

LEASE OF WHITE PASS AND YUKON RAILWAY

*Exchange of notes at Ottawa February 22 and 23, 1943, with Canadian
Order in Council of November 6, 1942
Entered into force February 23, 1943
Terminated by agreement of March 31, 1960 ¹*

57 Stat. 1423; Executive Agreement Series 390

*The Secretary of State for External Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires
ad interim*

DEPARTMENT OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CANADA

No. 17

OTTAWA, February 22, 1943

SIR,

I have the honour to refer to the correspondence and negotiations with regard to the White Pass and Yukon Route. I am enclosing for your information a copy of an Order in Council P. C. 10067, dated the 6th of November, 1942. This Order in Council is in terms which have already met with your approval, and which establish the legal foundation for the operation and maintenance by the Government of the United States of America for the duration of the war of the Railway owned by the British Yukon Railway Company and the British Columbia – Yukon Railway, which form parts of the White Pass and Yukon Route.

2. The arrangements which have been agreed upon contemplate that there may be agreements concluded between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada, or the Government of the Province of British Columbia, in respect of matters within the jurisdiction of such governments. It is my understanding that the authorities of your Government who are interested in this matter considered that such agreements should be of a flexible character, and should be entered into by recording, from time to time, by Exchange of Notes, arrangements which concern the two Governments. It is likely that in the course of the operation of the White Pass and Yukon Route further matters will arise requiring modifications and changes, and that your Government and mine will co-operate in

¹ 11 UST 2486; TIAS 4631.