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Mr. Charles Wohlforth
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Dear Charles,

I write to recognize your work in the creation of *The Crisis in the Commons: The Alaska Solution*, published by ICS Press in 2002. As you know, the book received highly positive reviews and has had an ever-growing international impact in the area of governance of commonly held lands and resources. In 2004, Progress Publishing in Moscow translated and printed a Russian edition as it offers a roadmap to help Russia address the economic challenges in their remote regions.

As I recall we retained you in 1997 to assist with this book project. You performed extensive documentary research and interviews to flesh out historical events and verify recollections. During the entire period, you worked flexibly and diligently with all those involved.

Through our cooperative work, a draft manuscript was completed by the end of 1999. From that point through publication, you were available to work constructively whenever we needed you.

The final product was entirely satisfactory and has been a highlight of the past decade of our work at the Institute of the North. In fact, I believe this book will be a classic for future Alaskans who endeavor to guide and lead our "Owner State." Thank you for your professionalism and your enthusiasm for this project. I would strongly recommend your writing and research services to other potential clients interested in producing compelling and accurate manuscripts.

Sincerely,


Walter J. Hicke