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MEMORANDUM FOR THEODORE J. GARRISH
Federal Inspector for the Alaska
Natural Gas Transportation System

From: Ernest F. Chase
Director, Office of Regional and
Resources Policy

Subject: Alaska North Slope Gas

Your memorandum to Secretary Baker of October 5 regarding possible issuance of a Presidential Finding authorizing export of Alaska natural gas was referred to me for reply.

As you may know, the EPC considered this issue on October 13 and concluded that further consultations with Canada were desirable, particularly regarding the possible effects of the proposed Presidential Finding on Canadian public opinion and ultimate approval of the U.S.-Canada free trade agreement.