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Director General, Medical Services

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Attention: Dr. Frost

OUR FILE No.
Notre dossier 150-5-X751 (NL)

FROM
De

Northern Region

DATE Nov. 16 1967

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SUBJECT
Sujet

Arsenic Health Survey - Yellowknife NWT

With reference to your telex message of November 15 1967 stating that it will probably be another two years before we get a report on the Health Survey carried out in Yellowknife in the summer of 1966, this would appear to be an abnormally long time to await a report on a question as to whether a community is suffering from the ill effects of arsenic pollution.

Dr. Patterson informs me that the hold-up is at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics who are tabulating the data and he suggests that pressure from our Department might help to expedite matters.

It is difficult to explain to a Territorial Council of lay persons why it should take three years to provide a report on a survey - I certainly cannot understand the delay and I would be grateful if you could do anything to expedite matters.

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Regional Director

cc - The Commissioner NWT

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Medical Services
Mackenzie Area Headquarters
500 Chancery Hall
Edmonton, Alta

Nov. 15 1967

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Dr. L. G. Powell,
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Dr. Powell:

Re: Health Survey - Yellowknife

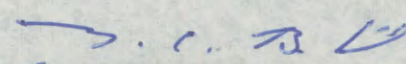
With reference to your telegram of November 14 1967, we have been pressing for a report from Environmental Health for months.

Today I phoned Dr. Patterson, Chief of Environmental Health Division, and he states that the data have been given to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for tabulation. However, it appears there is a tremendous backlog of work for the data processing machines and that it will be some months before they get the tabulations. It is doubtful if we will get a full report before another year.

Preliminary screening of the data suggests that there has been no deleterious effect on the population but until the data have been tabulated they are not prepared to make a statement on the probable long term effect.

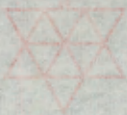
I regret that this is the only information available and I assure you that I will keep pressing for a report as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,


H. B. Brett, M.D.
Area Director, Mackenzie

cc - Director General, M.S.





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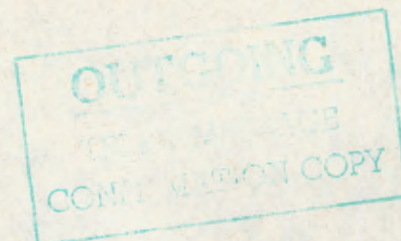
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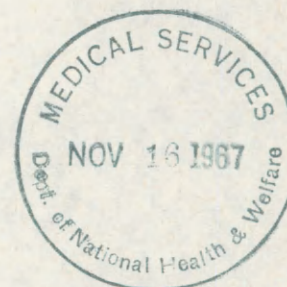
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