

HAINES-CHAMPAGNE SECTION OF ALASKA HIGHWAY

*Exchange of notes at Ottawa November 28 and December 7, 1942
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The American Minister to the Secretary of State for External Affairs

LEGATION TO THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Ottawa, November 28, 1947

No. 798

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to my conversation with Mr. Keenleyside of November 11, 1942, in which, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I requested the approval of the Canadian Government for the construction by appropriate American agencies of the Canadian section of a road from Haines Point, Alaska, to Champagne, Yukon Territory, where it would join the Alaska (Alcan) Highway which is now being constructed according to agreement between our two Governments.

As I pointed out, the construction of this cut-off road would give the United States Army additional facilities for distributing supplies in Yukon and Alaska by truck, and would materially supplement the quantity of freight that can now be moved into the Whitehorse area over the narrow gauge White Pass and Yukon Railway.

The Canadian Government was good enough to inform me orally on November 19, 1942, that it authorized the construction of that part of the Haines-Champagne road which lies in Canada and I have been directed to express the appreciation of the United States Government for this new mark of Canadian cooperation.

My Government has now instructed me to propose to the Canadian Government that the Haines-Champagne cut-off road shall henceforth be considered an integral part of the Alcan Highway, subject in all applicable

respects to the terms of the agreement reached in our exchange of notes of March 17–18, 1942.¹

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

PIERREPONT MOFFAT

The Right Honorable
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
Ottawa.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs to the American Minister

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CANADA

No. 171

OTTAWA, *December 7, 1942*

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to your note No. 798 of November 28, 1942, in which you propose, on behalf of your Government, that the Haines-Champagne cut-off road shall henceforth be considered an integral part of the Alcan Highway, subject in all applicable respects to the terms of the agreement reached in our exchange of notes of March 17–18, 1942. This proposal appears to be covered by the decision of the War Committee on November 18, 1942, that permission be given to the United States to construct the Highway on the understanding that terms would be worked out between the two countries similar to those in effect for the Alaska Highway.

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

N. A. ROBERTSON
for
*Secretary of State
for External Affairs*

THE UNITED STATES MINISTER TO CANADA,
Ottawa, Canada.

¹ EAS 246, *ante*, p. 261.