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To President of company
"InterBering, LLC"
F. G. Soloviev

RE: Construction of the railway Russia-USA

Dear Fyodor Georgievich!

The Department of Technical Policy of "Russian Railways" received a letter from the Deputy Director of the Administrative Department of Transport of Russia Lipatov S.A. from August 5th, 2014 No. C-6471 on the direction of the Facilities at JSC "Russian Railways" for the consideration of your appeal to the President of the Russian Federation on the construction of the railroad Russian-US.

Your suggestion regarding the organization of the railway Russia-USA with a tunnel under the Bering Strait considered.

Of course, the organization of a direct connection between Eurasia and North America should contribute to unprecedented economic growth on both continents. That is why the project of connection Eurasia and North America (Alaska and Chukotka across the Bering Strait) has been approved in Russia long ago by the tzar Nicholas the Second.

Our department is interested in the implementation of the project in question, as the JSC "Russian Railways" has extensive experience in the construction and operation of railways in permafrost conditions. Construction of a new railway in such conditions will develop and use new technologies of construction materials and equipment, as well as rolling stock.

It is necessary to draw your attention to a number of problems that are not addressed in your appeal and will have to face. In addition to funding such an expensive project, the process of organization of which you set forth in sufficient detail, and lack of support from the United States about railway project Alaska-Canada, there are several problems, which says nothing.

The first is the problem of different gauge in Russia and the United States - 1,520 mm and 1,435 mm respectively.

Second, a significant portion of the proposed route of the road runs through the territory, where there are no roads, necessary for the transport of construction materials, equipment and construction. The problem is compounded by the need for port development in Chukotka and Magadan.

These problems can significantly increase the estimated cost and time of the project.

Nevertheless, the Department of Technical Policy of "Russian Railways" thank you for participating in this project and wish you a speedy implementation.

First Deputy Head of Department of Technical Policy

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