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DIVISION OF
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Re: Employers Insurance of Wausau

Dear Ms. Sutherland:

In regard to your letter of June 12, 2001, our response thereto is attached to the enclosed photocopy of your correspondence. By doing this, we avoid having to recite or summarize the facts set forth in your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Dubberly".

Paula Dubberly
Chief Counsel