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Mr. W. A. Moore
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Dear Mr. Moore,

I was most distressed to receive your letter of July 7th, which for reason of a slightly deficient address did not reach me until today (July 20th).

Though I am no longer acting in the position of Programs Medical Officer, having returned to my former position in the Northern Medical Research Unit, I am replying personally since I enjoyed such cordial relations with your predecessor during the time of our association.

I am frankly unable to understand why a copy of the previous report was not received by you.

I personally carried, as I remember, six copies of this report to Yellowknife the day after we received them in Edmonton. Distribution included the Mine Managers at Coa and Giant, the Union local, and the D. I. N. A. mines inspector, Mr. Hal Brown.

Because of a requirement for my attendance at a deadline for a meeting all copies were handed by me either to Mr. Brown or Mr. Patrick - and at this time I cannot remember which - in the D. I. N. A. office in the Ballance building who agreed to circulate them on my behalf.

I was at some pains to obtain assurance that this would be done without delay, not because I thought Giant mine would not get a copy but at the time there was a confusion as to which Union was properly representing the mine employees and we were concerned that the Union representative would be missed.

The names of the intended recipients were noted by Mr. Brown (or Mr. Patrick) and I watched him write them down.

Your letter of today is the first indication that the report was not delivered as expected.

This quite obviously does not exonerate me as I patently failed to carry out completely a task I had undertaken. However I hope that you will realise that Medical Services as a whole cannot be faulted since all concerned, and especially Messrs. Ross and Rispler, had made every effort to ensure that the reports would be delivered promptly.

Your last but one paragraph is perhaps unfortunate in that it voices a criticism of Medical Services which could hardly be less true. Our department is and will always be concerned to work with industry to achieve total cooperation in health matters.

However I can fully appreciate your obvious annoyance and I can only apologise for having been instrumental in causing it.

Yours sincerely,

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