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Director General, Medical Services

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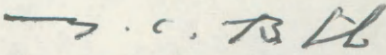
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Arsenic Study - Yellowknife NWT

With reference to Para 2 of your letter of September 29 1967, I would point out that Mr. J. Grainge carried out extensive reading on the carcinogenic effects of arsenic and cited three references in support of his statement. This is not a matter that can be disposed of lightly unless reliable references are also produced stating that 0.1 ppm of arsenic is not carcinogenic.

The statement that there is less per capita consumption of water in the north, and in Yellowknife in particular, is not substantiated to my knowledge, by any studies on the subject and on discussing the matter with persons who have lived in the north it is their opinion that there is no truth in the statement. The high consumption of liquor (usually with a water mix), tea and coffee, in the north together with the very dry climate would appear to negate any suggestion that there is less water consumption per capita.

We consider the arsenic problem in Yellowknife to be a very serious one and that it must be corrected as soon as possible.

  
Regional Director

cc - Mr. J. Grainge



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