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Gouvernement
du Canada

MEMORANDUM

NOTE DE SERVICE

TO: M 14
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FROM: M 20
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SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ
OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE (M 20)
YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE
DATE March 27, 1975

SUBJECT
OBJET Arsenic - Yellowknife

It seems to me that N.W.T. Region, not Head Office, is the right office to enquire into the problem M 16 reports on page one of his memo to me of March 20, and to recommend action to the N.W.T. Government (as its Public Health Advisor) if the problem is real.

If you agree, I suggest you inform N.W.T. Region of the information M 16 has provided and ask them:

- i. to investigate the information provided
- ii. to decide if there is a Public Health problem in this situation
- iii. to advise N.W.T. Government what actions are needed if any to deal with it
- iv. to inform us of their findings and actions taken

You will also be interested in M 16's notes on treatment of heavy metal poisoning. I cannot judge this, but it seems to suggest there are methods of treatment that result in excretion of the metal from the body, which might prevent damage to tissues.

D.B. Dewar

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1. Apr. 75
memo dictated to
P.D. NWT.

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