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NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

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Mrs. Wendish - to

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~~Dr. Ball. To note. End~~

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INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

To: Dr. E. A. Watkinson.
Dr. K. Kay.

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FROM: J. P. Windish.

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DATE: February 10/56.

SUBJECT:

Occupational Health Division

On the afternoon of Wednesday, February 8th, Dr. Watkinson, Dr. Kay, Dr. Ball, Dr. MacFarland and myself met in Dr. Watkinson's office to discuss the results of my trip to Yellowknife and my talks with Provincial Health Officials in Edmonton, Regina and Winnipeg. Concerning Yellowknife I believe that the following decisions for action by myself were made:

1. When results of analyses of all the samples which I collected in Yellowknife in January are available, I am to write a report on them which is to be in the nature of a supplement to the Yellowknife Report issued last Fall.

2. If, as is expected, the results show that there has been little significant change from the situation which existed when the problem was first brought to our notice in 1949, I am to draft for the Deputy Minister's signature, a covering letter to be sent with the report to the Department of Northern Affairs pointing this out and noting that we consider the situation to be a serious health hazard. The draft is to be submitted to Dr. Kay.

3. After all analytical results are available I am to discuss with Mr. K. J. Christie, Chief Mining Inspector of the Department of Northern Affairs the desirability of requiring the mines in Yellowknife to take stack samples regularly and to submit the results to Ottawa monthly.

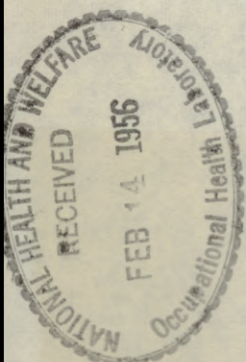
4. Dr. Ball, Mr. Monkman and myself will decide whether we should undertake the analysis for arsenic of birds from Yellowknife as suggested by Mr. John Kelsall of the Canadian Wildlife Service.

Will you please tell me of any errors or omissions in the above or of any changes which you wish made.

J. P. Windish

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I don't recall that we agreed that this is the case? Rather, we are concerned that it does not become so.

E.A.W.

I am inclined to doubt the value of this. Each