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November 27, 1950

Mr. Don G. Viesux  
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Dear Mr. Viesux:

We are in receipt of your letter dated November 22, 1950, addressed to Mr. P. T. McGrath, pertaining to the retention by Phillips Petroleum Company of geologic information from the strat tests now being drilled in the San Juan Basin.

The request that your company be allowed to retain this geologic information for a period of two years is granted subject to revision of paragraph 3 of your letter of November 22, with the understanding that the representative of the Oil and Gas Leasing Branch of the U. S. Geological Survey will have access to the rig floor for the purpose of acquiring any information necessary to see that operations are being conducted in an orderly and workmanlike manner.

This revision is considered necessary to protect our authority to require conformance with the operating regulations. Normally, geological data would not be required from the rig floor in view of the manner in which you agree to plug the holes, by filling with cement from top to bottom. However, if showings of oil and gas are found, geological data must be made available immediately for confidential use by the Geological Survey as such data is essential information for leasing procedures under the act of August 8, 1946, and cannot be waived.

Your concurrence in this amendment to your letter agreement of November 22 is requested prior to approval of drilling the strat holes.

Very truly yours,

Foster Morrell  
Oil and Gas Supervisor

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