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Honourable Marc Lalonde
Minister of Health and Welfare
House of Commons
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Ministère de la Santé Nationale et
du Bien-être social, Cabinet du Ministre
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Dear Mr. Lalonde:

I was pleased to hear that you are prepared to appoint a task force to investigate the arsenic situation in Yellowknife.

I am writing to propose to you that the task force ought to be made up of people who are satisfactory to the National Indian Brotherhood, the United Steelworkers of America, and the gold industry, and that the task force should have the investigatory powers and terms of reference to allow them to pull together all of the information about arsenic and its effects on gold miners, mill workers, and the public exposed wherever gold is produced in Canada.

I would be pleased to assist in arranging the cooperation of our local unions throughout Canada with the task force.

Yours sincerely,

F. Stewart Cooke,
Assistant to the Director.

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