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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, ALASKA  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

February 1, 1991

COLONEL WILLIAM W. KAKEL  
Commander and District Engineer, Alaska District

Colonel William W. Kakel assumed command of the U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska in July, 1988. He will complete his three-year duty on July 12, 1991.

Col. Kakel came to the District from his previous position as Director of Plans, Training, and Mobilization at the U.S. Army Training Center (Engineer) and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. This is his second tour of duty in Alaska. From 1974-77 he was assigned to the Alaska District as project engineer for the Susitna dam project and resident engineer for remove site projects.

His next assignment (beginning in late July 1991) will be as Director of Engineering and Housing, Fort Lewis, (Tacoma) Washington. He will be succeeded as Alaska District Engineer by Col. John W. Pierce who is presently stationed at the Engineer School, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

He is a 1966 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and has earned a master of science degree in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

Col. Kakel has held numerous responsible command and staff assignments in the United States and overseas. These include serving as Professor of Military Science, Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Indiana; Commander, 2nd Engineer Battalion, Camp Casey, Korea; Chief, Training Division, Directorate of Plans, Training and Security, U.S. Army Training Center (Engineer) and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Executive Officer, 5th Engineer Battalion, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; Instructor/Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Assistant to Director, Office of Technical Programs/Plans, and Project Engineer, Nuclear Weapons Effects Division, U.S. Army Waterways Experiment Station, Vicksburg, Mississippi; and as Company Commander and Assistant Operations Officer, 8th Engineer Battalion, 1st Air Cavalry Division, Republic of Vietnam.

Among his military decorations are the Bronze Star medal with Oak Leaf cluster, Meritorious Service medal with two Oak Leaf clusters, Air medal, Army Commendation medal with Oak Leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit award, and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry cross with Bronze Star and Palms, and the parachutist badge.

Col. Kakel is a registered professional engineer in the state of Colorado. He is married to the former Bruce Edel. Both are from Towson, Maryland. They have two children, Laura and Peter.

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