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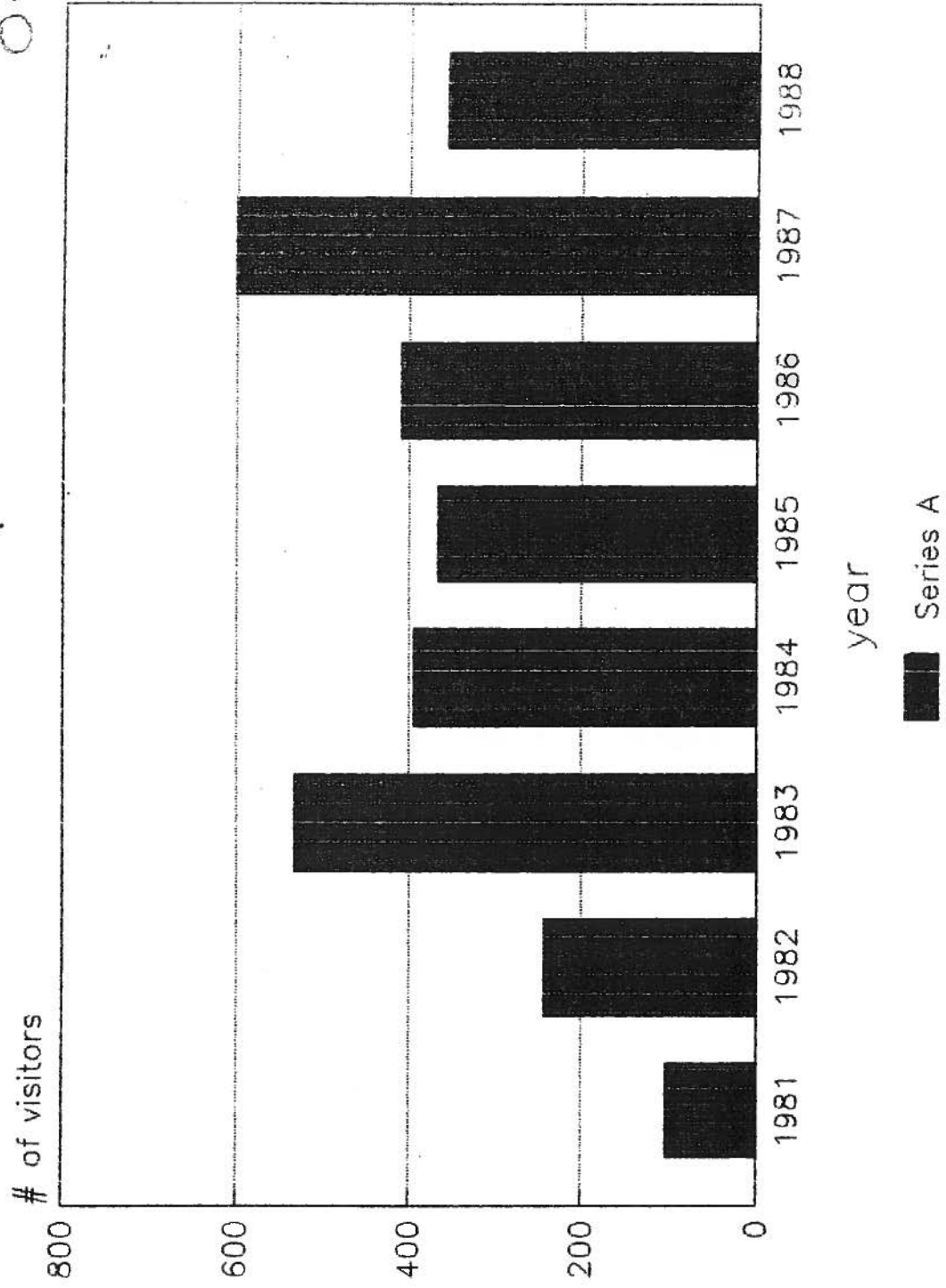
Memorandum

