

MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH

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MINISTER'S CORRESPONDENCE

SUBJECT:	Medical data obtained from urine tests	FILE NO: <u>850-5-X751</u>
FROM:	Mr. Wayne Bannick Chairman, Safety Committee United Steelworkers of America Local 802 Box 327 YELLOWKNIFE, Northwest Territories	DATE: <u>October 20 '75</u>
TO:	Minister	INITIATED IN BRANCH
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> RECEIVED IN ADM'S OFFICE: <u>December 15 '75</u> (Date) </div> <div> PASSED: <u>December 15 '75</u> (Date) </div> </div>		
ACTION:	Please prepare a reply for the Executive Assistant's signature (Ann. C. Jamieson) by December 23 '75.	

TO	DATE	REPLY			B.F.	DATE SENT TO MINISTER	SIGNED
		INTERIM	FINAL	DATE			
Dr. Thomson	Dec. 15 '75		<i>Jat</i>	<i>19-12-75</i>			
<i>Anne</i>	<i>Dec 19</i>		<i>X</i>	<i>Dec 19</i>			
		<i>retape</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Dec 23</i>			
<i>Anne</i>	<i>24/12</i>					<i>Dec 24 '75</i>	

REMARKS:

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du bien être social, Cabinet du Ministre
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October 20, 1975

Honourable Marc Lalonde
Minister of National Health & Welfare
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario

Mr. Lalonde,

Our local union safety committee is studying the report on arsenic of your officials released in Ottawa and Yellowknife on October 3. We intend to take up the recommendations with the companies as soon as possible, although we suspect that without stronger laws to protect workers in dangerous jobs in the N.W.T. the companies will not comply.

We wonder whether you would consider releasing the medical data obtained from the urine tests used in this study. In the 1971 study (by A. J. de Villers and P. M. Baker of your department's occupational division) urine samples were also done and the results were released (not by name of individual but by groups.)

For some reason the latest urine sample results have not been disclosed, and we think it would be useful to have such information. It would be helpful to know if the arsenic levels in the latest tests are higher than in the earlier study.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Wayne D. Bannick

Wayne Bannick,
Chairman, Safety Committee
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