<u>December 2, 2003</u>

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>10/17/00</u>
Type of loss: <u>Fire</u>

Dear Mr. Doe,

The <u>ABC Insurance Company</u> acknowledges the receipt of a notice of claim occurring on October 17, 2000.

The <u>ABC Insurance Company</u> notes that your claim is not timely filed as the statutory period for filing suit under the policy has since terminated. Please note that the period for filing suit under the policy lapses at the closing of the second year following the occurrence 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.

In view of the fact that the right of action has tolled, we are taking the liberty of returning your information and retiring our records. Thank you.

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