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EXHIBIT # 1

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James R. Paris, Chapter 7 Trustee
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RE: Ernest & Christine Oliver, Chapter 7, case #01-11696.

Dear Jim:

This letter is meant to follow up on our previous conversations regarding litigation on behalf of the bankruptcy estate. John Wolfe, Bob Barnes and I have put a substantial amount of time into these matters already, and were under the impression that you were willing to hire us under a contingency fee arrangement. Our meeting was on July 11, 2001, and we communicated in writing on August 17. Since that time we have continued to work on the matter, based on your statement that you would be willing to hire us under the terms previously discussed.

It is still our opinion that this litigation is of great value to the bankruptcy estate. We feel that it is likely that we will face a protracted battle, and would like to begin work as soon as possible. We are of the opinion that the settlement value of the case will increase as the case progresses. I understand that counsel for at least one of the potential defendants has made overtures to you, but has not followed up with anything concrete. I think there would be more to follow if they knew we were serious about litigating these matters. The timing is very good to proceed, as the key figure behind the dumping has been indicted for acts similar to what Mr. Oliver alleged years ago.

I have taken great care to explain to Mr. Oliver that the case belongs to his bankruptcy estate. Though he doesn't "own" the case any longer, he is certainly a key element of it. He has been dealing with these circumstances for a decade now. He has expressed his concern to me that you do not have any interest in our pursuing this matter. I did not get that impression from our past conversations. Mr. Oliver has met with a great deal of resistance in every court he has been in with this matter, and is concerned that you do not want to hire us for some unstated reason. Has anything changed since our last meeting? If you do not feel the case is worth the trouble, or if you have some problem with hiring Wolfe or me, or some other concern, please let us know. We have already spent a great deal of time on this matter.

While I realize that a Trustee's main objective is to do what is in the best interest of the unsecured creditors, this case does ultimately involve some issues that are very much in the public interest. This involves the dumping of hazardous waste, and a coverup operation surrounding it. There is also the strong possibility that a product is being put

before the public that is dangerous. It appears that there is a very good chance that Mr. Oliver's unsecured creditors will be paid in full once this is said and done. I understand that you have been particularly busy of late. If there is anything you are still waiting to hear or receive from us, we would certainly move in an expeditious manner. I would even be willing to draft any pleading you need to facilitate our hiring.

My client is very concerned about the delay, as are Mr. Wolfe and I. Please give us some feedback as to how you want to proceed on this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Daniel Collins".

C. Daniel Collins

