

a lapsed time of approximately twenty-four hours, were still found to be "rock hard". As a result, no change of ice packs was required for the next phase of the trip. (Empty ice packs had been left on the outward bound trip at what would be the re-entry point, and the escort was met on the inward bound trip with substitute frozen ice packs which, as mentioned, were found not to be required.)

The security arrangements for the containers and the samples have already been described and need not be repeated. Every effort was made to have samples accompanied at all times by an escort or locked in a secure facility. One obvious deficiency is that the coolers themselves could not be locked, although extra luggage straps provided an additional measure of security.

#### 2.7.4 Addition of Fortified Samples

In order to provide a reference point concerning the analytical methodology, a number of fortified and blank samples were included with the field samples. Prior to this, a number of decisions had to be made concerning:

- a "reasonable" level of fortification;
- when, before or after control sample collection, the toxins should be added to the blood/urine tube or vial;