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Mr. Kurt Raht,
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Dear Mr. Raht:

Last September we published a report entitled
"The Arsenic Problem at Yellowknife" and in May of this year
brought it up to date with a supplemental report.

Included in the original report are the following data:

- (a) Roaster tonnages at Giant and Con for the years 1949 to 1953.
- (b) Concentrations of arsenic in drinking water and in various water bodies as determined by Con.
- (c) Fall pan data as determined by Giant and Con.
- (d) Concentrations of arsenic in drinking water, in locally produced food, in various water bodies and on grass as determined by ourselves.
- (e) Efficiencies of the arsenic collection systems at Giant and Con as determined by ourselves.
- (f) A report on a clinical investigation carried out in Yellowknife by Dr. D.L. Henderson who was formerly a medical consultant with our division.

Because some of the above information was given to us by Con with the understanding that it would be kept confidential, distribution of the report has been restricted to government officials directly concerned with this problem. One copy was given to Dr. Stanton in his position as medical officer of health for Yellowknife. Because of the long-continued co-operation of Giant and Con in supplying us with information and assistance as we required them we should now like to reciprocate by sending copies of these reports to the two companies. However, we will not do this unless and until both companies have agreed to this exchange of information.

While I was in Yellowknife this summer I spoke about this to Mr. Pitcher and he had no objections. Will you please let me know what the attitude of your company is in this matter.

I hope that you will not feel there is any intention on our part to press you about this as it is not of too much concern to us one way or another. But if you and Giant wish to receive copies of the report we will need your mutual consent.

Yours very truly,

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