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Hon. Marc Lalonde,
Minister of Health,
Government of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont.

Re: Giant Yellowknife Mines

Dear Sir:-

In view of certain stories that have appeared within the last few days concerning the effect of emissions from the Giant Yellowknife Mines in Yellowknife, NWT, I am writing to correct a false impression that has been left.

The United Steelworkers of America is referred to in these stories as though it were the representative of the workers at this company.

*Not 18, 1976,
as per tel. call
to Labour Relations
Board. E. 26-1-77*
In fact, in a vote held by the Canada Labour Board some time ago the United Steelworkers was replaced as bargaining agent for the employees by an affiliate of this organization, the Confederation of Canadian Unions, namely, the Canadian Association of Smelter & Allied Workers.

Indeed, our organization recently concluded a collective agreement with the Yellowknife Mines.

Therefore, it would seem that if you want the views of the employees there you should consult our Union.

I would be glad to furnish you with the necessary names of the responsible officers.

Trusting to hear, I am

Yours truly,

R. Kent Rowley

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