Mr. J. W. Steele U. S. Geological Survey Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear Steele:

With your letter of December 2, 1932, you transmitted application by the Barnsdall Oil Company for permission to drill a well located in the SE SW Section 22, township 17 south, range 29 east, on permit Las Cruces 028731.

In view of the rather unusual provision contained in the extension of time granted on this permit by the Department on March 18, 1931, the application to drill was referred to the Washington office as per copy of my telegram inclosed. The Department authorised the drilling of the proposed well by telegram dated December 6, 1932, copy of which is also inclosed.

I am returning the proposal to drill to your office for approval and appropriate disposition. The local office of the Barnsdall Oil Company was verbally advised that it was satisfactory to proceed with drilling operations on this property.

Yours very truly,

JOHN M. ALDEN.

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