



State of Alaska
Department of
Public Safety

Frank H. Murkowski, Governor
William Tandeske, Commissioner

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Representative Les Gara
Alaska State Legislature
716 West 4th Avenue
Anchorage, AK
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Dear Representative Gara:

This letter is in response to your letter requesting information related to the sale of a King Air aircraft and the funding of the purchase of a Westwind II aircraft. I will respond to your questions in the order they appeared in your letter.

1. As you know, in 2005 the Legislature included budget language that allowed the Governor, through the Department of Public Safety, to use "proceeds from the sale of Department of Public Safety Aircraft" to fund the purchase of "replacement aircraft." I've been advised that pursuant to this budget language, the line of credit the Administration used to purchase the Westwind has now, in part, been funded by the sale of one of the State's King Air turbo prop planes. Can you please confirm whether that's the case?

Yes.

2. How much of the sales price for the King Air was used to pay the obligations on the Westwind?

The purchase was made using a line of credit that is to be repaid in quarterly payments of \$62,492.83 over a 15 year period. The entire proceeds from the sale of the C-12 will eventually be used toward the quarterly payments.

3. Also, can you please confirm the unpaid balance on the Westwind?

\$2,580,715.83

4. And the state's plans for future payment?

See #2. Alternate funding will be sought to continue payments after the current funding source is depleted. If the state chooses to dispose of the aircraft at some point, the proceeds would be used, in part, to repay the line of credit.

If there is anything else that I can be of assistance with please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'TB', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Ted Bachman
Deputy Commissioner