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Mr. B. Kent Rowley,
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Dear Mr. Rowley:

Thank you for your letter of January 21, 1977 in which you informed me that the United Steelworkers of America was replaced as bargaining agent for the employees of Giant Yellowknife Mines by the Canadian Association of Smelter and Allied Workers. I understand this changeover came into effect on November 18, 1976.

I am most pleased that you have taken the time to inform me of this in writing, as I share with you in the opinion that recent press reports concerning arsenic levels in Yellowknife did tend to leave a false impression regarding the Union representation of the employees.

Your offer to provide the names of the responsible officers of the Canadian Association of Smelter and Allied Workers is gratefully acknowledged. I feel these names should most properly be drawn to the attention of the independent group who will be conducting the study under the auspices of the Canadian Public Health Association. Accordingly, may I suggest

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Mr. B. Kent Rowley

that the names be forwarded to:

Mr. D. Dafoe
Executive Director
Canadian Public Health
Association
1335 Carling Avenue
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Yours truly,

Marc Lalonde

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Typed on Jan. 28 '77
cc: Dr. Wheatley
Mr. D. Dafoe
Mr. Black

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