

REVISION OF CANOL PROJECTS

Exchange of notes at Ottawa June 7, 1944, revising agreement of June 27 and 29, 1942, as supplemented

Entered into force June 7, 1944

Supplemented by agreement of February 26, 1945¹

Superseded by agreement of March 31, 1960²

58 Stat. 1384; Executive Agreement Series 416

The American Ambassador to the Secretary of State for External Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Ottawa, Canada, June 7, 1944

No. 156

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to previous correspondence and specifically, to the exchanges of notes of June 27 and 29, 1942,³ August 14 and 15, 1942,⁴ and December 28, 1942–January 13, 1943,⁵ as well as to recent conversations which have taken place with officials of your Government, all with regard to the Canol project.

2. My Government, desiring to arrange for an early withdrawal from activities in the Northwest Territories having to do with discovery and development of oil fields and at the same time to provide for an adequate supply of oil to meet present and future military needs, proposes the following, namely, that it: a) terminate its contract with the Nobel Drilling Company for exploration work in the Northwest Territories; and, b) modify its contract with Imperial Oil Limited for the discovery and development of oil fields and the production of oil in accordance with the terms of the letter of intent dated April 11, 1944, a copy of which is enclosed.

3. The Government of the United States asks the Canadian Government to agree to the proposals set forth above and further to agree: a) that the provision of the August 14–15, 1942, exchange of notes as to the disposition of the Skagway – Whitehorse pipeline will apply also to the gasoline distribution lines to Watson Lake and Fairbanks; b) that after the United States disposes of its works, installations and facilities of the Canol project as pro-

¹ TIAS 1695, *post*, p. 394.

² 11 UST 2486; TIAS 4631.

³ EAS 386, *ante*, p. 276.

⁴ EAS 387, *ante*, p. 280.

⁵ EAS 388, *ante*, p. 303.