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RELATING TO

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Witness my hand the 20th day of June, 1938.

Given at the Foreign Office, London.

IN FORCE DECEMBER 20, 1938





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> The Secretary of State of the United States to the Canadian Minister at Washington

> > DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, June 9, 1938.

I have the honor to inform you of the desire of the Polaris-Taku Mining Company, Limited, to establish radio communication between its privately owned radio station in the Province of British Columbia, Canada, and the station of the columbia of t station of the Alaska Communication System at Juneau, Alaska, for the exchange of traffic pertaining to weather and flying conditions and emergency medical assistance. In view of the nature of the messages sought to be exchange of traffic pertaining to weather and flying conditions and emergency medical assistance. In view of the nature of the messages sought to be exchanged the War Department of the United States approves the establishment of the proposed circuit.

1 accordingly inquire whether the Government of Canada is prepared to authorize the suggested radio connection, omitting ordinary commercial traffic, between stations of the Alaska Communication System and radio stations located in Canada. If such approval is given by your Government it is suggested that provision be made for the modification of the details of arrangements. hents with respect to the class of traffic handled, subject to the approval of the s. the Secretary of War of the United States and a designated official of the

Government of Canada. It is also proposed that the arrangement provide for the operation and administration of the affected radio channels subject to the following conditions Which are understood to be in accordance with the procedure and practice

applicable to similar channels now in operation:

(a) Radio traffic will be exchanged in accordance with the regular operating procedure of the Alaska Communication System and of the radio stations in the Dominion of Canada, provided that in cases where the operating procedure applicable to one station is in conflict with the operating procedure of the station with which radio traffic is exchanged, the differences will be administratively adjusted by co-operation between the chief operators of the stations involved.

(b) The establishment of operating schedules between any two stations authorized to exchange radio traffic will be such as may be agreed upon between the Officer in Charge, Alaska Communication System, Seattle, Washington, and the administrative official in charge of the operation of the radio station with which such radio schedules are established.

(c) The charges made by the Alaska Communication System on local traffic between the local radio station of the Alaska Communication System and any radio station in the Dominion of Canada with which arrangements are made for the exchange of traffic will be in accordance with duly established tariffs applicable to such service.

(d) The division of tolls between the participating radio stations will be the participation of the participation of the participation will be the participation of the participation of the participation of the participation of the participati made on the basis of the tolls accruing to each in accordance with applicable tariffs, and settlement of accounts will be made by Auditor for the Alaska Communication System, Seattle, Washington at such intervals as may be agreed upon and in the same manner settlement is made under similar conditions for commercial radio traffic between stations of the Alaska Communication System other radio stations.

(e) Arrangements for the exchange of radio traffic between stations of the Alaska Communication System and radio stations located in Dominion of Canada shall not be extended to provide for the for warding of drafts or money orders.

It should be observed that it is not intended that this proposed arranger ment shall in any way contravene the provisions of the United States-Canadian regional arrangement governing the use of radio for aeronautical services, which was negotiated at a conference in Washington in January 1938

which is now before your Government for study.

It is suggested that the contemplated service be authorized to commence at any time after the conclusion of this understanding by exchange of notes and that either party may withdraw from the arrangement by giving six months notice in writing to the other party, at which time the arrangement shall be deemed to have terminated. deemed to have terminated. In this connection, however, it should be borner in mind that the terms of this in mind that the terms of this arrangement shall be within the scope of the existing interpational talescome within the scope of the existing interpation and the existing talescome within the scope of the existing talescome within the existing talescome within the existing talescome within the existing talescome with the existing talescome within the existing talescome with the existing talescome wi existing international telecommunication convention and the annexed regulation to which both parties hereto may have adhered.

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The Canadian Minister at Washington to the Secretary of State of the United States

CANADIAN LEGATION

No. 160 t to bas, metry motivation system and to emberedu WASHINGTON, July 11, 1938.

