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TO: File
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RE: Lopez v. Remington (Liberty Mutual Insurance)
File No. 669.555A

On September 11, 1980, I drove to the Alice/Freer, Texas, area in order to contact those persons who had been involved with Juan Lopez on the day the hunting accident took place.

First of all I contacted Deputy Sheriff George Raiz in Alice. This man was the investigating officer that started his investigation at the Alice Hospital, where Mr. Lopez was taken for treatment of his gunshot wound. This officer was not able to give too much information that we do not all ready know. In essence, he said attended at the hospital where he spoke to Rudy Lazano and Danny Rizzo who were with Lopez when the accident occurred. A question and answer statement was taken from this officer in which he said he looked at the pick-up truck that they were driving at the time of the accident. This officer was good enough to give us a copy of his criminal offense report and was not able to add too much more to what we already know, in that this was obviously a hunting accident and he didn't pursue the investigation to any great degree.

I next contacted Mr. Andreas Villarreal and Alfredo Jasso, Jr. These gentlemen were driving the ambulance that picked up Mr. Lazano outside of Freer and took him to the Alice G & S Hospital. In the statements they both gave they were able to add little to what we already know. They did state, however, that they saw no evidence of any intoxication on any members of the hunting party. Saw no evidence of the drinking; such as beer cans, whiskey bottles, etc.

While in Freer I obtained pictures of the statement from the ambulance service giving the date etc. And a record of the ambulance run.

In Alice, the officer who made the first contact with the Lopez party was Mr. Bill Ragsdale. He at that time was a member of the Freer Police Department, but at this time, I understand, that he is now an officer on either the Boren Sheriff's Dept. or Police Dept. Boren being a city north of San Antonio. If it is felt later that we need to contact him, he can be located in this way.

In Alice, both of the nurses who attended to Mr. Lopez were contacted and interviewed. They had very little to add to what we already know. One of those being Miss Arora Soliz, who stated that stood out in her memory best was the fact that Lopez seemed quite nervous about the fact that he might not recover from this injury, which could be considered normal for a person who probably is in shock after something like this happens. She stated that there was no mention in front of her about how the accident had occurred, etc. She also could detect no signs of any degree

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of intoxication.

Next, a male nurse, Mr. Renee Landu, was interviewed and he could add less actually than Miss Soliz was able to. He just vaguely remembered the man being brought in for a gunshot wound.

The treating physician at the time was Dr. Teixeira who offices across the street from the P & S Hospital in Alice. This man at the time of my interview with the nurses was on a vacation so we were not able to make contact with him, although, it was felt we should anytime in the near future we know how to locate him. At this time, we were attempting to secure information from the Federal Government concerning who was the original purchaser of the rifle and if possible, there was ever any theft of this rifle from anyone who has been in possession of it, or anything that may be a matter of Federal record concerning the weapon. When that information is secured, it will be presented in a Memo.