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Mr. Michael E. Stogner  
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2040 South Pacheco  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

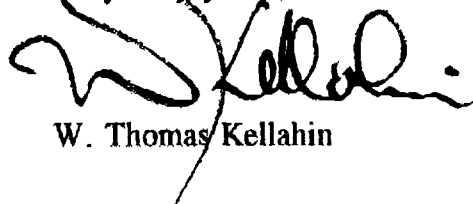
Re: NMOCDC Case 11529  
Application of Doyle Hartman et al for  
Compulsory Pooling, for Amendment of Order R-5448,  
for Compensation Pursuant to the Oil & Gas Proceeds  
Payment Act and other relief, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

I wish to inform you that on Friday, I called Mr. Condon to inform him that I was appearing in this case for Meridian Oil Inc. He advised me that he had already filed a request to have the case continued to May 16, 1996. As a result of our appearance before Examiner Catanach on Thursday in another matter, Mr. Condon is aware that I will not be available for the May 16, 1996 hearing date. He and I will discuss a mutually acceptable hearing date.

I have no opposition to the continuance to May 16, 1996 with the understanding that I am not available on that date and if this matter is not resolved before then, I will need to request a continuance to May 30, 1996.

Very truly yours,



W. Thomas Kellahin

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