

ALLEGED SURVEYS, ETC., UPON AMERICAN TERRITORY  
IN ALASKA.

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FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

A REPORT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN RESPONSE TO A  
RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF APRIL  
10, 1902.

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APRIL 24, 1902.—Read; referred to Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be  
printed.

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*To the House of Representatives:*

I transmit herewith a report by the Secretary of State in response to the resolution of the House of Representatives of April 10, 1902, requesting him "to inform the House of Representatives whether the State Department has received from official or other sources information as to the reliability of reports which have recently appeared in the public prints to the effect that in American territory, near the border of Alaska, British and Canadian officials (exercising authority by an agreement entered into by the Government of the United States and the British Government) are making surveys and encroachments upon territory not included in said agreement, and are removing and destroying ancient landmarks and monuments long ago erected by the Russian Government to mark the Alaskan boundary."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, April 23, 1902.*

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The PRESIDENT:

I have received under date of the 10th of April, 1902, the following resolution of the House of Representatives:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, requested to inform the House of Representatives whether the State Department has received from official or other sources information as to the reliability of reports which have recently

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appeared in the public prints to the effect that in American territory, near the border of Alaska, British and Canadian officials (exercising authority by an agreement entered into by the Government of the United States and the British Government) are making surveys and encroachments upon territory not included in said agreement, and are removing and destroying ancient landmarks and monuments long ago erected by the Russian Government to mark the Alaskan boundary.

In reply I have the honor to state that the reports to which the resolution refers were brought last autumn to the attention of the Department of State, which immediately set on foot an investigation to ascertain what foundation there is for them. Hitherto this investigation has not elicited any proof of the alleged transactions, but it will be continued until the truth in regard to the matter is ascertained.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN HAY.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, April 19, 1902.*

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