Gambell, St. Lawrence Is.
Oct. 1, 1935.

Commander F. A. Zensler,
3721 Cascadia Ave,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Commander F. A. Zensler,—

I have received your package safely and was glad to get it and wished to thank you for it. The children was very glad of the candies you sent. The pencils were divided among them.

So again I am sending you a package containing a paper weight with a bear head on it. Hope you will like it. I wish you would let me know what carving you want, so I can get ready as soon as I get letter from you.

If it is possible, I wish you send

my daughters some calico, the very fancy one you know I have three daughters, the oldest is about six or eight inches taller than I am. Five yards is enough for a big girl like that. Perhaps 20 or 25 yds is enough for all the girls and my wife. Pls let me know what kind of carvings you want.

We have had not very good year for all games, but we get thru the winter without any scarcity of food. During the spring only one whale was killed and was towed in and cut nearly all of it.

The flu begins in May and lasted for a good while, but we got it over safely, few person died. One of my family died, a new baby, who was born in March 10 and died July the second. She was very well, but died while we were asleep.

Afterward nine or ten whale boats came from Siberia, from three different places who came to have repair their motors. We kindly helped them, repaired their motors without any cost.

Right now we people are all in good health and have plenty of food which will last us for all summer until the big ice comes.

I was expecting for you this summer, we thot "Lahn" was "Chelan" which come here in June

She stayed here about a day. One boat came ashore and bought some carvings from the people. The next day a skin canoe visited the ship and stayed there for a while.

Again thanking you for the things you have mailed. Give my best regards to the Post Master of Chelan who came with you ashore here.

Hoping to hear from you again next year.

With best Wishes I am,

Your Friend,

Paul Silook.