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TOM L. INGRAM

NEARBURG & INGRAM

127 SOUTH RICHARDSON
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

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May 1, 1958

(Waiver)

Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention Mr. A. L. Porter

Re: Application of Nearburg & Ingram
For Unorthodox Location
Section 7, T-18-S, R-27-E
Red Lake Pool
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

We enclose our application concerning the caption and in addition to the exhibit referred to in the application we have enclosed a topographic plat of the area which shows in detail the location of the Pecos River and Brainard Lake. We also enclose photographs of the drillsite while the well was being drilled and after the waters released from Alamogordo Lake reached the drillsite.

We regret extremely that we had a mix-up concerning proper procedures in accordance with the rules of the Commission at the time we had to skid this rig. We appreciate the attitude and cooperation of the Commission in permitting us to complete our fracing, perforating and completing the well in advance of approval of this application, since, as shown by the photographs, we would have been delayed an unreasonable time in getting back to the drillsite with heavy equipment to do this work if approval of this application had been required in advance. We will certainly avoid running afoul of your rules in the future if we can possibly do so.

Very truly yours,

NEARBURG & INGRAM

Tom L. Ingram

Enclosures:

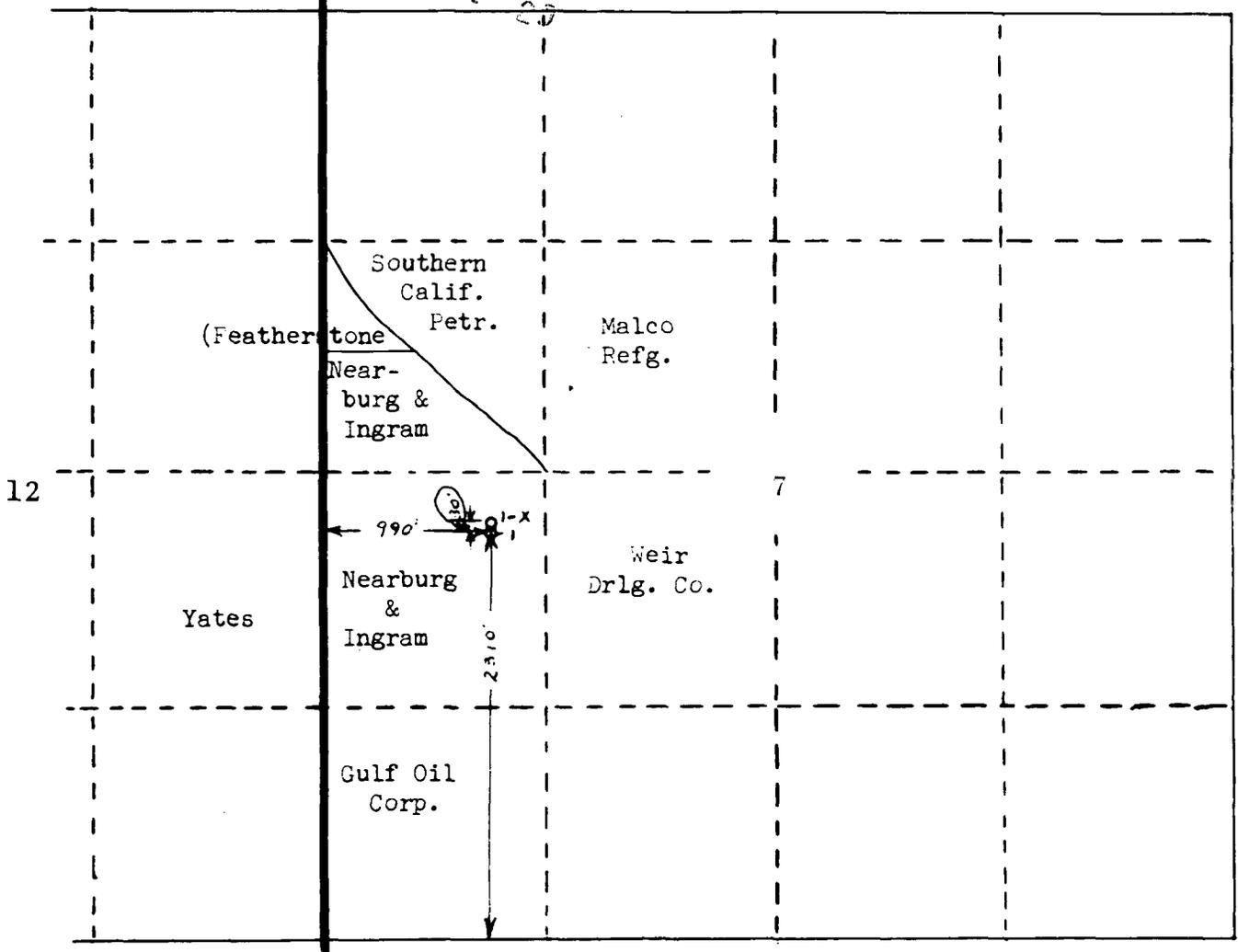
- 3 copies of Application
- 3 copies of Exhibit "A"
- 3 copies each of Waivers signed
by Southern California Pet. Corp. et al,
Malco Refineries, Inc. & Weier Drilling Co.
- 1 copy of Topographic Plat
- 1 copy of Photographs

