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FROM: INDIAN BROTHERHOOD OF THE N.W.T.

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SUBJECT: ARSENIC IN YELLOWKNIFE

IN A RECENT PRESS RELEASE ON THE ARSENIC PROBLEM IN YELLOWKNIFE
YOU ANNOUNCED THAT YOU WOULD APPOINT A THREE MAN TASK FORCE TO
LOOK INTO THE SITUATION.

WE WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS NEW EFFORT - AS WE ARE VERY
CONCERNED WITH THE EFFORT OF ARSENIC ON THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY
THE DENE THAT LIVE OFF THE LAND.

WE WOULD LIKE TO APPOINT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER TO THE TASK FORCE,
BE IT ONE OF THE THREE OR A FOURTH.

THE DENE AND THE PUBLIC OF YELLOWKNIFE HAVE BEEN THE PAWNS OF
MANY PREVIOUS STUDIES - AT NO OCCASION IN THE PAST HAVE WE BEEN
SATISFIED WITH THE ACTIONS OF THOSE IN CHARGE.

WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT WE WILL NOT RECOGNIZE THE ACTIONS
OF THIS TASK FORCE IF WE DO NOT APPOINT A MEMBER TO IT.

WE AWAIT AN EARLY AND POSITIVE REPLY.

GEORGES ERASMUS

PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN BROTHERHOODX/NWT

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