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June 6, 1975.

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Mr. L. Edgeworth,  
Assistant Deputy Minister,  
Environmental Protection Service,  
Environment Canada,  
Place Vincent Massey,  
Ottawa, Ontario.  
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Dear Mr. Edgeworth:

Following the news release on the Yellowknife Arsenic Study by the Honorable Marc Lalonde on May 27, we have been contacted by a senior adviser on the staff of the National Indian Brotherhood. He presented us with some information concerning a sample of 18 arsenic determinations and 2 mercury determinations done on the hair of residents of Detah and Lathan Island. The attached copy of a telex was handed to us by the Brotherhood officer, and is all the information we have on this sampling which was commissioned by the N.I.B. It has since received some publicity in the media.

In addition to the remarks on the analysis of snow contained in the telex, the N.I.B. officer indicated he had evidence that the stack emission of the mill was in excess of 1000 lbs. of arsenic per day.

The purpose of my writing is to alert you to the probability of further National Indian Brotherhood press releases on this subject, and to request from you any information you have on snow and soil analysis in the

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Mr. L. Edgeworth

Yellowknife area and the level of arsenic emission from the mill. We are commencing the next phase of our study on June 9, and this information interests us from the health point of view.

We have asked for a full report of the N.I.B. commissioned study and will be pleased to forward a copy to you as soon as it is received.

Yours sincerely,

Original Signed by  
Original signé par  
D. B. DEWAR

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Assistant Deputy Minister,  
Medical Services.

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Assistant Deputy Minister of Medical Services  
Sous-ministre adjoint des Services médicaux

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