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Pilot Station
Pitka's Point
Point Hope
Point Lay
St. Mary's
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Scammon Bay
Selawik
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Teller
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Wales
White Mountain

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for this opportunity to tell you of my total and unreserved support of the efforts being expended to locate the remains of the famous transpolar flight of August 1937 by S. Levanevsky.

I also have been to the geographic North Pole and landed there, incidentally with a Russian bi-plane, Antonov AN-2. My interest in the Levanevsky disappearance started years before when I started studying early polar explorers and in particular the airmen that were involved.

I live in Barrow, Alaska the northern most point of the North American continent and am employed as a pilot for the North Slope Borough Search and Rescue Department.

I have searched for the Levanevsky aircraft or the remains thereof off the northern coast of Alaska and the high arctic of Canada. Any efforts to continue the search for the Levanevsky expedition has my interest and support.

My interest in the Levanevsky search started with early conversations with Mr. Ron Sheardown who is a renowned high arctic pilot and has been to the North Pole a number of times. Recently he and a Russian crew came to Barrow to do the preliminary work for following up on the most recent evidence that has come forward on the possible location of the Levanevsky airplane.

Mr. Yuri Salnikov, a film director from Russia is the head of the expedition and has a long history of successful film making. I was very impressed with his extensive knowledge of the individuals on the Levanevsky crew. He enlightened me with many facts that I had not known from before.

It is to this end that I give my wholehearted support to this most recent effort to bring closure to the search of Sigismund Levanevsky.


Senator Donny Olson