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ARMY MESSAGE

Edmonton, Alta.
16 May, 1951

Dr. Falconer,

Superintendent Kirkby signalled May 14 that one child died from arsenic poisoning from drinking water vicinity of Yellowknife Stop have advised him to contact the coroner and have stomach and contents sent out for analysis Stop Drummond informed me today that he received a request from Gooderham for immediate action as there are others ill presumably with same conditions Stop he recommended to Gooderham to have body sent out for proper diagnosis as he doubts any contamination in view of stringent precautions taken by mining company and recent satisfactory inspection by chief inspector from Ottawa Stop for your information and advise as to and any other measures that should be carried out.

M. Matas, M.D.

Phoned 10 a.m.
16 May '51
LP/CF

9-3267

HAP

Dr Matas 9-4881

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Have Kirkby arrange autopsy
and send organs indicated to
Edmonton to Dr Hansen for report

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CONFIRMATION

Phoned to *CF* At *7430*

By *LP* Time *1310Z*

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FM M MATAS MD FOR MEDICAL SUPT EDMN

TO DR W L FALCONER C/O P E MOORE DIRECTOR INDIANHEALTH SVC BOOTH
BLDG OTTAWA

GRNC

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