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850-5-X751 (FHH)

AUG 20 1976

MEMORANDUM TO THE MINISTER

Re: Giant Yellowknife Mines Complaint

You will recall the investigation which we carried out in cooperation with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development concerning the problem of arsenic contamination in Yellowknife during the summer of 1975. We exercised great care to insure that all information was made available to the press and the public.

The formal report of the investigation was written by officers of the Occupational Health Technical Support Unit, Medical Services Branch. Fifteen copies of this report were forwarded on September 24 from Medical Services Headquarters to the Director, Medical Services, Northwest Territories Region, with instructions to distribute the report to all interested parties. Specifically, the Director was instructed to make arrangements with the Regional Mining Engineer, Northern Natural Resources and Environment Branch, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, Yellowknife, to provide Giant Yellowknife Mines, Limited, with two copies. Responsibility for mine inspection in the Territories rests with Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and it was therefore appropriate for their engineer to contact the company. The copies were handed on to him but were not distributed to Giant Yellowknife Mines.

An explanation written to the manager of the company from Dr. R.D.P. Eaton who was acting on behalf of our Regional Director, is attached.

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Jean Lupien

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Attach.

TYPED ON: AUGUST 17, 1976.

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