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LANDS DIVISION

Ottawa, 21 October, 1950.

Dr. K. C. Charron,  
Chief,  
Industrial Health Division,  
Department of National Health & Welfare,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Doctor Charron:

ARSENIC DISPOSAL, YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.

I am replying to your letter of October 18th in that Mr. Gibson retired from the Government Service on October 3rd to take a well-earned rest after 42 years of conscientious service to the people of Canada.

*P.A.*  
We agree that it was most unfortunate that the cottrell plant could not be installed this Fall by Giant Yellowknife Gold Mines Limited. Mr. Gibson's letter to you of September 25th explained why delivery of all the equipment could not be made this year. From our conversation with Mr. A.K. Muir during his visit to Ottawa, we feel satisfied that the Company has done everything possible to expedite delivery of the equipment. We cannot see that anything could be done at this time from Ottawa to assist the Company in securing early delivery. As you know, water transportation is closed and winter freighting across Great Slave Lake will not likely begin until early in February.

Apparently Dr. O.L. Stanton, Local Medical Health Officer, is satisfied that adequate precautions are being taken to protect the health of residents in the community. Our Mining Inspector, Mr. S. Homulos, is working closely with him, and I can assure you that the situation is receiving their very careful attention.

Yours very truly,

G.E.B. Sinclair,  
Chief, Lands Division.