## IX APPENDICES

A. Text of a letter sent to Accident Victims.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA FACULTY OF LAW

ROBSON HALL WINNIPEG 19, CANADA.

Dear

The Faculty of Law is conducting a research project into the experience of accident victims. The area to be studied is that of whiplash and related injuries. We are contacting a group of people who have been involved in legal proceedings as a result of such injuries. Your name has been selected as one who has sustained such injuries since 1966. We are interested in your feelings about your experiences in this regard, and whether in your opinion you received fair treatment. It should be stressed that this is a research project which may have a bearing on future court decisions, but will in no way affect either directly or indirectly the decision rendered in your case.

A senior law student will contact you during the next few days to ask whether you will be able to give us one-half hour of your time, to be arranged at your convenience. He will ask you some general questions about your experience during this period, plus have you fill in a brief questionnaire as to your feelings at the time of the settlement and subsequently. We can offer you no financial remuneration for this but hope that you will aid us in this project, as it could be of value to others in a similar situation.

If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to discuss them with the person who will be calling you, or your lawyer or physician if you so desire. You can be absolutely assured that all information will be kept confidential, and that you will be informed of the general results of the study. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

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