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Colonel F. H. Collins  
Commissioner of Yukon Territory  
Whitehorse  
Yukon Territory, Canada

Dear Colonel Collins:

In reply to your letter of 27 February 1956 concerning the fuel that is being spilled during removal of ice in the Haines-Fairbanks Pipeline, please be advised that I have directed the contractor not to burn any of the spilled fuels during this operation. The contractor has also been directed to use extreme care in locating the cuts on the line and to maintain as much distance as is physically possible from the Alaska highway, secondary roads, habitable areas, lakes and streams. This will confine the contaminated areas to remote sections and will reduce the hazard considerably.

Prior to completion of this contract, repeated fire checks will be made of all areas along the pipeline that have been fired during the thawing operations, making sure that there are no going fires left in the peat or berm. As you suggested, a further check for fire will be made by representatives of this office after the onset of warm weather.

Your interest and assistance in this problem, and that of Mr. Wilson, Forest Engineer, and Mr. Langavin, Park Warden, is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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