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OTTAWA, December 15, 1977

Dear Mr. Fry,

Further to your telephone conversation with Mrs. Patricia Lortie of this Division, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 28, 1977, concerning the right-of-way for the Haines-Fairbanks Pipeline

As the pipeline is not currently in use and because Canadian treaty obligations toward the United States are involved, immediate responsibility for future action regarding the pipeline now rests within this Department's Bureau of United States Affairs, and specifically with this Division. Since receiving a copy of your recent letter to Mr. Rutherford, we have reviewed in detail the situation regarding the Haines-Fairbanks pipeline. We have instructed the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. to inform the U.S. State Department of British Columbia's interest in resolving the question of right-of-way, and to request information on U.S. intentions regarding the line. Following receipt of a reply to our inquiry, we shall consult with other interested Federal Government Departments on the future course of action to be undertaken. We will be sure to keep you informed of developments relating to the future of the pipeline, and will be in touch with you on receipt of a reply to our enquiry with U.S. authorities.

Yours sincerely,

J.R. Sharpe,
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Dear Mr. Sharpe:

Reference is made to your letter of December 15, 1977 relative to the right-of-way for the Haines-Fairbanks Pipeline.

As you will recall, you advised me in your letter that this matter is being taken up with the U.S. State Department through the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. It would be appreciated if you will advise whether you have yet received any indication from the United States Government of its intention with respect to the pipeline.