

FAX COVER SHEET

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From:

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Sent on 12-Nov-93 at 13:27

Comment:

Hi, Carol-- I spoke to Pat. She wants to do it the 16th & 17th in St. Louis but she's got a GP deal going on in DC; she's going to try to get GP to let her out of her obligation to them. I'll let you know as soon as I hear. --Peter

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Mr. Joe Leritz
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Dear Mr. Leritz,

I understand you will be coming into the case to represent me in the lawsuit by William R. Gaffey against me and against Environmental Research Foundation.

John Michener told me this morning that my insurance company, Amerisure, is considering making some kind of settlement offer to Mr. Gaffey. I want to express to you in the strongest possible terms that such an offer may have dire consequences for my business. I am a journalist; many people know about the lawsuit by Mr. Gaffey against me. They will take it as an admission of guilt if I settle this case.

Furthermore, many of the researchers named in my newsletter #171 besides William R. Gaffey might take a settlement as an invitation to sue me, since many of the statements in my newsletter could be construed to refer to persons besides Mr. Gaffey.

I am not saying that settlement is out of the question. I am merely saying that I would consider it bad faith dealing by Amerisure if a settlement were offered to Mr. Gaffey without having been consulted fully about the nature of any settlement that might be offered. To the extent that you are representing me in this case, I want to make it absolutely clear to you that I am not authorizing you under any circumstances to make a settlement offer in this case without first consulting with me about the nature and terms of the proposed settlement.

I am not a person who enjoys lawsuits. This is the first one I have ever been involved in and I find it exceedingly unpleasant. Nevertheless, if my insurance company were to make a settlement offer in this case without consulting me, I would be forced to sue them for the damage that such an offer would be likely to do to my business, my self, and my organization.

Sincerely,



Peter Montague
Director

cc: Gerson Smoger
Mark Bronson
Paul Merrell

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**Hi, Paul— We're retyping this to get
the typos out. Any suggestions? Please
phone them to me immediately. Leritz is
meeting Michener in 40 minutes & I want
to get this into their hands so they
don't settle this thing out from under
me. Thanks! --Peter**

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I apologize for any typographical errors in this letter. In the interests of speedy communication, I am sending it, typos and all.

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Peter Montague