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November 7, 1975

Mr. Russell Hoy
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
3505 Broadway
Oakland, California 94611

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Re:

Died 7-22-75
Our File No. -

Dear Mr. Hoy:

I know you have only recently been advised that our "friends" at Kaiser seem to have touched off another death claim in connection with the above individual's death. However, I wanted to let you know of our keen interest in the defense of this claim.

Apparently, the death was due to malignant mesothelioma. This was supposedly due to asbestos exposure. According to the Kaiser doctor's report, was exposed to asbestos while working in the World War II shipbuilding industry. He may have had similar exposure in subsequent employment as a boiler mechanic. This was prior to his starting employment at our San Leandro container plant in 1955.

Our industrial hygienist advised me that the incidence of malignancy related to asbestos exposure is very high among World War II shipbuilding workers. However, we are uncertain about the exposure to asbestos at our San Leandro plant.

I would appreciate your usual frank assessment of the liability in this, after you have had an opportunity to investigate this matter further.

Very truly yours,

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY

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