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Tobled October 1976 No. 60 Co. I am pleased to report that the Central and Eastern Arctic Health Services Study is progressing very well.

The objectives of this study are:

- To conduct a review of the health delivery system in the Central and Eastern Arctic:
  - programs,
  - services.
  - manpower.
  - facilities.
- To identify gaps in the present health care delivery system.
- To provide recommendations to ensure adequate health care programs, services, manpower and facilities for the area.

This study is being undertaken by a staff member of the Health Care Division of the Department of Social Development. Mr. Blair Dunbar is undertaking the study under the direction of Mr. Robert E. McDermit.

A brief progress report is as follows:

- All communities in the Keewatin except Whale Cove have been visited.
- 2. Meetings have been held with Hamlet and Settlement Councils.
- Meetings have been held with Health Committees. 3. Nurses and Social Service Personnel.
- All persons have expressed interest and cooperated fully.
- Work is now commencing on the Northern and Eastern Arctic.

This is a very important Study. It is designed to look at how health care services are organized right now. It will also attempt to identify problems. When all the communities have been visited and the data gathered, recommendations will be made as to how health care services, programs, manpower and facilities should be organized for the future. I have spoken on several occasions about discussions which have taken place between Health and Welfare Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories which will eventually result in the Government of the N.W.T. assuming the responsibility for all health services. The Study is an important step in the process.

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