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Re:  Case

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

This case has culminated in an opinion favorable to us from the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. The West Virginia Compensation Commissioners had previously affirmed our position but, upon appeal by the widow to the West Virginia Workmen's Compensation Appeal Board, this was reversed and benefits granted to the widow. We appealed to the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia resulting in the final favorable opinion.

Enclosed is a courtesy copy of the opinion. We are certain that you will find this to be of interest.

Your interest and efforts are most appreciated and we again thank you for all that you have done for us enabling us to receive this favorable result.

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL FRUIT PRODUCT COMPANY, INC.

Harold L. Dawson

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Enclosure

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April 18, 1968

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Re: National Fruit Product Company, Inc.
[REDACTED] Case #66-49826

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 16, 1968 and I have forwarded your statement to the Company for payment.

Again I want to thank you for your help in the [REDACTED] case and I am happy that you had a pleasant trip to Martinsburg. When the apple trees are in bloom, it is a particularly pleasant time to be in this area.

Your analysis of Mrs. [REDACTED] is most accurate because I am advised that she has presently been working in the apple processing plant of National Fruit and evidently holds no animosity against the Company. The hospital records reveal that this whole problem arose because of Dr. Wilber's misinterpretation of the true facts and obvious strong bias toward fruit growers in general.

In any event, we do appreciate your assistance and I am hopeful that the outcome of this case will be favorable to both National Fruit Product Company and to the agricultural industry in general.

I will keep you advised of the outcome of the case and, of course, it may be necessary for us to confer with you again.

Very truly yours,

Lacy I. Rice, Jr.

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LIR, JR:rsm

Cc: Mr. Harold Dawson

April 16, 1968

Mr. Lacy I. Rice, Jr.
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The Old National Bank Building
Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401

Re: National Fruit Product Co., Inc.
[REDACTED] Case #66-49826

Dear Mr. Rice:

I am sending herewith the bill for my services in the [REDACTED] case, together with an account of my expenses in traveling to Martinsburg. I am most grateful for the arrangement made to drive me to and from Martinsburg. It was a pleasant ride, and it made it possible for me to make my contribution to the case in one day. There is something about the countryside - that is, the type of countryside between Washington, D.C. and Martinsburg - in the Springtime that makes one glad to be alive. It is, indeed, beautiful country.

The case under consideration possessed tragic elements. I felt infinitely sorry for that strip of a girl whose misfortunes had been so great, and who had been so misled into the belief that she had a just claim. On the other hand, the professional minds behind the case were so utterly thin, except, I suppose, for their content of sympathy, as to be trivial. The hospital record submitted in the case was a pitiful display of irrelevance and failure to carry out the appropriate procedures.

I have little doubt as to the outcome of the hearing. I would hope, however, that National Fruit Product Company might find it possible to do something to help Mrs. [REDACTED] if indeed she is in need and is also worthy of help, as she appeared to be. I was struck by the simplicity of her testimony, by her apparent lack of resentment which she might have had, and by a sort of innocence which seemed to border on helplessness.

With my thanks for your courtesy and that of my chauffeur, and my regards,

Sincerely,

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Robert A. Kehoe, M.D.
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