cc: Oil Conservation Commission, Artesia, N. Mex.

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T-18-S, R-26-E

T-18-S, R-27-E



OWNERSHIP PLAT

EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

To accompany application to drill Nearburg & Ingram No. 1-x Johnston located 2340' from the south line and 990' from the west line of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Red Lake Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico.

NEARBURG & INGRAM EXHIBIT "A"

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BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
NEARBURG & INGRAM FOR APPROVAL OF AN)
UNORTHODOX LOCATION FOR THE NEARBURG)
& INGRAM NO. 1-X JOHNSTON WELL)
LOCATED 2340 FEET FROM THE SOUTH)
LINE AND 990 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE)
OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH,)
RANGE 27 EAST, N.M.P.M., EDDY COUNTY,)
NEW MEXICO, BEING A PART OF THE RED)
LAKE POOL.)

No. _____

APPLICATION

COMES NOW Applicant Nearburg & Ingram and respectfully states as follows:

1. Permission to drill the Nearburg & Ingram No. 1 Johnston well was obtained for a location 2310 feet from the south line and 990 feet from the west line of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, and the well was commenced at said location which is in low lying lands between the Pecos River on the east and the Brainard Lake on the west. Said location is subject to convergence of the waters from the river and the lake.
2. After commencement of drilling operations with the rig located upon a filled in mat because of the unstable character of the ground around the location, the drilling rig started giving away and cratering so that for a time the rig was held erect only through assistance of wench lines attached thereto. After cratering under the rig had commenced, the rig was skidded 30 feet north from the original location and drilling operations were resumed. The location 30 feet north of the original location is the unorthodox location for which approval is hereby requested.

3. At the time cratering under the rig commenced requiring the removal of same to a new location, all possible directions were considered for moving the drill site. The mud pits had softened the area immediately south of the original location. As the western edge of the pad was in the lake, and the derrick was sinking on the west, insufficient room was available to move the rig west. Time to build a new field mat for the rig was not available in that development of the lease was at that time due and it was known that water from the Alamo-gordo Lake would, within a short time, be released and that such water would seriously hamper or completely stop access to said rig for heavy equipment for a considerable period of time unless an extremely large expenditure for board roads, bridge, etc. was made.

4. The ownership of leasehold interest within 660 feet of the proposed unorthodox location is shown on the plat attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Waivers of objections to the granting of the unorthodox location from the adjoining leasehold operators are attached hereto. In this connection, please note that the only lease to which said location is closer than 330 feet is owned by the Applicant herein.

