

MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

TO / À M20

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SUBJECT / OBJET ARSENIC IN YELLOWKNIFE

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ

OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE

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YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE

DATE

June 3, 1975.

Allan Roy of NIB contacted us this morning concerning a small survey done by the Brotherhood which "challenged" our press release. He met with the undersigned, Mr. Fillion, Dr. Patterson and Dr. Wheatley. He presented us with a copy of a telex which gave figures on arsenic levels in hair on 7 persons in Detah and 11 persons in Lathan Island. The figures for arsenic were not unusual. Two children from Lathan Island had levels of 22.5 and 19.2 ppm. The only 2 mercury determinations done were on 2 children in the same community. These levels are elevated: 180 and 90 ppm. No background on the personal histories is known.

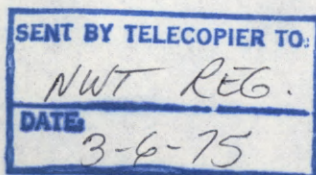
Mr. Roy expressed concern about the continuing emission of arsenic from the stack, indicating he had figures showing it to be more than 1000 lbs. per day.

We indicated our interest in correlating his figures with our own study, explained our figures in detail and I believe satisfied him that our press release was factual and complete. He was most impressed by the knowledge that we were starting phase II next week.

We agreed on the following:

1. We would photocopy the full report for him, with the names blocked out.
2. He would provide us with the complete NIB report.

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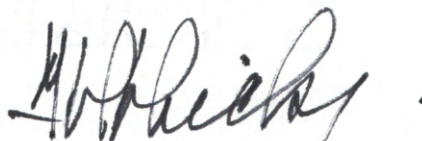




Mr. Roy subsequently telephoned me to say he was contacted by Peter Garrie of "News of the North" and asked me to telephone Mr. Garrie. I indicated that our Northern Region would be the ones to do this and that I would alert them. I then telephoned Dr. Eaton and:

1. Briefed him on our meeting with Mr. Roy.
2. Sent him a telecopy of the NIB press release.
3. Asked him to include the names of the four children in next week's phase II. Agreed.
4. Asked him to have Dr. Schaeffer contact the Yellowknife Brotherhood to explain phase II and discuss it with them. Agreed.
5. Telephone Mr. Garrie after he receives the telecopy. Agreed.

The whole approach with Mr. Roy was not to challenge his point of view, but to welcome the added information and incorporate it in our plan of action.



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June 3, 1975

Dr. Eaton (N.W.T. Region)

For your information.

Michel Fillion.