



MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

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TO
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Dr. F. H. Hicks.

FROM
DE

Consultant, Occupational Medicine.

SUBJECT
OBJET

Giant Yellowknife Mines - letter
from Manager concerning report

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ
OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE
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YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE
DATE
July 20, 1976.

This letter, addressed to Dr. Eaton, criticizing the distribution of the report prepared by Ross and Rispler appears to be fully justified and unfortunate from our point of view.

As you will note from the attached copy of your memorandum to Dr. Covill, September 24, 1975, sufficient copies of the report were made available and advice was given for distribution of the report to include the Manager of Giant Yellowknife Mines Limited.

Perhaps before writing a letter of apology to Mr. Moore, you should consult with Dr. Eaton as to what actually happened concerning distribution of the report.

Lorne has pointed out that, in addition to the fact that the mine was not provided with a copy of the 1975 report, people have been descending on the mine from Environment Canada, Energy, Mines and Resources, Indian and Northern Affairs, Health and Welfare, Territorial Government, and others. With so many government units and various authorities involved, it must be confusing and frustrating to the company.

Attach.

T. H. Patterson, M.D.

letter to Mackay from

not guilty

By hand.

McBrown

or Patrick

early Sept. (P)
in ~~July~~ 1975.
no news
(day of release).

Ed. Harp has
copy of Eaton's reply.

DINA - had responsibility
to circulate.
6 copies to them at Yellowknife.

because of their
responsibility for
min. inspection.

LEAD MINERAL CONCENTRATIONS BEDDING
GIVEN AS FOLLOWS: MINERAL - TONNES

contacting the appropriate agencies.

DR. L. H. HICKS

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July 20, 1976

Mr. W. A. Moore
Mine Manager
Giant Yellowknife Mines Limited
Yellowknife, N. W. T.
XOE 180

Dear Mr. Moore,

I was most distressed to receive your letter of July 7th, which for reason of a slightly deficient address did not reach me until today (July 20th).

Though I am no longer acting in the position of Programs Medical Officer, having returned to my former position in the Northern Medical Research Unit, I am replying personally since I enjoyed such cordial relations with your predecessor during the time of our association.

I am frankly unable to understand why a copy of the previous report was not received by you.

I personally carried, as I remember, six copies of this report to Yellowknife the day after we received them in Edmonton. Distribution included the Mine Managers at Con and Giant, the Union local, and the D. I. N. A. mines inspector, Mr. Hal Brown.

Because of a requirement for my attendance at a deadline for a meeting all copies were handed by me either to Mr. Brown or Mr. Patrick - and at this time I cannot remember which - in the D. I. N. A. office in the Bellanca building who agreed to circulate them on my behalf.

I was at some pains to obtain assurance that this would be done without delay, not because I thought Giant mine would not get a copy but at the time there was a confusion as to which Union was properly representing the mine employees and we were concerned that the Union representative would be missed.

The names of the intended recipients were noted by Mr. Brown (or Mr. Patrick) and I watched him write them down.

Your letter of today is the first intimation that the report was not delivered as expected.

This quite obviously does not exonerate me as I patently failed to carry out completely a task I had undertaken. However I hope that you will realise that Medical Services as a whole cannot be faulted since all concerned, and especially Messrs. Ross and Rispler, had made every effort to ensure that the reports would be delivered promptly.

Your last but one paragraph is perhaps unfortunate in that it voices a criticism of Medical Services which could hardly be less true. Our department is and will always be concerned to work with industry to achieve total cooperation in health matters.

However I can fully appreciate your obvious annoyance and I can only apologise for having been instrumental in causing it.

Yours sincerely,

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Very truly yours,
[Signature]
[Title]

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of the report of the [Name] dated [Date].

Very respectfully,
[Signature]

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

Very truly yours,
[Signature]