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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
and  
CANADA**

**Exchange of notes constituting an agreement relating to the use of the Haines Cut-Off Road for maintenance of the Haines-Fairbanks pipeline. Ottawa, 16 and 17 January 1957**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered by the United States of America on 30 April 1957.*

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE  
et  
CANADA**

**Échange de notes constituant un accord relatif à l'utilisation du chemin de traverse de Haines pour l'entretien du Haines-Fairbanks pipe-line. Ottawa, 16 et 17 janvier 1957**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 30 avril 1957.*

No. 3825. EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA RELATING TO THE USE OF THE HAINES CUT-OFF ROAD FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE HAINES-FAIRBANKS PIPELINE. OTTAWA, 16 AND 17 JANUARY 1957

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*The Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs to the American Ambassador*

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
CANADA

No. 13

Ottawa, January 16, 1957

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 and 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;

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 17 January 1957 by the exchange of the said notes.

- (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.

If these conditions are acceptable to the United States Government, I propose that they should become effective on the date of your reply to this Note.

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

For the Secretary of State for External Affairs :

R. M. MACDONNELL

His Excellency Livingston T. Merchant  
Ambassador of the United States of America  
Ottawa

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*The American Ambassador to the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs*

UNITED STATES EMBASSY  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA

No. 178

January 17, 1957

Sir :

I have the honor to refer to your Note No. 13 of January 16, 1957, proposing certain conditions under which the Canadian Government will permit the use of the Haines Cut-Off Road by the United States Army for the winter maintenance of the Haines-Fairbanks pipeline.

I am pleased to inform you that the United States Government concurs in the conditions as set forth in your note.

My Government further agrees with your proposal that your note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments effective today.

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

Livingston T. MERCHANT

The Honorable Lester B. Pearson  
Secretary of State for External Affairs  
Ottawa