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13. The Cabinet approved the recommendation of the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs and agreed:

(a) that the Minister of Resources and Development be authorized:

(i) to request the British Columbia Government to pass an Order in Council transferring to Canada the administration, control and benefit of the land required for the right-of-way to a pipeline from Haines, Alaska, to Fairbanks, Alaska, through British Columbia territory;

(ii) to submit to the Governor in Council a recommendation that Canada accept the transfer; and,

(iii) to submit to the Governor in Council a recommendation for the appointment of a special commissioner;

(b) that, on passage of the two Orders in Council, the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs be authorized to enter into an exchange of notes with the U.S. Ambassador, in accordance with the draft submitted, covering the terms and conditions for the construction of the pipeline from Haines to Fairbanks through British Columbia and Yukon Territory; and,

(c) that the Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs be authorized to inform the U.S. government that the U.S. Army might advertise for tenders immediately, subject to prior issuance of an agreed public statement by the two governments, without waiting for the completion and signature of the exchange of notes.

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14. The Minister of National Defence, as Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, said that, on January 30th, the U.S. Secretary of State had sent a note to the Canadian Ambassador in Washington proposing that two experimental radar stations be established in Canadian territory, one on Herschel Island and the other at Aklavik. He submitted a draft note which he recommended be sent in reply.

An explanatory memorandum was circulated.

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