

LAND-LINES COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EDMONTON, ALBERTA, AND FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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SIR:

I have the honour to refer to Canadian-United States discussions which were held in Ottawa from October 31 to November 2, 1946, concerning the future operation and maintenance of the war-built land line communication system between Edmonton, Alberta, and Fairbanks, Alaska.

2. At these meetings it was recommended, subject to the consideration and approval of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence, that a number of facilities from Edmonton to the Alaskan border should be assigned for exclusive use of the United States, the annual rental to be \$271,000.

3. Subsequently at a meeting of the Permanent Joint Board on Defence on November 19-20, 1946, a report of these meetings was considered and approved, and on April 1, 1947, the Canadian Department of Transport made these facilities available to the United States authorities. At the present time the Canadian Government's Operating Agency, the Canadian National Telegraph, who are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the system on Canadian soil, are forwarding monthly accounts for the rental of these facilities to the Commanding Officer, Alaska Communications System, in Seattle, but payments have not been made as formal authority for the lease has not yet been arranged.

4. The Permanent Joint Board on Defence therefore recommended at the meeting of September 11-12, 1947:

"Communication Circuits of the Alaska Highway

The Board noted that the United States forces have definite need of the voice and teletype circuits along the Alaska Highway and that the Canadian