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Mr. E. W. Bassett,
Deputy Minister of Lands,
Dept. of Lands & Forests,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Mr. Bassett: Your file of 96517.

In reply to your letter of the 29th ult. regarding the progress made on the Haines-Fairbanks pipeline I may say that the line through British Columbia is virtually complete. There may be some minor changes and there will be some additional valves installed to protect fishery streams but no major alteration is presently contemplated in the route of the pipeline as now laid.

From your indications with my Department in Ottawa it is my understanding that the responsibility for the survey will be in the hands of the Surveyor General's Branch of the Dept. of Mines and Technical Surveys. It is expected that the work will be started in the summer of 1955 but I was disappointed in January that my Department had not yet been advised if sufficient staff would be available to complete the work.

In view of this may I suggest that any further inquiry as to plans for the completion of the survey be directed to the Surveyor General's office at Ottawa.

You refer to the survey of the right-of-way of the Haines cut-off Road, and I presume you are aware of the encroachment on the right-of-way of a portion of the site of pumping station # 2 at Mile 43. When the encroachment was realized the matter was referred to the Dept. of National Defence as their agency the Northwest Highway System, has the responsibility for the maintenance of the road.

I have on my files copy of a letter from the Deputy Minister of National Defence to my own Deputy Minister

*Mr. Andrews
for acknowledgment
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Mr. E. W. Bassett - C.

Enclosed for the Surveyor General's office at Ottawa are two copies of a letter from the Deputy Minister of Lands to the Surveyor General dated March 2nd, 1955. The letter refers to the survey of the right-of-way of the Haines cut-off Road and the encroachment on the right-of-way of a portion of the site of pumping station # 2 at Mile 43. The letter also refers to the fact that the Department of Lands is responsible for the maintenance of the right-of-way of the Haines cut-off Road and the Department of National Defence is responsible for the maintenance of the Northwest Highway System.