

CANOL PROJECT: EXPLORATORY WELLS

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*The Assistant Under Secretary of State for External Affairs
to the American Minister*

DEPARTMENT OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CANADA

OTTAWA, January 18, 1943

DEAR MR. MOFFAT:

I wish to refer again to your note of December 28, 1942,¹ No. 818 on the proposals for drilling exploratory oil wells in the Northwest Territories. The question has arisen as to the best means of avoiding the possibility of the intervention of any one whose interest is not identical with that of the Canadian Government or of the United States Government, and who might make application for oil and gas rights in that part of the Northwest Territories under discussion.

It would facilitate the drafting of regulations if the United States authorities would indicate more definitely the particular districts, within the very large area described in your note No. 818, paragraph 2, which seem to be the most promising. These districts could then be reserved for exploration by nominees of the United States Government.

Yours sincerely,

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The Honourable PIERREPONT MOFFAT,
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¹ EAS 388, *ante*, p. 303.