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## MEMORANDUM

## NOTE DE SERVICE

TO  
ÀRegional Director,  
N.W.T. Region.FROM  
DEDirector General,  
Program Management.SUBJECT  
OBJETArsenic -  
Yellowknife

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ

OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE

(M14)

YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE

DATE

April 3, 1975

Appended please find:

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Original signed by  
L. M. BLACK  
signé l'original  
L.M. Black.

c.c. M16 (Dr. Frost)



MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH

L.M. Black  
Director General  
Program Management

Date: 02.04.72

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TO:

*MTG* *RA*  
*MAH*

REMARKS

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Directeur général  
Gestion des programmes

DIRECTION DES SERVICES MÉDICAUX



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(M 20)

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DATE

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It seems to me that N.W.T. Region, not Head Office, is the right office to enquire into the problem M 16 reports on page one of his memo to me of March 20, and to recommend action to the N.W.T. Government (as its Public Health Advisor) if the problem is real.

If you agree, I suggest you inform N.W.T. Region of the information M 16 has provided and ask them:

- i. to investigate the information provided
- ii. to decide if there is a Public Health problem in this situation
- iii. to advise N.W.T. Government what actions are needed if any to deal with it
- iv. to inform us of their findings and actions taken

You will also be interested in M 16's notes on treatment of heavy metal poisoning. I cannot judge this, but it seems to suggest there are methods of treatment that result in excretion of the metal from the body, which might prevent damage to tissues.

*D.B. Dewar*  
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1. Apr. 75  
Memo dictated to  
P.D. NW.T.