5. The said well has been completed as a probable producer of oil but no oil has been produced therefrom as the same has been and is shut in in accordance with the orders of the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests approval of the location of the Nearburg & Ingram No. 1-X Johnston well as 2340 feet from the south line and 990 feet from the west line of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, and since the necessity for the

unorthodox location was based on topographical conditions and since all owners of oil and gas leases within 660 feet of the proposed location have consented to the granting of this Application, Applicant further requests that in accordance with Rule 104(f) that this Application be granted by administrative approval without notice and hearing. If notice and hearing are required, Applicant requests that the same be set for hearing before an examiner at the earliest possible date.

ATWOOD & MALONE

By *E. Kemp Newman*
Attorneys for Applicant
Nearburg & Ingram

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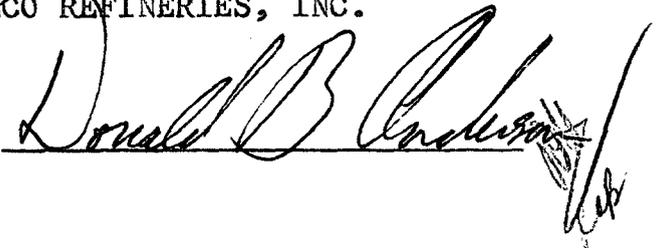
Gentlemen:

We wish hereto to advise you that we have no objection to the granting of the application of Nearburg & Ingram for an unorthodox location of their No. 1-X Johnston located 2340 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 7, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

MALCO REFINERIES, INC.

By:


Donald B. Anderson

Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

We wish hereto to advise you that we have no objection to the granting of the application of Hearburg & Ingram for an unorthodox location of their No. 1-1 Johnston located 2340 feet from the South line and 990 feet from the West line of Section 7, Township 16 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County, New Mexico.

Very truly yours,

HALCO REFINERIES, INC.

By: 


