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Mr. Terry Eichenseer, Manager September 20, 1982
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RE: FILE NO: 019-77958-MW
EMPLOYER: ABEX, INC.
EMPLOYEE: JOSEPH I. RILEY
D/ACCIDENT: 8/11/82

Dear Mr. Eichenseer:

We have been handling this claim as a non-reporting case, until it became obvious that the reserve should be set above the reporting threshold. We confirm our recent telephone conversations.

JURISDICTION:

North Carolina.

DESCRIPTION OF LOSS:

The employee had been working for Abex Corp. since May 17, 1978. As all Abex employees, he had been given manual chest x-ray, and until August 11, 1982 they had been negative. On that date, an irregularity was supposedly found, and he was referred to Industrial Commission appointed physicians for a thorough examination at Huntersville Hospital. He was found to have had asbestosis, grade 1.

INSURED:

We have discussed this case in detail with John Campbell, Manager of Abex, Salisbury, N.C. Mr. Campbell informed us that his records indicated the employee had worked in other asbestos related industries. One of these, a shipyard, at the beginning of World War II. The claimant also had been a mechanic. Mr. Campbell told us that annual asbestos level studies were made in the plant, and asbestos in the air was always within tolerances. He told us that the employee worked in one of the lowest level areas in the plant. He informed us that for about a year the claimant had worked