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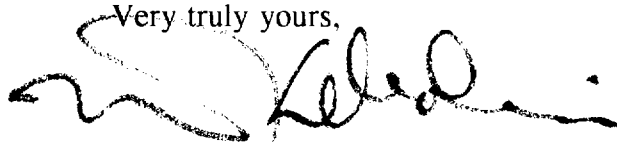
**Re: MOTION TO DISMISS AND FOR WITHDRAWAL
OF COMMISSION ORDER DATED MARCH 19, 1996
NMOCD Case 11528 Application of Hartman et al, to void
Division Order NSL-3633, for Discovery and
for Contraction and Extension of the Rhodes Oil & Gas Pools,
Eddy County, New Mexico**

Gentlemen:

On behalf of Meridian Oil Inc., please find enclosed our Motion To Dismiss Hartman's Application to Void Administrative Order NSL-3633, to Dismiss Texaco as a party in this case, and for the Withdrawal of Commission Order dated March 19, 1996.

Because of the nature of this Motion which, if granted, will moot all other pending motions in this case, we request it be the first motion heard at the hearing now scheduled for 10:00 am Thursday, April 25, 1996. In addition, we would request that the Division arrange to have this hearing recorded by a court reporter.

Very truly yours,



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