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Mr. Paul E. Baskins
501 First National Bank Building
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Gentlemen:

A Notice of Intention to Drill for well No. 1 Shell-Federal, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 30, T. 17 S., R. 32 E., N.M.P.M., Lea County, New Mexico, lessee Las Cruces 064198-C, was received by this office on May 2. Inasmuch as a portion of the base lease lies within the potash area designated by the Secretary of the Interior dated October 16, 1961, the Director, U. S. Geological Survey must approve the drilling of all shallow wells on this lease.

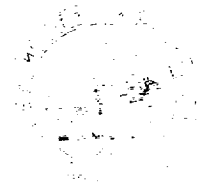
Pursuant to the authority delegated by the Director, U. S. Geological Survey, on May 17, 1961, I hereby approve the Notice of Intention to Drill the above described well to a depth of approximately 2,800 feet to test the Seven Rivers formation. Please notify the District Engineer, U. S. Geological Survey, Artesia, New Mexico, in sufficient time for a representative to witness all cementing operations.

Very truly yours,

Carl C. Traywick

CARL C. TRAYWICK
Acting Oil and Gas Supervisor

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