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VEGETABLES FROM YELLOWKNIFE

I attach herewith a copy of a letter received from the Consumers Association of Yellowknife.

Please request Food & Drugs Division to immediately confirm that I can inform the Association that the level of arsenic in Yellowknife vegetables is safe.

The Food & Drug Division requested samples of unwashed vegetables so that they could assess the arsenic content of a) unwashed samples, and b) washed samples. I now understand that they only estimated the content in unwashed samples.

I would appreciate a telex reply to this letter as if there is any delay in replying to the Association they are likely to take the matter up in the public press.

Terence Vay
Regional Director

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CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
Yellowknife Branch

Box 2000
Yellowknife, N.W.T.
Oct. 16, 1970

Dr. G.C. Butler
Regional Director
500 Chancery Hall
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Dr. Butler,

We were under the impression your department was doing a survey this past summer on the arsenic in Yellowknife. We were hoping by this time you would have results on the 1970 crop of vegetables grown in the area, plus any other tests you may have undertaken. As a local group who is very interested in this study, we would appreciate a summary of your survey at the earliest possible date. Thank you.

Yours truly,

A. H. Richardson
Mrs. A.J. Richardson
Secretary