

EXCHANGE OF NOTES (January 16 and 17, 1957) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING USE OF THE HAINES CUT-
OFF ROAD BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY FOR THE WINTER MAIN-
TENANCE OF THE HAINES-FAIRBANKS PIPELINE

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EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to the recent discussions by the Permanent Joint Board on Defence regarding the winter maintenance of the section of the Haines-Fairbanks pipeline, from the British Columbia-Alaska border to Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, which runs parallel to the Haines Cut-Off Road. It is understood that the United States Army wishes to use the road for this maintenance not more than once a month from each end, except in case of emergency.

The Canadian Government is prepared to permit the use of the Haines Cut-Off Road by the United States Army for the winter maintenance of the Haines-Fairbanks pipeline, under the following conditions:

- (a) This use of the road will be regarded purely as a military operation, needed to maintain a military installation;
- (b) It will entail no expense to the Canadian Government;
- (c) The road as a whole will at no time be opened in the winter;
- (d) Normally teams will not work simultaneously from Haines Junction;
- (e) The U.S. Army, Alaska, will request permission in advance from the Commander, Northwest Highway System, each time the road is to be partially opened;
- (f) The Commander, Northwest Highway System, will control the road at all times and will inform the appropriate Canadian authorities each time the road is to be partially opened;
- (g) The U.S. Army, Alaska, will assume full responsibility for the welfare of the maintenance teams while they are using the road;
- (h) The detailed implementation of the above conditions will be worked out between the U.S. Army, Alaska, and the Commander, Northwest Highway System;
- (i) This permission is valid until July 1, 1958, at which time a renewal, if desired, will be requested by the United States Government through diplomatic channels.