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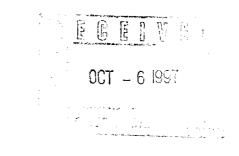
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Re: Case 11831; Application of Mewbourne Oil Company for compulsory pooling, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Catanach:

Please continue the above case to the November 6, 1997 Examiner hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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