

FD-302

Department of Transportation

Relocation of Section of Palmer Highway
in Canada

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13 JAN 1954

Mr. C. Gerber/73928

1. Reference is made to Comment No. 1, dated 17 June 1953 from your office, same subject as above, and an interim reply from this office by Comment No. 2 dated 22 July 1953.

2. Attached, hereto, is data pertaining to the survey made by the Alaska Road Commission including copies of:

a. Letter dated 6 April 1953 from the Alaska Road Commission to the District Engineer for Alaska.

b. Detailed plan-profile for road work prepared by the Alaska Road Commission dated 30 March 1953.

3. Two principal alternates should be considered:

a. Alternate No. 5 costing \$118,363 plus the improvement of the slide area at a cost of \$269,629 or a total of \$388,097.

b. Alternate No. 3 costing \$430,519 plus the improvement of the slide area at a cost of \$269,629 or a total of \$700,147. The difference in estimated construction costs between alternate 3 and alternate 5 is \$315,000 in favor of alternate 5, a factor which should be considered in view of existing austerity policy.

4. The alternate solutions, their respective costs, and reasons for not recommending them, are outlined in letter dated 6 April 1953 from the Alaska Road Commission, U. S. Department of the Interior. Data substantiating the reasons for their rejections are not included. Plan and profile sheets of existing road are not available to this office for evaluating, from a highway transport cost viewpoint, the economic justification for selecting alternate 3, the recommended solution, over alternate 5, "Hairpin Curve."

5. The alignment and grades of the proposed road relocation outlined on the attached plan will provide a road suitable and adequate for movement of military freight. These plans are for alternate No. 3 and do not show details of other possible solutions.

6. Comments are as follows:

a. The survey of the Alaska Road Commission is supplied as requested.

b. Recommendations as to the most feasible route are made by the Alaskan Road Commission.

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c. No concurrences in this survey are supplied by representatives of the Corps of Engineers.

d. In view of a possible saving of \$315,000 alternate plan No. 8 should be explored further.

FOR THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS:

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- 1. Cy ltr fr Alaska Road Comm to DE, Alaska, 6 Apr 53
- 2. Plans-profile

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- cc: Unit w/d
- MCI reading files (3)
- Dir & Eval Br., 2434
- Green reading file (CAR)

RECORD: Complies w/request of CofTrans as stated in paragraph 1. *Comment from Eng Div memo 10 Dec incorporated in paras 4-5, 6 c d b d*