mr. A. W. Simpson  
Mr. G. A. Benedict

\* Please arrange to retain six (6) of the 520-class locomotives which are in the best condition. Also, please determine whether servicing maintenance parts for this class of locomotives will be necessary for the number of locomotives to be retained; if so, take proper steps with the Survey Board to place the surplus parts for this type of locomotives in the same category as the spare parts for locomotives being surveyed.