Anchorage, Alaska October 19, 1948

Colonel J. P. Johnson General Manager

For your information the 500 Class locomotives are being changed to 400 Class to eliminate confusion with the 550 Class.

Number changes made to date are:

Locomotive #501 to #401 Locomotive #504 to #404

The Nos. 502, 503, and 505 will be changed to 402, 403, and 405 as soon as possible.

> G. A. BENEDICT Supt., M.P. & E.

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cc: JTC, LAM, DHN, JEM,

RAS, CLG, ARW, REWS, FWB, ETW, Car Service Office, MJF, LS and Army Liaison Office

Anchorage, Alaska 15 October 1948

File: 530

## MR. J. T. CUININGHAM:

Reference is made to Mr. Benedict's letter to your office dated 8 October 1948 concerning the renumbering of the 500 class engines.

In the opinion of this office there should be no difficulties arise if these engines were to be renumbered as 400 class engines.

John E. Manley

Supt. of Operations

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Atti General Kenager

Anchorage, Alaska October 12, 1948

MR. C. A. BENEDICT:

Reference is made to your letter of October 8 requesting that 500 class locomotives be renumbered to a 400 class series.

This will be your authority to make the change requested in your letter and to notify all concerned.

J. T. Cunningham
Assistant General Manager

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Anchorage, Alaska October 8, 1948

Mr. J. T. Cunningham Asst. General Manager

Dear Sir:

We are experiencing a great deal of confusion between our 500 and 550 class locomotives in regards to misunderstanding with Operating Department, orders, etc.

If the five, 500 class engines were renumbered in the 400 class series, I feel that a great deal of confusion and misunderstanding would be eliminated. This would merely mean changing the first number from 5 to 4, and notifying all concerned.

If this meets with your approval, will you kindly advise and changes will be made immediately.

Yours truly,

G. A. BENEDICE Supt., M.P. & E.

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cc: J.E.M.
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