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Mr. Ogden Williams  
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Dear Mr. Williams:

Thanks for your letter of February 16, enclosing a copy of your communication to the Department of the Interior, relative to the proposed Trans-Alaska Pipeline. I appreciate having your counsel in this important matter.

As you know, the Department of Interior Staff Study recommended approval of the pipeline construction. These recommendations were submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, January, 1971. The Interior Department held two days of hearings in Washington and two days in Alaska last month. It will probably be several months before the Secretary announces his decision. The Secretary's decision must then be reviewed by the Environmental Quality Council.

Legislation has been introduced in the Senate which would require Congressional action prior to any pipeline construction, S.546. This bill was referred to the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. Committee consideration is anticipated in the future.

With best wishes, I am

Truly,

*Jennings Randolph*  
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