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OTTAWA, December 7, 1953.

Mr. J. M. MacLennan, Department of Resources & Development, Canadian Wildlife Service, Norlite Building, 150 Wellington Street, O T T A W A. Ontario.

Dear Mr. MacLennan:

With reference to your letter of November 20 we do have extensive information on the levels of arsenic over the past few years in the Yellowknife area, but this has not yet been assembled into a complete report nor will we be making references with respect to the effects of arsenic on mammals, birds and fish, excepting that as you are probably aware a herd of cattle died from arsenic poisoning in 1949 and some observations of the effect on wildlife were made by your own Wildlife Service.

Possibly the most useful help I could give you would be to arrange a meeting at which the data on arsenic levels in the area could be described to you or your representative. Would you let me know if this is what you desire.

Yours sincerely,

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Kingsley Kay, Chief, Occupational Health Laboratory.