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Dr. H. B. Brett
Principal Medical Officer
Medical Services Branch

FROM
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Regional Director
Northwest Territories Region

SUBJECT
OBJET

LETTER FROM GIANT MINES MANAGER TO
MINISTER OF HEALTH DATED OCTOBER 4 1976

Further to previous correspondence I attach a letter recently received from the Programs Medical Officer, Mackenzie Zone, together with a copy letter from the Yellowknife Medical Clinic which are self explanatory.

F. J. Covill, M.B., B.S., M.F.C.M., D.P.H.
Regional Director

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Regional Director

Dr. H. C. Stone

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FROM THE ADDITIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER WHO HAS EXPERIENCED
THE PROBLEMS MEDICAL OFFICER, WASHINGTON, TOGETHER WITH A COPY LETTER
DIRECTOR TO PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE, I HAVE A LETTER RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM

MINISTERS OF HEALTH DATED OCTOBER 7 1976
REFER FROM STAFF NINES NUMBER 10

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FROM
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES REGION
Regional Director

Medical Services Branch
STANDARD MEDICAL OFFICER
Dr. H. C. Stone

OCTOBER 23 1976

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TO
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Dr. E. L. Fischer,
Director, Medical Programs,
Northwest Territories Region.

FROM
DE

Programs Medical Officer,
Mackenzie Zone.

SUBJECT
OBJET

Letter from Giant Mine Manager to Honourable Minister,
National Health and Welfare Dated October 4, 1976

SECURITY - CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ

OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE

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YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE

DATE

October 13, 1976.

Further to my letter of October 7, I enclose a copy of a letter from Dr. O'Donoghue's secretary. With reference to the last paragraph (which I have marked), I have been unofficially but reliably informed that the Giant Mine did receive results some 3 weeks ago but apparently Mr. Moore is unaware of this. Apparently there ~~was~~ some communication gap between Dr. O'Donoghue and his secretary who was unaware that these results should have been sent to the Giant Mine. However, why Mr. Moore should expect the Minister to apologize for the shortcomings of one of his own employees I cannot understand. (Dr. O'Donoghue has a contract as the Mine Medical Officer.)

C. R. Forrest,
Programs Medical Officer.

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Date: Oct. 8, 1976



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TO
A**Regional Director,
N.W.T. Region****ATTENTION: Mr. Jack Grainge**FROM
DE**A/Coordinator,
Environmental Contaminants Program**SUBJECT
OBJET**Report on Arsenic Pollution in Yellowknife**

SECURITY-CLASSIFICATION - DE SÉCURITÉ

OUR FILE - N/RÉFÉRENCE

YOUR FILE - V/RÉFÉRENCE

DATE

September 30, 1976

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. J.T. Hindmarsh of the Department of Pathology, Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, which was addressed to yourself but sent to this office.

Brian Wheatley

P.S. I am not sure of the present position regarding general release of this report. Possibly, you might like to discuss the matter with Dr. Covill before sending a copy of the report to Dr. Hindmarsh.



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Dr Brian Wheatley

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Arsenic situation need be
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attachment - found in YK
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September 15, 1976.

Dr. P. O'Donoghue,
Medical Arts Building,
YELLOWKNIFE, Northwest Territories.

Dear Doctor O'Donoghue:

RE: Arsenic Surveillance Program
Giant Employees

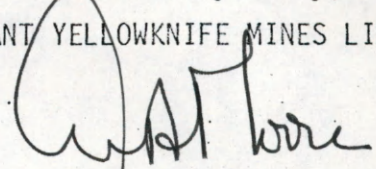
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In accordance with instructions from Dr. Forrest of the Department of Health and Welfare, we have been sending certain of our employees to your clinic for tests for arsenic. Naturally, these employees are concerned with their welfare and they are interested in these tests. They have asked us if they could have a copy of their own test results, and we have been unable to do this as we haven't seen the results ourselves.

Giant is interested in the health of these employees too, particularly as it reflects on the efficiency of our pollution control efforts. So we would like to have a copy of the results to see whether the improvements that we have made, and are making, are having any effect.

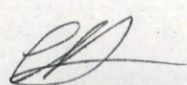
Could you please arrange that a copy of the test results be forwarded to our office, and we will make certain that each employee so tested gets a copy of his own results. It would help quell a lot of fears.

You may be interested in some evidence taken from one of our bulletin boards in the mill today of the interest that these tests have generated. You will note too, that you have been getting some free advertising. It would appear that the upright digit has some significance. I had no idea that that was how arsenic entered ones system.

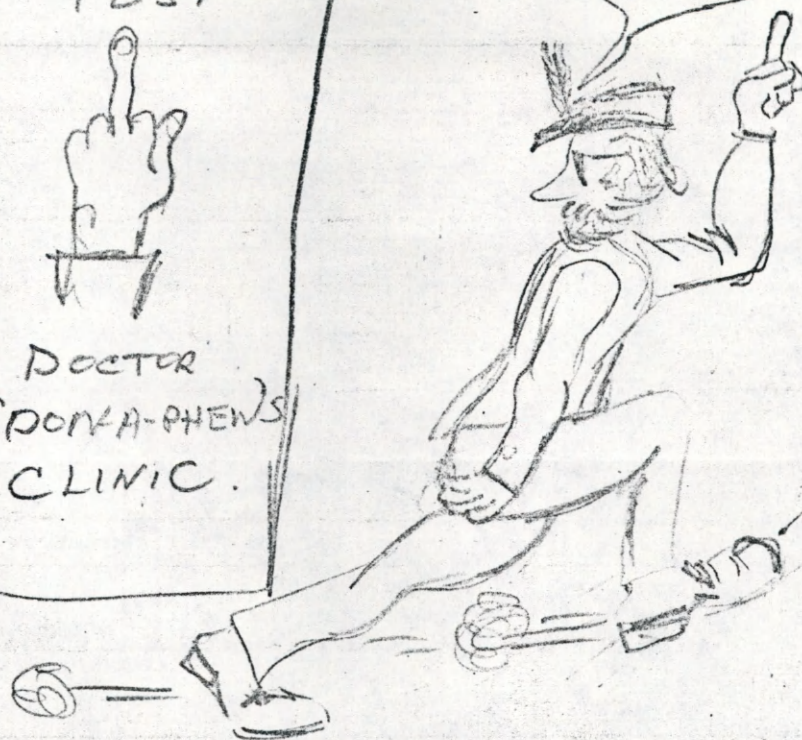
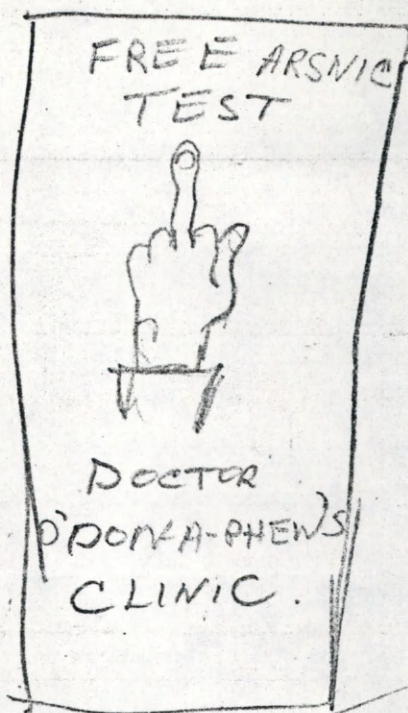
Yours very truly,
GIANT YELLOWKNIFE MINES LIMITED

W. A. Moore
Mine Manager

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c.c. C.R. Forrest, M.D./HEP/S. Hamilton.



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