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The Honourable Ronald A. Irwin
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development
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October 9, 1996

Dear Mr. Irwin:

Re: Tl'oodih Healing Camp

This is an urgent appeal to you, asking for you to seriously look at funding the Tl'oodih Healing Camp situated 28 kilometers out of Fort McPherson. They have been open since April 1995 and have already helped a lot of our people. The problem is an economic one and can be easily corrected if energy is directed their way to look for practical solutions. I spoke with Robert Alexis Jr. from the Treatment Centre this morning and he has many potential solutions if government is willing to reciprocate and work with them.

We urge your department along with the Federal Health Minister to work with them and come up with a practical solution. We await a positive reply.

Sincerely,

Bill Erasmus
Dene National Chief

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- Ovide Mercredi, AFN National Chief
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