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Very truly yours,

Weier Drilling Company

By: R. C. Brandon
President

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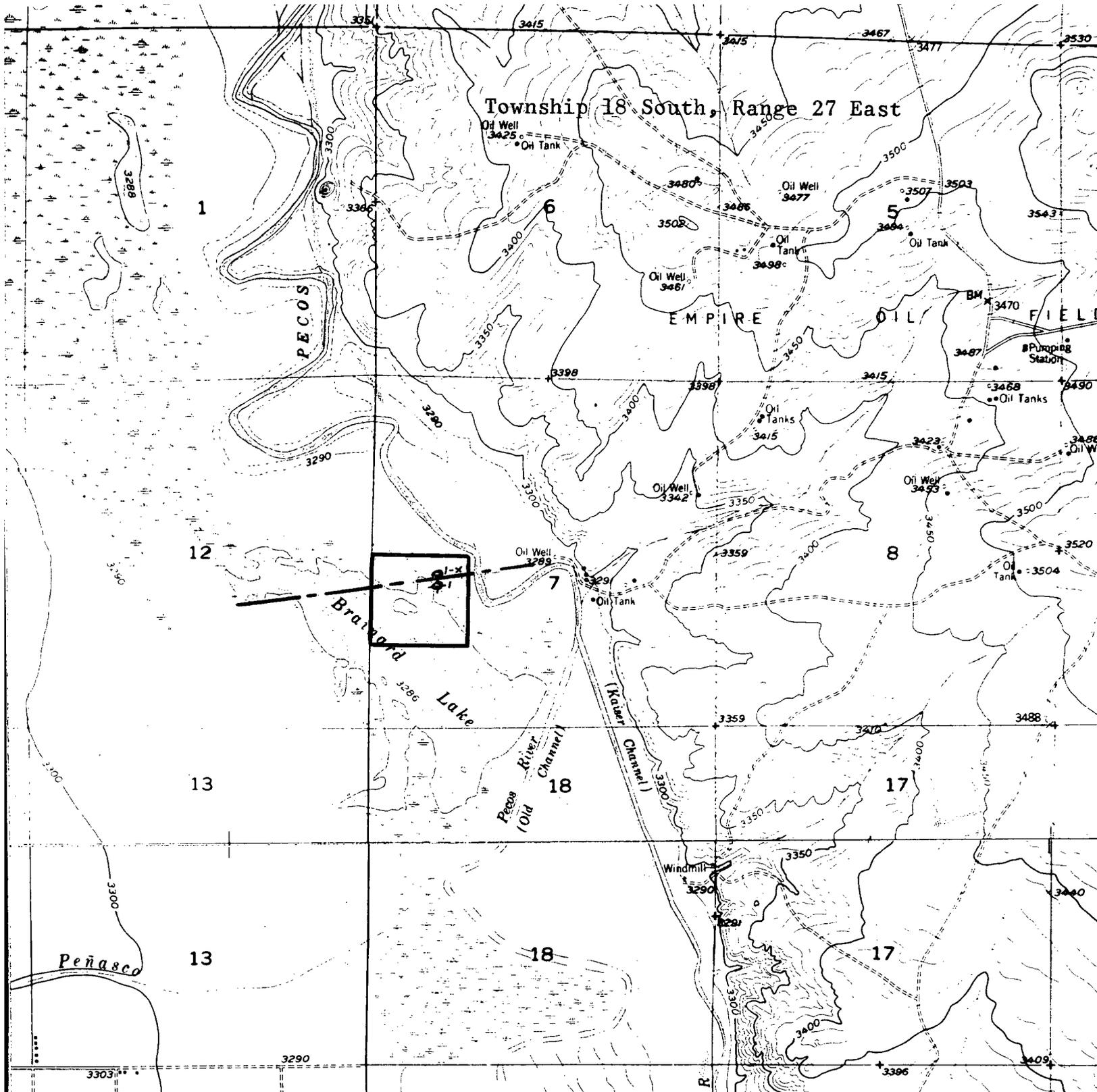
Very truly yours,

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PETROLEUM CORP.

By: W. Lyons

E. A. Culbertson
E. A. CULBERTSON

Wallace W. Irwin
WALLACE W. IRWIN



PORTION U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC SHEET
 SPRING LAKE QUADRANGLE
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Nearburg & Ingram Johnston Lease
 Well Location
 Water Boundaries
 Pipe Line (Malco)



