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Honorable Mike McCarter Workers' Compensation Court PO Box 537 Helena, MT 59624-0537

RE:

Robert Flynn and Carl Miller vs. Montana State Fund, et al.

WCC No. 2000-0222

## Dear Judge McCarter:

I have made motions to dismiss in several of the insurance companies I represent based upon: 1) they did not write work comp in Montana or 2) a search of their records revealed that the did not take any SSDI offsets and therefore had no Flynn-type liability. In preparing the motions, I attempted to contact Mr. Palmer to see if he would stipulate to the motions. His secretary advised that he was taking no position with respect to stipulating or opposing the motions but would defer to your decision. I put a comment to that effect in each of the motions. A subsequent conversation with Mr. Palmer revealed that his secretary may have misspoken. Mr. Palmer advises that he will stipulate to motions to dismiss any insurer who clearly has no Flynn-type liability, but would like to reserve the right to oppose any motion to dismiss if there is any question or issue with respect to the search methodology employed by the insurer to determine whether it had Flynn-type claims. Accordingly, I now advise you that Mr. Palmer may oppose some of my motions upon review of the search methodology described therein.

Sincerely yours,

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