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Chicago - February 5, 1973

File: 19 E 16 Bennett Lumber

Mr. S. J. Barry:

Please refer to your File: 1403-1 dated December 28, concerning claim filed by Bennett Lumber Company in the amount of \$187.50 for our mishandling of this car.

We are returning your file concerning this matter and you should respond to Bennett Lumber Company declining to make payment on this claim. It would appear the Milwaukee Road was not solely responsible for the mishandling of this car, initially, and the car was also bad order during part of the period the claim is being filed.

We have conferred with Mr. K. G. Hosfield about this matter and he concurs with our decision to decline this claim. You may want to inform Mr. E. C. Winther that we did take up this matter with Mr. Hosfield prior to reaching a decision.

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