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FLUORIDATION OF DRINKING WATER

Dear Mr. Albright,

We refer to your letter, dated February 3, 2000, with questions regarding fluoridation of Norwegian drinking water.

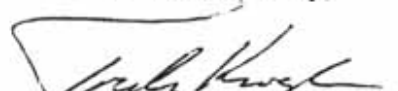
We can confirm that drinking water in Norway is not being fluoridated. In other words, no cities in Norway supply their citizens with fluoridated drinking water.

In Norway we had a rather intense discussion on this subject some 20 years ago, and the conclusion was that drinking water should not be fluoridated. It was thereby up to each individual to decide whether to use fluoride tablets, toothpaste or mouthwash to prevent caries.

Today, most people in Norway are using toothpaste with fluoride, and some parents give their children fluoride tablets. There is no ongoing political discussion in Norway concerning fluoridation of drinking water.

We do hope this answers your questions.

Yours sincerely,


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