December 2, 2003

Mr. John Doe 101 Main Street Anytown, New York 12303

RE: Claim/file number: 123456789

Policy number: <u>H2334456</u>
Insured's name: <u>John Doe</u>
Date of loss: <u>10/17/03</u>
Type of loss: <u>Fire</u>

Dear Mr. Doe,

The <u>ABC Insurance Company</u> regretfully advises that it must respectfully decline the captioned claim.

The <u>ABC Insurance Company</u> has completed the necessary investigation and it finds that the loss occurred while the hazard was increased by a means within the insured's knowledge or control. Under those circumstances, insurance coverage was suspended at the time of the loss.

Accordingly, the <u>ABC Insurance Company</u> must respectfully decline coverage for the captioned loss. We regret that we are unable to respond affirmatively.

Should you wish to take this matter up with the New York State Insurance Department, you may file with the department either on its website at www.ins.state.ny.us/complhow.htm or you may write to or visit the Consumer Services Bureau, New York State Insurance Department, at: 25 Beaver Street, New York, NY 10004; One Commerce Plaza, Albany, NY 12257; 200 Old County Road, Suite 340, Mineola, NY 11501; or Walter J. Mahoney Office Building, 65 Court Street, Buffalo, NY 14202.

Very truly yours,

William White
ABC Insurance Company