

To Sen Kilgore

June 20, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE TRUMAN COMMITTEE

Senator Truman asked me to check with the War Department to determine what appropriations they were asking for the operation of the oil producing and refining facilities of the Canol Project, as distinct from the distribution facilities of the Canol Project, as to which the Committee made no objection. Senator Truman had been informed by the Appropriations Committee clerk that there was no appropriation for Canol. Actually, it was buried in an appropriation for the Engineer Corps which, even as itemized in the ten volumes handed to the Appropriations Committee, appeared only as part of an item of the Northwest Service Command which had no reference to the word "Canol", and which item was designated secret because it included secret items.

The Deputy Chief of Staff and the Army Budget Officer had with them a further volume labeled "secret" which would have been made available to the Appropriations Committee, if requested, and that contained a breakdown of the Northwest Service Command items, which included a breakdown of the Canol Project.

The foregoing can be summarized as follows:

Total budget request "Engineer Service" (Page 30 of HR 4967) \$1,800,217,000.

In supporting schedules the above total is distributed  
(Vol. 6, page 1270 Project 430 E) and includes  
"Northwest Service Command" (Secret)

\$34,250,000