

to make researches of the very greatest importance, and then I think it would indeed be a great pity, if the expedition should be stranded on account of the freight of our equipment from the States to Alaska.

When I had the very great pleasure of being with you, during my delightful visit to Chicago, you were kind enough to tell me that Mr. Oscar Haugan might be willing to give a sum to our expedition. Do you think that possibly other Norwegians might also be willing to do so?

Considering that the expedition, though international and sailing under the flag of our international Society, the "Aeroarctic", still is in a way a continuation of Norwegian exploration and scientific research, and also that it is headed by a Norwegian, the American Norwegians may possibly be interested in it, and in the effective co-operation with the United States and their Government. I need hardly say, that I will be more thankful than I can say, for any help you may be able to give me in this matter.

I understand that Capt. John W. Sinding has been in Oslo. Unfortunately I have not seen him, as I have been away here in the mountains for more than a month, but am returning to Lysaker in a few days. With my most cordial regards to Mrs. Sivveland and yourself.

Yours very sincerely,

Fridtjof Nansen.

P.S. I also intend to make an appeal to some of the great American funds for assistance, and hope that it may give some results.