

ALASKA HIGHWAY

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The Secretary of State to the Canadian Minister

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

July 19, 1943

SIR:

I have the honor to inform you that the Honorable Anthony J. Dimond, Delegate of Alaska, United States House of Representatives, has proposed that the highway from Dawson Creek, British Columbia, to Fairbanks, Alaska, be given the official name "Alaska Highway".

The Government of the United States believes that the name suggested by Mr. Dimond is suitable and in harmony with popular usage. It is of the further opinion that the highway should be jointly named by the Governments of the United States and Canada in view of the location of the greater part of the highway within Canada and in view of the friendly cooperation which has made possible its construction.

In accordance with the foregoing, I have the honor to propose that the highway from Dawson Creek, British Columbia, to Fairbanks, Alaska, be designated the "Alaska Highway". If the Canadian Government is agreeable to this proposal, it is suggested that this note and your reply in that sense shall be considered as placing on record the agreement of the two Governments in this matter.

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

CORDELL HULL

The Honorable

LEIGHTON MCCARTHY, K.C.,

Minister of Canada.