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Mr. R. Thistlethwaite
Surveyor-General
Dept Mines & Technical Surveys
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: Survey, Maines-Fairbanks Pipeline.

Dear Mr. Thistlethwaite:

We have your letter of 9th instant in which it is noted that you are planning to survey the right-of-way of the subject Pipeline.

For the survey of that portion of the pipeline right-of-way within British Columbia, I have prepared special instructions enclosed herewith, strict compliance with which, by your surveyor in charge, will be appreciated. Special features of these requirements are the posting of one exterior boundary only, and the definition of the boundary of the Maines Out-off Road R/W where intersected, the Road R/W taking precedence over the Pipeline R/W in all cases.

In the latter connection, your remarks that Mr. Fox, to whom you tentatively propose to assign this work, due to other commitments, will not likely have time to fully comply with our requirements is passing and disturbing. If this is so, I can only suggest that either another surveyor be engaged, who can give the necessary time to it, or that more than one season will be required to complete the work to our normal standards. If you are interested in considering an alternative to Mr. Fox, it so happens that Mr. J. L. Matherwall, D.M., M.C.S., has recently located at Whitehorse, Y.T. in private practice, and, while I do not know him well personally, (he has not worked for the Department) on several occasions his returns from survey have been processed by this office, and were all that could be desired. I cannot even say whether Mr. Matherwall would be available for the subject work this year, but his being established in the locality has, to my way of thinking, some considerable advantages.

As for costs, our requirements, as set out in the accompanying instructions, are no more onerous than if the work were to be done by my own Branch from our (always limited) funds, nor than if it were being done by a private company, such as Trans Mountain or Westcoast Transmission. I understand also that the agreement with the US Army is that it is prepared to pay all necessary costs in connection with the pipeline.

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We are in a position to supply all posts required,