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leur état de santé**ATLANTIC** Region/RégionDate/Date **4/1/01**To/Destinataire **CHIEF SIMEON TSHAKAPESH** **(709) 896-3277**
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name/nom fax no./n° de télécopieurRe/Objet **Advance Payments**

Further to our discussion over the past two days, I have had an opportunity to consult on your request for an advance of money from Health Canada to see you through the current cash flow problem you mentioned. As you know, dating back to our first meetings in Goose Bay on December 6, Health Canada has maintained that we want to work in partnership with Davis Inlet but that our first priority is the well-being of the children at risk whose plight you have described so eloquently in the media.

In light of this, I can offer to pay immediately any reasonable costs for Davis Inlet representatives to attend meetings necessary to arrange for Newfoundland social workers to begin the assessment, in Davis Inlet, of children at risk in order to move them to the Grace Hospital as planned. I cannot, however, advance you any funds related to past expenditures, without submission of proper justification as we discussed in Ottawa on December 12 and as I discussed with Edgar Branton on December 15 and which he and I followed-up with an exchange of correspondence.

As I mentioned to Luke Rich yesterday, I can pay your expenses for attending these meetings in two ways: (1) I can reimburse your travel claims with the submission of receipts, just as I do for anyone else, Public Servant or not; or, (2) if you would prefer to have your staff forward to me a list of planned meetings related to arranging for the assessments of the children at risk in Davis Inlet to begin, then I will have an amendment to your contribution agreement drafted quickly and sent for signature upon receipt of which I will have a cheque requisitioned immediately.

As well, I have directed my staff to work with Dorothy Earle, as you suggested, in order to expedite payment of relevant past expenditures. I am confident that, with cooperation on both sides, we can accomplish this quickly.

cc. Ian Potter, ADM, FNIHB

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