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OTTAWA, 26 November 53

Dr. W. L. Falconer,
Medical Superintendent,
Charles Camsell Indian Hospital,
Edmonton, Alta.

Dear Dr. Falconer,

Arsenic Analyses-Henry Lafferty

The sample of hair and nails which you forwarded recently was passed to the Food and Drug Division but they report the sample to weigh 1/10 grams only, whereas the absolute minimum required for an analysis is 2 grams and they would prefer to have 10 grams. Would it be possible for you to provide this sort of a sample?

Alternatively, Dr. K. Kay of the Occupational Health Laboratories has been doing a number of analyses of urine from the Yellowknife area and would be quite interested in doing a sample on Lafferty if he can have a litre to which has been added 1 cc of toluene. At the same time, because of his interest in the arsenic problem at Yellowknife, Doctor Kay would very much appreciate having a case history summary on Lafferty whether or not he has the opportunity to do the urine analysis.

We fully appreciate the desirability of having an arsenic analysis done by two independent operators and wish to make every effort to have this accomplished provided you can forward sufficient quantities of material.

Yours very truly,

(Signed)

P. E. Moore, M.D., D.P.H.,
Director, Indian Health Services

cc. Dr. Kay