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November 13, 2002

American Family Insurance Group Attn: Neil Schmidt

Post Office Box 2927 Milwaukee, WI 53201-2927

RE: C.I. File No: 02-S-332

Your Clm No: 00-651-310843-0623 Your Insured: Carl & Marilyn White

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

This office is in receipt of your claim in the amount \$1,728.15, relating to your subrogation interest and the interest of you insured arising from a September 29, 2002 incident is which your insureds vehicle was struck by a branch that fell from a tree owned by the City and located at 4556 North 71st Street.

The Forestry Division records indicate that on October 2, 2002, the Division received an emergency request involving a tree branch on your insured's vehicle. The tree was alive and showed no external signs of decay. Your insured indicated the damage occurred on September 29, 2002. The trees in this area were pruned June, 1999 per the division's programmed pruning schedule. The division searched its records for the last four years and found no notice of potential hazardous conditions or service requests for this location. The division acted within their established procedures. In addition, the limb fell from a live sound tree during windy conditions, and as such, the City cannot accept liability for your insured's loss. Accordingly, we are denying your claim.

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If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the receipt of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,

GRANTE LANGLEY City Attorney

ROBERT M. OVERHOLT

Investigator Adjuster

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