

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

To: J.P. Windish

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FROM: W.L. Ball

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SUBJECT:

A Chemist for the Yellowknife Project

You will recall that last fall it was suggested that Northern Affairs and National Resources take over the sampling and analytical phases of the survey.

To assist them we drew up a list of the equipment and facilities which would be required and prepared the duties and responsibilities of the chemist who would be located in Yellowknife.

Subsequently you and Mr. Christie recommended that the chemist should be on our staff. This recommendation was discussed with Drs. Kay and Watkinson and our Personnel people. From these and other discussions it appears that we might be prepared to set up a junior chemist position in 1957-1958 and that this chemist might be sent to Yellowknife.

As this chemist would be filling the position which you have requested be substituted for the present A.T.2 position, I will not back the proposal because I feel that if only one chemist is to be hired he should be assigned to Ottawa.

Dr. Kay had a phone call from Mr. Christie in which the latter said that while Northern Affairs would equip a laboratory they would not hire the chemist.

In conclusion, the situation is that unless you and Mr. Christie can present such arguments as will convince National Health that an additional position should be set up to provide a chemist located full time in Yellowknife we will continue to conduct the survey by sending Occupational Health staff to Yellowknife as required.

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W.L. Ball