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Margarita C. Salgado, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, upon her oath deposes and says that:

- 1. I am employed by Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator, 500 North Main, P.O. Box 10426, Midland, Texas, in the capacity of Secretary/Receptionist and have worked for Doyle Hartman in said capacity for approximately four (4) years.
- 2. Part of my immediate job duties and responsibilities include mail pickup and distribution of mail received for Doyle Hartman at his post office box 10426 located at the U.S. Post Office Downtown Station, 100 East Wall, Midland, Texas, 79701.
- 3. On Tuesday, February 18, 1997, when I picked up the mail for Doyle Hartman, Midland, Texas, a Second "Notice of Attempt to Deliver" (dated February 15, 1997) corresponding to certified letter P 551 044 646 was found in Doyle Hartman's post office box 10426 located at the U.S. Post Office Downtown Station, 100 East Wall, Midland, Texas, 79701. Copy attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof by reference thereto.
- 4. Doyle Hartman, Oil Operator, <u>never</u> received a <u>First</u> "Notice of Attempt to Deliver" corresponding to certified letter P 551 044 646 and the <u>only</u> notice <u>received</u> by Doyle Hartman was the notice I retrieved on the morning of Tuesday, February 18, 1997.
- 5. I promptly discussed this matter with Mr. Rudy P. Garcia, Manager, Customer Service, U.S. Post Office Downtown Station, 100 East Wall, Midland, Texas, 79701. Mr. Garcia stated that due to the volume of certified mail that it handles, it is not unusual or uncommon for the Downtown Station to experience problems with certified letter notices being misboxed and/or misplaced by postal employees. With the exception of the handwritten notation appearing on the face of the mailing envelope for certified letter P 551 044 646, the U.S. Post Office Downtown Station cannot locate any other documentation pertaining to the existence of a First "Notice of Attempt to Deliver".
- 6. Moreover, subsequent to February 3, 1997, we have received several certified letter notices and promptly retrieved the corresponding certified letters; however, until this morning, we did <u>not</u> find in our post office box a "Notice of Attempt to Deliver" corresponding to certified letter P 551 044 646.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared MARGARITA C. SALGADO, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 18th day of February , 1997.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



My Commission Expires: 10-28-99

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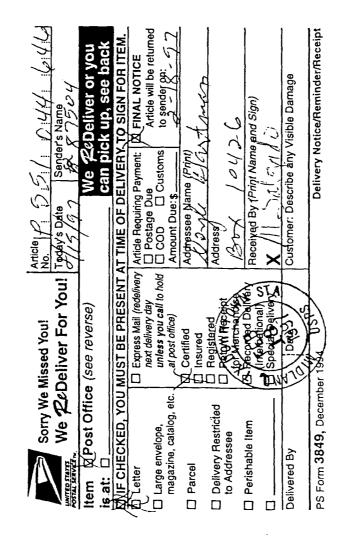


EXHIBIT "A"