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March 3, 1954.

Dear Mr. Mayer:

Haines-Fairbanks Pipeline

Paragraph 2 of the Annex to Note No. 266 of June 30, 1953, from your Embassy reads as follows:

*Plans

In order to safeguard Canadian interests, the detailed plans, description of the route and access roads, and specifications of the pipeline will require the approval of the appropriate Canadian authorities in advance of construction, and Canadian officials shall have the right of inspection during construction.

In a letter dated September 22, 1953, Mr. Morabes informed Mr. Morgan, then of your Embassy, that the Canadian government had approved the plans and specifications for the Haines-Fairbanks Pipeline which had then been submitted by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. On October 29, 1953, Colonel Carl T. Farrell, Acting District Engineer, Alaska District, United States Army Corps of Engineers, applied to Mr. A.C.L. Adams, Special Commissioner for Canada for the Haines-Fairbanks Pipeline, for approval of certain proposed changes in the plans as shown on seven sheets of revised drawings, described hereunder:

Products Pipeline System, Haines to Fairbanks, Alaska, drawings Number 78-15-01 purporting to have been made by the Fluor Corporation Limited, of Los Angeles, California, and drawn by Frank Morajeba on April 30, 1953, for the United States Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, and approved by the Chief Engineering Division on June 13, 1952.

Mr. Ernest DeW. Mayer,
Counsellor,
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Revised sheet 46, dated 13 June, 1952, with second revision dated 29 June, 1953, showing a variation in the place and method of crossing the Denjak River;

Revised sheet 52, dated 13 June, 1952, with second revision, dated 29 June, 1953, showing a variation in the place and method of crossing the White River;

Revised sheet 53, dated 13 June, 1952, with first revision dated 12 December, 1952, showing a variation in the approach to the White River crossing;

Revised sheet 59, dated 13 June, 1952, with first revision dated 29 June, 1953, showing a minor relocation of the pipeline;

Sheets 34A, 35A and 36A, dated 10 August, 1953, and marked "Kluane Lake Alternate" showing a new location of the pipeline along the south shore of Kluane Lake instead of on the bed of the lake.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the appropriate Canadian authorities have approved the changes in the plans and specifications of the Haines-Fairbanks Pipeline and related facilities in Canada as shown in the documents referred to above, subject to:

(a) the requirements of the Navigable Waters Protection Act being met. This Act requires that approval be obtained from the Department of Public Works of Canada for the manner in which the pipeline is to cross any navigable water barriers. The Canadian Special Commissioner is making the applications required under the Act.

(b) the right of the Canadian Special Commissioner to direct that the pipeline be buried in places other than those shown on the plans where, in his opinion, it is desirable to do so to avoid potential nuisance or danger to settled locations, to roads or to road traffic which could disturb the pipeline in the event of an accident or during reasonable off-highway manoeuvring. In general, the Special Commissioner might require the pipeline to be buried wherever it lies within 100 feet of any route allowance.

(c) the specifications being framed and interpreted as

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as not to preclude the use of Canadian materials, or supplies otherwise available, which are competitive in quality, price, and availability to U.S. materials and supplies.

You will appreciate that nothing in this letter about approval of changes in the plans for the Canadian section of the pipeline should be interpreted as altering the provisions of the United States-Canada Natural Gas Pipeline Agreement.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Benjamin Rogers

For Acting Under-Secretary of State
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