

MEMORANDUM *JA*

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Dr. W.H. Frost,
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Health and Treatment

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Asst. Director-General, Foods
Food and Drug Directorate

DATE

November 4, 1970

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SUBJECT
Sujet

VEGETABLES FROM YELLOWKNIFE
DRAFT LETTER - NORTHERN REGION

In response to your memo of Oct 30, I have the following suggestions to make regarding the memo to Dr. Butler.

In paragraph 2, I suggest that a statement be added at the end to indicate that further work is planned for next year.

For convenience, I submit the following for paragraph 3:

The preliminary tests indicated only the total arsenic content of the samples which included surface contamination and, in some cases, attached soil. No analyses were possible this year on vegetable cores or vegetables washed to remove surface contamination and soil. More vegetables will need to be collected next year for such tests. Samples of vegetables collected at one site in the city showed an acceptably low content of arsenic. Some specimens, however, collected at other sites showed moderately higher amounts of arsenic which could probably be removed by washing. In view of the limited and seasonal consumption of vegetables grown in the Yellowknife area, the committee considered it inadvisable to make any public recommendations. It is considered that persons growing vegetables do not distribute them widely and that they wash them before consumption.

Should you wish to discuss any of the changes I have suggested, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

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