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Dear Mr. Sigbjørn Rønbeck

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All the best for the New Year. I would like to offer my support to your efforts in starting the *Captain Adrian Jacobsen Society* with the objective to: "Initiate projects, develop and promote various aspects related to Jacobsen's life and work".

The Chugach Alaska Corporation is one of the 12 Native regional organizations that were created under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. One of our goals is the celebration of our heritage and the transferring of cultural knowledge to the next generations.

I have had the opportunity to visit numerous museums in the United States, Finland, Germany, England, Spain and Russia that house Chugach cultural remains. Many museums have feared that repatriation of cultural items would be a loss of knowledge. However, it became clear that these actions resulted in a greater understanding of the objects and a better working relationship with cultures that they are trying to preserve.

The Chugach people are very excited and honored to work with the Staatliche Museum in Berlin on various cultural exchanges in the future. I am also eager to help with your efforts in sharing the history of your ancestor (Adrian Jacobsen) in the formation of the *Captain Adrian Jacobsen Society*.

I feel it is very important to share cultural knowledge with the next generations so that they will have a better understanding of our history. Not all things were done properly in the past, however this sharing of information will help the future explorers and seekers of knowledge to carry out their research by treating the cultures that they encounter with dignity, honor and respect. Much more can be learned by working together for a common goal.

Best regards;

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