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Zone Director  
General Hospital  
Frobisher Bay, NWT

Dear Madame

I am writing concerning the matter of medical evacuation from High Arctic settlements, in specific, Grise Fiord.

A medical evacuation from Grise Fiord to Frobisher Bay takes a minimum of 5 hours if the weather is good.

What I'm questioning is, if there was a serious medi-vac from Grise Fiord and because of the distance involved and possibility of bad weather, the patient dies en route.

A suggested alternative would be to take the patient to Thule Air Base in Greenland as they used to when the army was still stationed along the DEW lines. The flight from Resolute Bay to Grise Fiord is only an hour and a half, then another hour and a half to Thule from Grise Fiord. I realize Thule is in another country and that the army is no longer stationed in DEW line sites. But; human life should not be jeopardized because of borders.

I'd appreciate an answer very soon

Yours truly  
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cc: Settlement council,  
Grise Fiord  
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