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United States Fire Insurance Company
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Dear Mr. Carroll

Re: Case Number 12280
Rault Petroleum Corporation, New Orleans, La.
Plugging Bonds Numbered 610 086729 6 and 610 138287 9

Your letter of October 15, 1999 and its attachments referencing the above case is acknowledged.

Apparently one of the bonds (610 138287 9) was filed on May 29, 1981 and was written in connection with four wells in Lincoln, DeBaca and Chaves Counties. The second bond (610 086729 6) apparently was filed on January 5, 1985 written in connection with the same four wells.

Because of several changes and moves we are experiencing some difficulty in locating our files. We would therefore appreciate your sending us copies of each bond and Power of Attorney attached thereto. Please include your invoice for any photo or reproduction costs expended by you.

Does your file show why two bonds were filed covering the same four wells?

Thank you for your assistance and attached is a postage paid envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely,



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