I have the honour to refer to your Note of June 9th, 1938, concerning the control of the Polaris-Taku Mining Co. desire of the Polaris-Taku Mining Company Limited to establish radio munication between its privately-owned radio station in the Province of British Columbia and the station of the Alaska Communication in the Province of British Columbia and the station of the Alaska Communications System at Juneau Alaska, for the exchange of traffic participations. Alaska, for the exchange of traffic pertaining to weather and flying conditions and emergency medical assistance and emergency medical assistance.

It appears that the Polaris-Taku Mining Company Limited is at Present licensed to operate a radio station at its mine seven miles northwest of quah, British Columbia call sign CVOI quah, British Columbia, call sign CY31, for radio-telephone communication the frequencies 2060 and 5720 kilocycles with the Department of Public Works, Telegraph Service, radio stations at Telegraph Creek, British Columbia, and Hazelton, British Columbia, only.

On the condition that the proposed radio communication between Tulse-quah, British Columbia, and Juneau, Alaska, will be strictly limited to the exchange of traffic pertaining to weather and flying conditions and emergency been assistance only, and in view of the fact that the proposed circuit has approved by the War Department of the United States, the Canadian Government through the Department of Transport will be prepared to authorize Polaris-Taku Mining Co. Ltd. radio station to communicate with the outlineau, Alaska, station subject to the conditions (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) forth in the last two paragraphs of the same communication.

I have, etc.,

# HERBERT M. MARLER

The Secretary of State of the United States to the Canadian Minister at Washington

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, July 18, 1938.

July 11, 1938, concerning the desire of the Polaris-Taku Mining Company, itation in the Province of British Columbia, Canada, and the station of the Pertaining to weather and flying conditions and emergency medical assistance. Polaris-Taku Mining Company, to note that your Government will be prepared to authorize the the Juneau, Alaska, station subject to conditions a, b, c, d, and e outlined in last two paragraphs of the same communication.

In transmitting a copy of your note under acknowledgment to the War nent that the Department stated that it was suggesting to your Governable of August 1, 1938. I shall ate of August 1, 1938, is agreeable to your Government.

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For the Secretary of State:

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## The Canadian Minister at Washington to the Secretary of State of the United States

#### CANADIAN LEGATION

Washington, August 22, 1938.

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I have the honour to refer to your note of July 18, 1938, and previous correspondence concerning the proposed agreement under which the Polaris Taku Mining Company, Limited, would establish radio communication between its privately-owned station in the Province of British Columbia and the station of the Alaska Communications System at Juneau, Alaska, for the exchange traffic pertaining to weather and flying conditions and emergency medical assistance. You enquired whether the date of August 1, 1938, would agreeable to the Canadian Government on the date of August 1, 1938, would agreeable to the Canadian Government as the date on which the agreement in question should come in the first state of the date of the canadian date of the date of in question should come into force.

I am instructed to inform you that the agreement is satisfactory to competent authorities of Canada and it is understood that it is in force as August 1, 1938, according to the terms set out in previous correspondence.

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### HERBERT M. MARLER

## The Canadian Minister at Washington to the Secretary of State of the United States

#### CANADIAN LEGATION

No. 232

Washington, September 27, 1938.

Sir, I louwe vieteving all gowled

I have the honour to refer to my despatch No. 195 of August 22nd and ious correspondence concerning the previous correspondence concerning the agreement under which the Polaris Taku Mining Company Limited established radio communications between privately owned station in the Province of British Columbia and the station of the Alaska Communications System at Luncon Alaska Communications Syste of the Alaska Communications System at Juneau, Alaska, for the exchange traffic pertaining to weather and flying a little of the state traffic pertaining to weather and flying conditions and emergency and medical assistance.

I am now instructed to call to your attention that the Department aleast Transport states that while the Polaris-Taku Mining Company have clearly specified the classes of message they desire the desire the state of the st specified the classes of message they desire to exchange between their state at Tulsequah, British Columbia and the results of at Tulsequah, British Columbia, and the Juneau station of the Alaska munications System, representations received him to be a station of the Alaska legisters. munications System, representations received by the Department from the agents of the Company state that agents of the Company state that messages following the normal routing commercial traffic between these stations are subject to serious delay and now request authority to handle any class of local message between Tulsequest and Juneau direct.

