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October 28, 1949.

Mr. R. A. Gibson,
Deputy Commissioner,
Administration N.W. Territories,
Norlite Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Reference your letter of October 4 concerning methods for precipitation of arsenic trioxide from roaster smoke in the Yellowknife area. I would like to stress again the necessity of obtaining more detailed information before this procedure develops beyond the experimental stage. We do not consider that we can evaluate the health implications until this information is available, and the large quantity of potentially dangerous material which will accumulate rapidly appears to make an early decision desirable.

It may be that a visit to the area by officers of the two Departments would assist with a correct evaluation. We would be ready to take part in such an investigation as soon as it can be arranged.

Yours very truly,

KCC/OH

G. D. W. Cameron, M.D., D.P.H.,
Deputy Minister of National Health.

c.c. - Dr. P. E. Moore,
Director, Indian Health Services,
Booth Building, Ottawa.