To: Staff, GAAR
From: Clerk, GAAR *[Signature]*
Subject: Recorded Guided Clients and Air Taxi Passengers

The following is a list of numbers of recorded guided clients and air taxi operator passengers by calendar year, 1980-88 for GAAR.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u># GUIDED CLIENTS</u>	<u># AIR TAXI CLIENTS</u>
1980	none recorded	none recorded
1981	105	463
1982	244	587
1983	533	584
1984	395	663
1985	366	495
1986	406	693
1987	602	508
1988	357	537

guided visitors to GAAR, 1981-88



States of the Arctic National Park & Preserve 1986 # visits by month reported

Jan	153
Feb	292
March	267
Apr	293
May	60
June	248
July	1,190
Aug	1,670
Sept	267
Oct	39
Nov	282
Dec	190
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GATES OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

Visitor Use Statistics 1982-86

Year	Total Visitation	HQ	BTT	AKP
1982	3,662	525	713	231
1983	3,088	200	649	81
1984	4,579	377	525	109
1985	4,322	344	395	89
1986	4,951	195	635	40

Visitor use statistics were not reported for 1981.

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"Total Visitation" represents the total number of entries into the park, both recreation and non-recreation for that calendar year.

non-recreation — visitor use which is a part of, or incidental to, the pursuit of gainful occupation. Does not include NPS personnel, guides, researchers.

recreation — all not defined as non-recreation except does not include any NPS employees.

visitors to Bettles Ranger Station
visitors to the Anaktuvuk Pass Ranger Station

visitors to our main office in Fairbanks

Question: How are recreational visitor numbers collected? What are the visitor use numbers for 1985 and 1986? What are the number of recreation visits to the park? What is considered to be a recreational visit?

Answer: Visitor use statistics for the park are inexact. The park does not require backcountry permits or reservations; and all but a few subsistence users do not need a permit because they live within a "resident zone" community. Consequently, there are flaws in our available methods of collecting park use statistics.

We obtain the recreation information we get from reports by licensed commercial use operators, from contacts with visitors in our offices in Bettles, Anaktuvuk Pass, and Fairbanks, and from the limited data collected by rangers in the Coldfoot/Dalton Highway area. There is considerable margin for error. We do not believe we get counts for a considerable amount of use, and we also believe some visitors are counted more than once. Although we are working to improve the accuracy of our information, in the meantime it is our hope that -- within a relative range of magnitude -- our statistics accurately reflect changes in park use or the approximate level of park use at any given time.

Some examples may help to explain. We think commercial licensees are becoming more thorough in the information they provide each year. However, some visitors are counted twice if they enter the park with a guide who subcontracts to an air taxi. Both operators should provide a report on the same visit. On the other hand, we have no idea how many private pilots and private boaters enter the park, and do not try to compensate with an estimate. The Bettles operation is pretty thorough in contacting visitors. In Anaktuvuk Pass (staffed only by field researchers for the past two years, and by only one ranger prior to 'hat) and along the Dalton Highway (our seasonal ranger has no "office" in Coldfoot and is often in the park) we obviously miss more visitors

than we contact. We also do not count the people who fly to Anaktuvuk Pass on commercial airlines for day trips or hike from the village onto public lands, unless we actually talk to them. These are a few of the factors that could either exaggerate or underestimate levels of recreation use. If you need greater detail, the park staff would be glad to go over records and explain the strengths and weaknesses of the information with a member of your staff.

For 1985 and 1986, we estimate the total number of visits to be 4,322 and 4,951, respectively. Our recreation-only visits for 1985 and 1986 are 1,381 and 2,801, respectively.

Recreational visitor statistics do not include subsistence use, access to mining claims and private inholdings (except commercial lodge visits when licensed), village-to-village access, special use permittees, and private researchers. Typically, most local users would be considered "non-recreational" although some local use is probably actually recreation. Park employees are not counted. All other park access is considered recreation.

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