In view of this request the Department of Transport approached the Department Telegraph Service of the Department of Transport approached the Department of Transport approach Government Telegraph Service of the Department of Public Works view to eliminating the difficulties experienced in the service between Tulsed in and Juneau, and the following proposals have now been submitted in connection by the Government Telegraph Service. These proposals—it is understood—have been approved by the legal agents of the Polaris-Taku Mining Company at Vancouver.

(1) All commercial traffic between Juneau and Tulsequah should be routed in future via Atlin instead of via Telegraph Creek, Wrangell, Seattle and Juneau, which is the present route for such traffic. The Canadian Government station at Atlin is much more powerful than the Telegraph Creek station and it is considered to be better located to work with Juneau and Tulsequah than is Telegraph Creek. It is proposed that this Tulsequah-Atlin-Juneau schedule should be worked

every two hours during the day.

It is understood that it would be necessary to obtain permission

States Army, to establish this from the Chief Signal Officer, United States Army, to establish this proposed communication between the station of the Alaska Communication nications System at Juneau and the station of the Government Telegraph Service at Atlin in order to handle Tulsequah business with

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(2) The Government Telegraph Service state that they are prepared in connection with the Sunday and holiday service to accede to the wishes of the Polaris-Taku Mining Company that the Tulsequah Station station should communicate direct with Juneau as is the present Practice in the handling of weather reports and emergency medical

The Department of Transport state that they have no objection to the extension of this service between Tulsequah and Juneau on the basis of the proposals of the Service as outlined above.

proposals of the Government Telegraph Service as outlined above. I should be glad to be informed whether this proposed arrangement would with the With the States meet with the approval of the interested authorities of the United States Government. I have, etc.,

W. A. RIDDELL

For the Minister.

The Secretary of State of the United States to the Canadian Minister at Washington to the Canadian Minister at Washington

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, November 16, 1938. 27, I have the honor to refer to your Legation's Note No. 232 of September 1938, and my reply of October 4, 1938, outlining an amplification of the messagement for the transmission of meteorological and other emergency radio and ages between the transmission of meteorological and other emergency radio and ages between the transmission of the Polaris-Taku Mining Company, Limited, and ages between the transmission of the polaris-Taku Mining Company, Limited, and ages between the transmission of the polaris-Taku Mining Company, Limited, and the polaris-Taku Mining Company, Limited, and the polaris-Taku Mining Company and the polaris-Taku messages between the station of the Polaris-Taku Mining Company, Limited, the station of the Station System at Juneau. and the station of the Polaris-Taku Minneau.

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Contained in your note of September 27, 1938.

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Government at Dawn de informed of the victor that, if it concurs in them, they to these additional recommendations in order that, if it concurs in them, they to these additional recommendations of notes. may be made effective by this exchange of notes.

Accept, Sir, etc.,

For the Secretary of State:

G. MESSERSMITH

The Canadian Minister at Washington to the Acting Secretary of State of the United States

No. 302 CANADIAN LEGATION
WASHINGTON, December 20, 1938.

I have the honour to refer to your Note of November 16th outlining certain I have the honour to refer to your recommendations with regard to the proposed amplification of the additional recommendations for meteorological and other emergency in the Polaris-Taku Mining Commendations of the Polaris Mining Commendation of the Polaris Mining Commendation of the Polaris Mining Commendation of the Polar additional recommendations with regard to the polaristation of the arrangement for the transmission for meteorological and other emergency radio arrangement for the station of the Polaris-Taku Mining Company Limito additional recombination for the transmission for ineconstruction of the Polaris-Taku Mining Company radio messages between the station of the Polaris-Taku Mining Company Limited messages between the station of the Alaska Communications System at Juneau. messages between the Salaska Communications System at Juneau and the station of the Alaska Communications System at Juneau

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