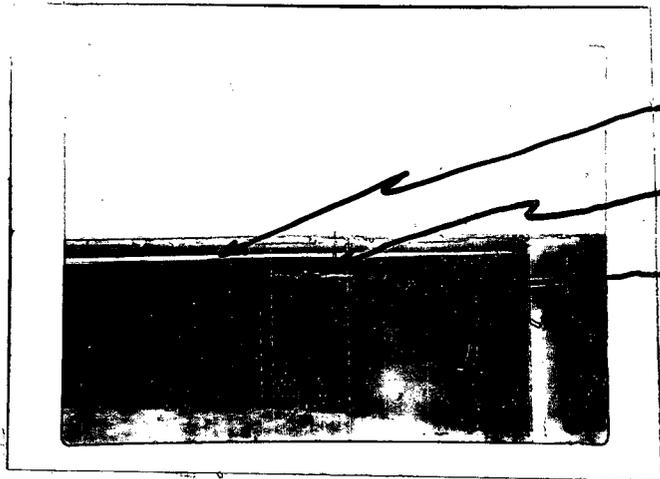
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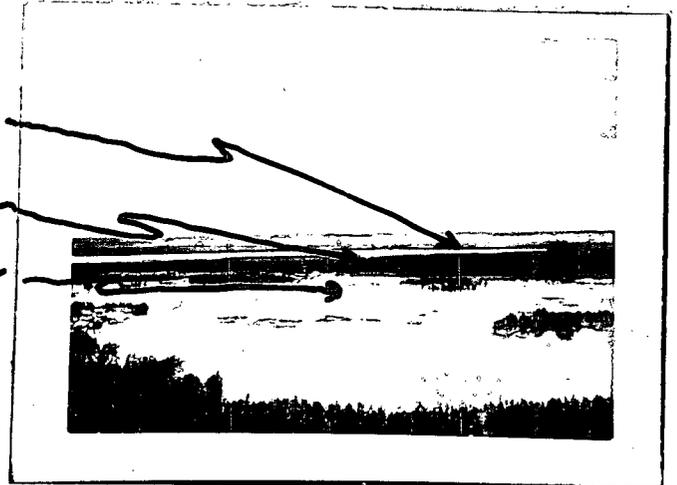
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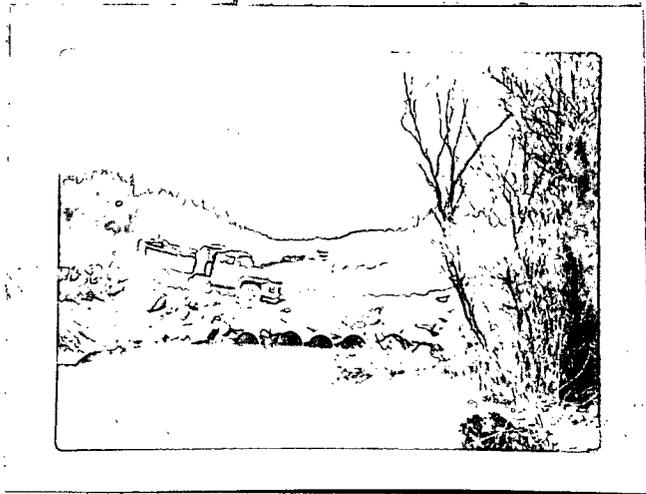
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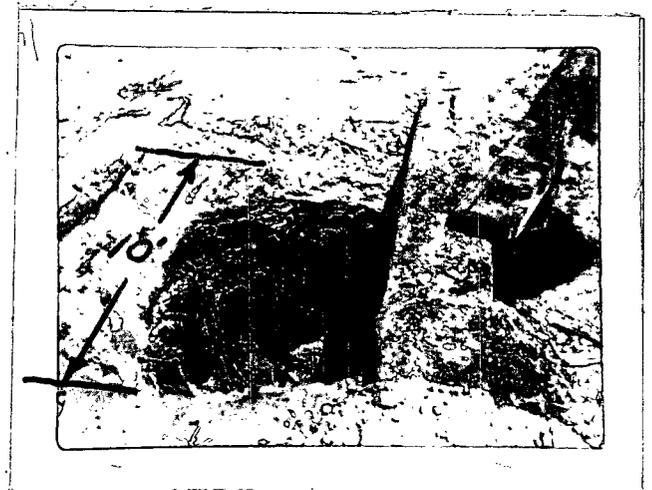
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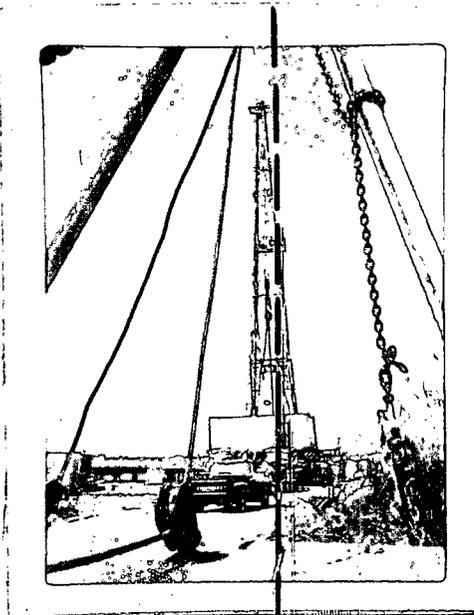
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River Crossing



Hole Beneath Rig



Rig Sinking in Above Crater

Vertical