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District Engineer U.S. Army Engineer District, Alaska P.O. Box 7002 Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Further to our letter of December 22 we have the following comments on technical specifications. Our concern in this area is compliance with clause 8(c) of the Treaty which requires that Canadian materials be used on the Canadian portion of the line as far as feasible.

The standard Corps specification requirement, both in the body of this specifications and in the cited Federal Specifications, that electrical materials be UL approved and labelled would be an insurmountable barrier for Canadian manufacturers if strictly enforced. Electrical goods manufactured or used in Canada are subject to approval and labelling by the Canadian Standards Association. This is crequivalent to the approval and labelling by U.L. Inc., which is not available to Canadian manufacturers. In the case of work in the eastern part of Canada which was carried out by Eastern Ocean District this problem was handled by the following clause:

"SC-22. OPTIONAL SPECIFICATIONS:

Wherever in Part IV Technical Provisions, in any applicable specification referred to therein, or upon the drawings, the following specifications are cited, the Contractor has the choice of using the optional specification specified in lieu thereof.

- a. Canadian Electrical Code may be used in lieu of National Electrical Code.
- b. Dominion Board of Insurance Underwriters may be used in lieu of National Board of Fire Underwriters.
- c. Underwriters Laboratories of Canada and Canadian Standards Association may be used in lieu of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.

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District Engineer - 2 -December 29/61. If the Contractor desires to exercise the above stated options, it shall be incumbent upon the contractor to reference this paragraph upon each document (shop drawing, performance data, approval request, or documents of like intent) which he may forward to the Contracting Officer." It is strongly recommended that your office take the same action. Your tax clause will be discussed with officials of the Department of National Revenue and any comments will be forwarded. Yours very truly, DEFENCE CONSTRUCTION (1951) LIMITED D.W. Laird, P. Eng., State of James Our Steveler of James Engineer i/c Special Projects DWL/cl