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August 17, 1976.

Your file Votre référence

Our file Notre référence

Ms. Carla Furlong,
Environmental Secretariat,
100 Sussex Drive,
National Research Council,
Division of Biological Sciences,
OTTAWA, Canada

Dear Ms. Furlong:

You requested in your letter dated August 11, 1976 a copy of "your paper entitled: Survey of Arsenic Levels in Residents of the Yellowknife Area, 1975".

I am sorry that I cannot fulfill your request as I never published a paper on arsenic levels in Yellowknife. I was however involved in clinical examinations in June, 1975 in Yellowknife, which followed a hair screening program conducted by Medical Services in March, 1975 in Yellowknife in the planning of which I was also involved.

The results of our findings in March as well as in June, 1975 were reported by the Regional Director, N.W.T. Region to Branch Headquarters Medical Services in Ottawa and made public by the Minister, the Honorable Marc Lalonde on several occasions.

Dr. R.D.P. Eaton, Acting Director of Program's Development at that time in the Northwest Territories Region co-ordinated and edited the various reports and analyses resulting from our investigations in March and June in Yellowknife, including my own report of clinical examinations.

My own detailed report contains a great deal of confidential personal medical history and findings which wherever indicated was made available to the concerned individuals personal physician and for specialist acting as consultant for the employing firm.

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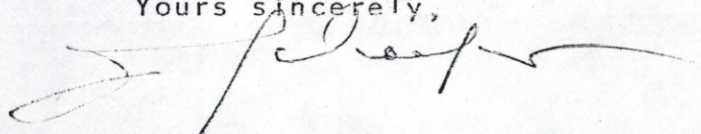
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I am naturally not free to divulge copies of my detailed report as that would contain confidential personal medical details.

I must leave it up to our Branch Headquarters and the Northwest Territories Regional Director how much of the reports prepared by Dr. Eaton and myself or recent summations and reviews by our Consultant in Environmental Sanitation and Engineering, Mr. Jack Grainge, should be made available to you.

Copies of this letter are sent therefore to our Ottawa Branch Headquarters as well as the Northwest Territories Regional Director, whom you may contact further on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'O. Schaefer', written over a horizontal line.

O. Schaefer, M.D., FRCP(C)

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cc: Reg. Director, N.W.T. Region.
✓ Dir., Programs Management, Ottawa