

CANOL PROJECT: EVALUATION OF FACILITIES

*Exchange of notes at Ottawa February 26, 1945, supplementing agree-
ment of June 27 and 29, 1942, as supplemented*

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The American Ambassador to the Secretary of State for External Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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SIR:

I have the honor to refer to previous correspondence and specifically to the exchanges of notes of June 27 and 29, 1942,² August 14 and 15, 1942,³ and June 7, 1944,⁴ as well as to recent discussions which have taken place with officials of your Government, all with regard to the Canol Project.

In the note of June 27, 1942, my Government proposed that the pipeline from Norman Wells to Whitehorse and the refinery at Whitehorse should be operated under contracts with it or by its agents or representatives during the war. I am instructed now to propose that this shall not be construed as requiring that the United States shall continue to operate the pipeline and the refinery until the termination of hostilities, and further to seek the agreement of your Government that the United States may terminate or modify operation of any or all of the facilities of the Canol Project including the products pipeline system when, in its opinion, military considerations make such a course desirable. It is understood that the United States authorities will remain responsible for such care or maintenance of the facilities as they regard as necessary or desirable.

In the exchange of notes of August 14 and 15, 1942, it was provided that at the termination of hostilities discussions should be undertaken at the request

¹ 11 UST 2486; TIAS 4631.

² EAS 386, *ante*, p. 276.

³ EAS 387, *ante*, p. 280.

⁴ EAS 416, *ante*, p. 347.