persuaded him not to do this because of even higher costs involved with that program.

I explained to both Mr. Schultz and Mr. Lacey that we were interested in maintaining close cooperation and communication with their respective plants, and I am sure that we will be able to do this. It always helps to get out and see these people in person, and I think the meeting was a definite success.

I discussed with Mr. Lacey briefly the pending case of Redacted, now deceased, file C669-27047, again a case on which I have briefed you. This is the case where we have been waiting for our doctor's report in regards to causation, and Dr. Mannell had just toured the Oakland plant with Mr. McCarthy and the Sherwin Williams people there last week, preparatory to writing his report. Unfortunately, Dr. Mannell was killed in an automobile accident last weekend, and all we will have available will be his transcribed notes to be used by whichever doctor we select to take over, if the claim is pressed. Mr. Lacey was concerned about the reserve we were carrying on that case, and he wanted to know how that reserve would affect the company's premium, etc., and I stated this would all depend upon the insurance plan and arrangements which Sherwin Williams had with Liberty. He wanted some specifics on this, and I told him that I did not have this information, as everything was handled through the insured's main office in Cleveland.

Mr. Lacey did not bring up the matter of the potential hearing loss problem at the Oakland plant, and his concern about spending a considerable amount of money having prospective employees tested for their hearing at the time they are hired. I had written you in this regard, and Oakland Loss Prevention is working with Mr. Lacey on this. Mr. Lacey seemed quite conscious of the noise level at the San Leandro location, and kept commenting to Mr. Schultz on those employees who were not wearing ear plugs.

In summary, knowing the interest at this insured shows in its claims, Mr. McCarthy and I will do our utmost to make sure that things run smoothly, and hopefully the insured's local representatives will let us know when they feel a problem is developing. I will appreciate your keeping me advised of any problems which you hear about from the insured's main office.

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