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Hon. Allan Rock, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Health

Dear Mr. Minister:

It has been brought to my attention by the PC Director of Research Mr. Tim Powers that Health Canada is in possession of a report that suggests a number of children in Davis Inlet are planning a mass suicide attempt for December 31, 1999. This information was given to Mr. Powers in confidence by a person at Davis Inlet.

Mr. Powers spent three years with the Innu at Davis Inlet and is in touch with them on a regular basis. This information regarding the children is especially troubling given the history of Davis Inlet. This is an issue that goes far beyond partisan politics and I would appreciate it if you would advise me if this information is accurate.

Mr. Powers is in England until next week, but should you need to reach him his telephone numbers there are 011441580211084 or 011441580211415. If I can help in anyway please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Please provide further information <sup>20-1-00</sup>  
on long term strategy  
or action plan to  
prevent suicides.

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