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Mr. W. Q. Fry
Administrative Officer
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Dear Mr. Fry:

I have been advised by Mr. Brian M. Whittle, Secretary, National Energy Board, that correspondence from the Province of British Columbia to the Government of Canada with respect to the issue of Canada's right-of-way for the Haines pipeline, has been passed to your office for attention and reply.

Upon reviewing the file on this matter, it is noted that the first correspondence forwarded to the Federal Government in this connection was dated November 12, 1976. It would be appreciated, therefore, if you would advise when the Province might expect to receive some word from the Government of Canada on its intentions with respect to this matter.

Yours truly,

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Ministère des Affaires extérieures

Canada

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 29, 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 with 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,