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Honourable Greg Thompson, P.C., M.P.  
Room 421 West Block  
House of Commons  
OTTAWA ON K1A 0A6

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of December 7, 1999, requesting information on potential suicides at Davis Inlet.

My officials in the Atlantic Region are in contact with Health Canada with regards to this troubling rumour. Health Canada has developed, with the Davis Inlet Band Council, a plan of action to forestall this suicide threat.

We feel that the Health Canada plan will alleviate the potential for any drastic action by the children. At the same time, my department is working with the Innu and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador to expand the involvement of the Innu on education and policing. These are two areas that the Innu feel they must control in order to provide a positive future for themselves.

Yours sincerely,

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