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Mr. Kull has asked me to familiarize you with the above captioned claim.

is a 40 year old woman who was formerly employed as a part-time bookkeeper at our store #5441 in Syracuse, New York. In November, 1978 informed store manager, , that she was suffering from "chemical luekemia" which her doctor related to her work environment. This matter was immediately reported to on November 22, 1978. Dave did not inform our department concerning this allegation nor did he take any action concerning this matter thru your department. He merely "shrugged off" letter.

In January 1979, we were advised by that I was asking questions concerning the manner in which she could file an occupational disease claim. It was at this point that contacted our department concerning the handling of this matter. Since it was the opinion of both our department and that claim was somewhat groundless, we decided to contact the Aetna before filing an injury report. Aetna's claims manager in Syracuse, New York, John Mulcahey, advised us not to file an injury report with the State of New York since he felt this would somewhat indicate an admission of liability on the part of the Employer. However, Mr. Mulcahey did state that we should advise that she should contact the State of New York, Workers' Compensation Board, for assistance in filing her claim if she so desires.

On January 30, 1979, Mr. Myonnes received notice from the State of New York that had filed her claim. The State advised us that it was now our responsibility to submit an Employer's report concerning Ms. Prusik's claim. Through the cooperation of Mr. Myonnes and the Aetna, we submitted a negative Employer's report indicating our denial of claim. This matter is now being scheduled for a hearing before the Workers' Compensation Board of the State of New York.

We are enclosing copies of miscellaneous correspondence pertaining to this claim. Included in this correspondence is a medical report from the claimant's attending physician, J. Robert Smith, M.D. Aetna is currently attempting to obtain a medical examination of by a physician of their own choosing. They are also compiling a complete medical history of by obtaining information from previous physicians that have treated her.

We will advise you of developments concerning this claim as they occur. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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