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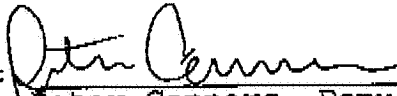
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USDC No. H-03-CV-342
03-20135 In Re: J T Thorpe Co
USDC No. H-03-CV-342

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed is a copy of the Court's order expediting the appeal and the briefing schedule. At the direction of the Court, this case is being placed on the oral argument calendar for the week of May 5, 2003. The Court's calendar giving the exact date and place of the oral argument will issue at least one month in advance of the oral argument date. You must strictly adhere to the following briefing schedule so that the briefs are available to the court prior to oral argument: Appellants' brief due 3/10/03, Appellees' brief due 3/31/03 and Appellants' reply brief due 4/14/03.

Sincerely,

CHARLES R. FULBRUGE III, Clerk

By: 
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cc: Honorable Vanessa D Gilmore
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P.S. to all Counsel: Attached is the revised case caption. Please use this caption on all filings in this court.

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No. 03-20112

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IN RE AMERICAN MOTORISTS INSURANCE COMPANY AND SEATON INSURANCE,
Petitioners

PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS

CONSOLIDATED WITH

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No. 03-20135

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J. T. THORPE COMPANY; OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF ASBESTOS
CLAIMANTS OF J. T. THORPE COMPANY,

Appellees,

versus

AMERICAN MOTORISTS INSURANCE COMPANY; SEATON INSURANCE
COMPANY, formerly known as Unigard Mutual Insurance Company,

Appellants,

Appeal from the United States District Court
For the Southern District of Texas, Houston

O R D E R

Before DAVIS, WIENER and EMILIO M. GARZA, Circuit Judges.

BY THE COURT:

IT IS ORDERED that the above two proceedings are hereby consolidated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that appellants' application for a stay pending appeal is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk issue an expedited briefing schedule and expedite this appeal so that it can be heard within 60 to 90 days.

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