

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN CATALINA EXPLORATION
AND DEVELOPMENT LIMITED AND PRIME MINISTER

Motion No. 206—**Mr. McCleave:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the letter dated in March sent by Catalina Exploration and Development Limited to the Prime Minister, and the reply thereto.

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 206 is acceptable to the government subject to the usual reservations concerning confidential documents and to the authorization of the government authorities concerned.

Mr. Speaker: Subject to the reservations and conditions expressed by the parliamentary secretary, is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Jerome: Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Notices of Motions Nos. 207 and 208.

STUDIES UNDER "FEDERAL PRESENCE PROGRAM"

Motion No. 207—**Mr. Mather:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of all consultant studies, research studies or publications prepared by Information Canada in its "Federal Presence Program".

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am informed by the Hon. Robert Stanbury that no studies or publications have been prepared for the "Federal Presence Program" of Information Canada. Under these circumstances I would ask the hon. member to consider withdrawing his motion.

Mr. Mather: I withdraw, Mr. Speaker.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

FILMS PRESENTED AT TERRE DES HOMMES BY
INFORMATION CANADA

Motion No. 208—**Mr. Mather:**

That an Order of the House do issue for a transcript of the special films presented as part of Information Canada's federal exhibit program at Terre des Hommes.

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am informed by the Hon. Robert Stanbury that the film being prepared for the Information Canada exhibit at Terre des Hommes is a short animated treatment of the theme of the citizen solving problems through a democracy. Since there is no voice or verbal presentation, there is no manuscript in the usual sense of the word. I therefore ask the member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Mather: I withdraw, Mr. Speaker.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps I should remind the parliamentary secretary that it is preferable and indeed required by the rules to refer to an hon. member either by his constituency or by his responsibility in the administration and not by his name. I appreciate that at times, in some respects, there are difficulties, but I am sure the parliamentary secretary will want to bear that in mind.

Mr. Baldwin: There should be more anonymity.

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PROPOSED TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE SYSTEM—EXPRESSION OF CANADIAN OPPOSITION—PARTICIPATION BY BRITISH COLUMBIA IN MEETING WITH UNITED STATES OFFICIALS

Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport who I see is on the roster today. It is prompted by the information given the Leader of the Opposition in Alaska yesterday by Professor Weedon indicating the paucity of research concerning possible effects of coastal and water pollution from the TAPS route. Is the minister in a position to assure the people of Canada that the government of Canada will present to the United States government its strong opposition to the TAPS project which threatens the Canadian people with an ecolocatastrophe?

[Translation]

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to inform the minister of this question as soon as possible.

[English]

Mr. Macquarrie: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether there is a cabinet-wide position on the TAPS route, and will this be made clear to the Canadian people and the Canadian Parliament at an early date?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker. The subject has not been the object of policy by the government.

Mr. Macquarrie: I have one further supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Considering the fact that the British Columbia government, in contradiction to his own government, has a strong and clear-cut position on the matter, will negotiations be entered into with the United States so that the government of British Columbia might be invited to the May 3 conference?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, the May meeting in Washington between officials of our government and the United States government is to discuss this position and