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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Ottawa, Canada, December 21, 1945.

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Sir;

I have the honor to refer to my predecessor's note No.738 of August 14, 1942, and to your reply No.125 of August 15, 1942, regarding the establishment of an oil supply line which would be supplementary to that known as the Canol Project, which was dealt with by my predecessor's note of June 27th and your reply of June 29, 1942.

In that exchange of notes it was agreed that the pipeline from Skagway to Whitehorse and the storage and loading facilities at Prince Rupert should remain the property of my Government until agreement after the war upon their disposition. It was further agreed that the pipeline and the other facilities mentioned should not be dismantled until such action was recommended by the Permanent Joint Board on Defence.

Having in mind that fact that the major United States facilities at Prince Rupert are in process of being disposed of in accordance with the 33rd Recommendation of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, which formed the subject of the Canadian Ambassador's note to the Secretary of State of November 22, 1944, I have now been directed to propose that the storage and loading facilities at Prince Rupert mentioned in the exchange of notes of August 14-15, 1942, and including several buildings and structures, an open storage yard, a railroad spur, and a dock, be disposed of under the procedure established by the 33rd Recommendation without the prerequisite reference to the Board contemplated in that exchange of notes.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Sgd) Ray Atherton

The Right Honorable
The Secretary of State
for External Affairs.
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