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Mr. Allen Wallis
Under Secretary for Economic Affairs
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Dear Mr. Wallis,

As you know, Secretary Shultz informed the Right Honourable Joe Clark, in a letter of August 3, 1987, that a final decision on a proposed Presidential finding that might authorize exports of natural gas from Alaska has been deferred to allow for consultations with Canada regarding the implications of such a move for the completion of the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System.

Canadian officials were prepared to hold these consultations during the first week of August but this did not prove to be possible because of travel and holiday difficulties on the U.S. side. I now wish to confirm that Canadian officials are prepared to meet with their counterparts in Washington in late September to take account of U.S. scheduling problems. I understand that September 30 has been fixed as a mutually acceptable date and would suggest leaving open for the time being the possibility of an additional meeting thereafter.

Yours sincerely,

L.H. Legault
Chargé d'Affaires