

AIR MAIL

Ottawa, September 17, 1952.

Honourable W. A. C. Bennett,
Premier of British Columbia,
Victoria, B. C.



Dear Mr. Bennett:

On September 15 Mr. Gagliardi and I discussed the proposed Ednes-Fairbanks pipeline about which I wrote you on the 11th of August. As a result of our conversation I have informed the Department of External Affairs that the government of British Columbia approves in principle construction of the pipeline.

Mr. Gagliardi stated that British Columbia did not wish to transfer title to the land required for the right-of-way but would prefer to give Canada an easement. Presumably the easement could be described in an Order-in-Council of the Province of British Columbia granting Canada the necessary rights for the pipeline and appurtenances for as long as the pipeline is operated, and granting the use of access roads for the purposes of the pipeline free of charge under reasonable conditions to be agreed upon from time to time. I would appreciate it if I might see a copy of the proposed Order-in-Council before it is passed so as to make sure that its provisions will meet requirements.

The Department of External Affairs has asked the United States not to call tenders for construction until Canadian arrangements are complete. Agreement of the Province of British Columbia expressed by the passage of the above mentioned Order-in-Council is the only remaining condition precedent to informing the United States that Canada has no objection to calling for tenders.

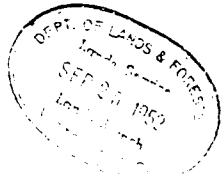
The governments of both countries regard the pipeline as a mutual defence project of high priority. The United States is ready now and wishes to proceed at the earliest possible date. For these reasons I wish to ask that you treat the matter as urgent.

Yours sincerely,

Robert H. Winters
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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY FOR P. L. 111111
SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 2, RANGE 1, DISTRICT OF
INDIAN RESERVE 1, 111111, B.C.

All that land described within the following boundaries:

from the East side of the Main-Cut-Off Highway 3 1/2 miles N. a distance of 2700', to a point of beginning; thence N 32°-54' E, a distance of 1000' to a point; thence N 37°-00' E, a distance of 1800' to a point; thence S 20°-24' E to the east bank of the Blehink River; thence along the east bank a distance of 1800' more or less to a point formed by the intersection of a line S 32°-54' E from the point of beginning and the N.W. bank of the Blehink River; thence S 32°-54' E to the point of beginning.

Exception therefore all that portion within the boundaries for the Main-Cut-Off Highway.