



YATES BUILDING - 207 SOUTH 4TH ST.
ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO - 88210

April 3, 1974

Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr.
Secretary-Director
Oil Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 2088
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Re: Unorthodox Location, Unit H-26-18S-25E
Penasco Draw (SA-Yeso), Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Porter:

Administrative approval of a non-standard location for a San Andres oil test is asked. The proposed location is 2310' from the North line and 150' from the East line of Section 26-18S-25E in the Penasco Draw (SA-Yeso) Field, Eddy County. The well is to be a development well on the Yates Federal lease, LC 064488, an offset to the discovery well on the same lease in Section 25-18S-25E.

The reason for this request is that a standard location (2310' FNL and 330' FEL) falls in the Penasco River-bed. To the West of the standard location is a gravel pit excavation covering an area of approximately 50,000 square feet. The draw runs approximately North-South. Geologically, a preferred well-site is to the East or to the South of the 330' location. The 150' location presents a minimum of surface disturbance, minimum pad for rotary tools, and ready access to existing roads and tank battery facilities.

Yates Petroleum is the only Operator owning interests within one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mile radius and waives objection to the unorthodox location. A plat showing proposed location and offset lease ownership is attached hereto, also structure map of the top of Slaughter as was presented to the Commission at Hearing for Field Rules, Case 4744, Docket 14-72 on June 28, 1972.

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We anticipate having a drilling rig available in two or three weeks. Thank you very much for your early consideration and approval.

Yours truly,

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

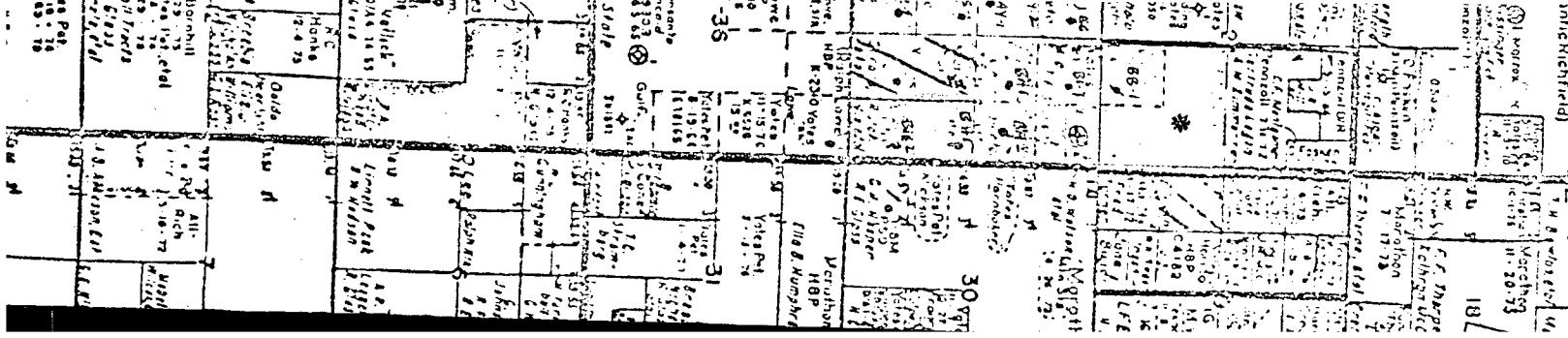
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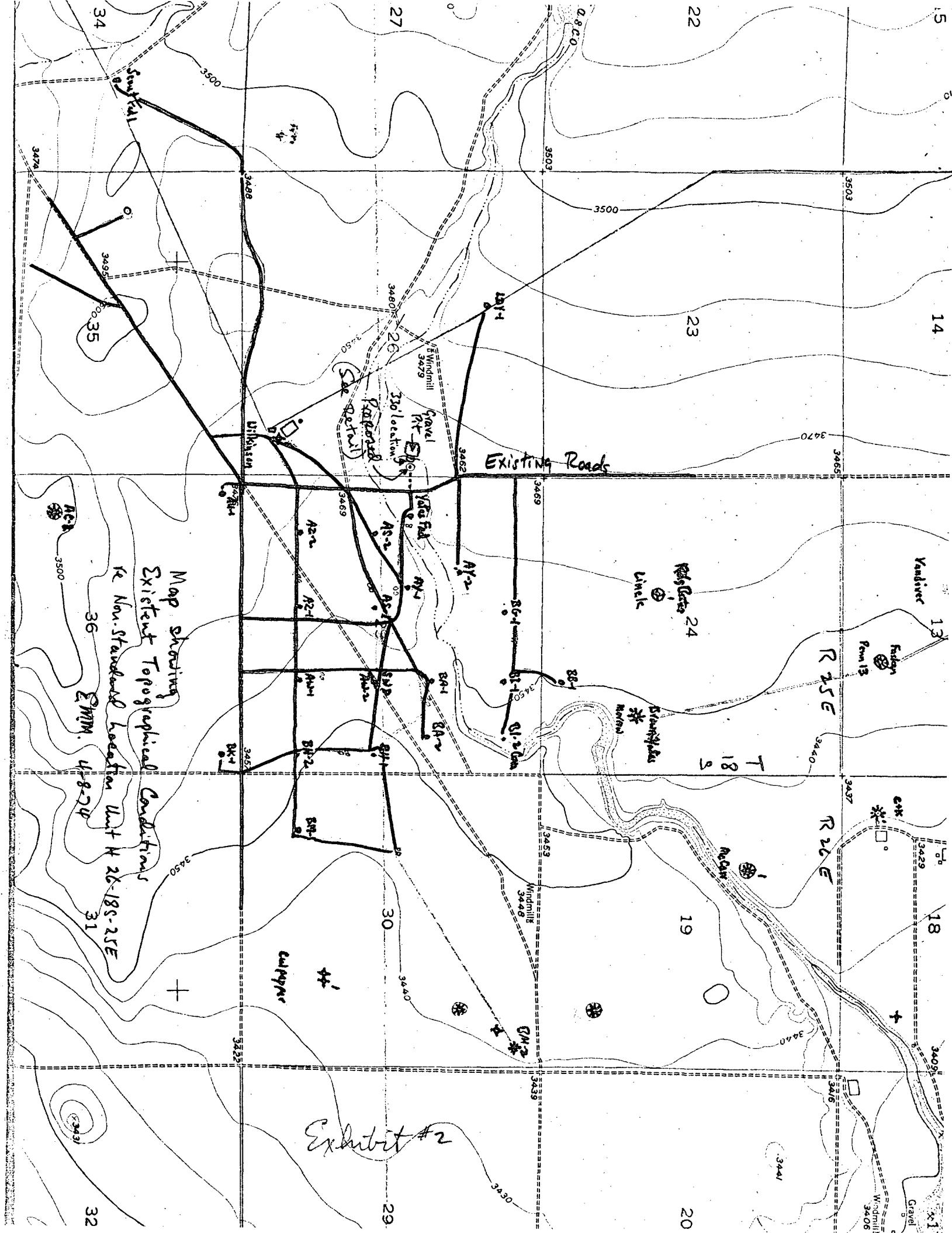
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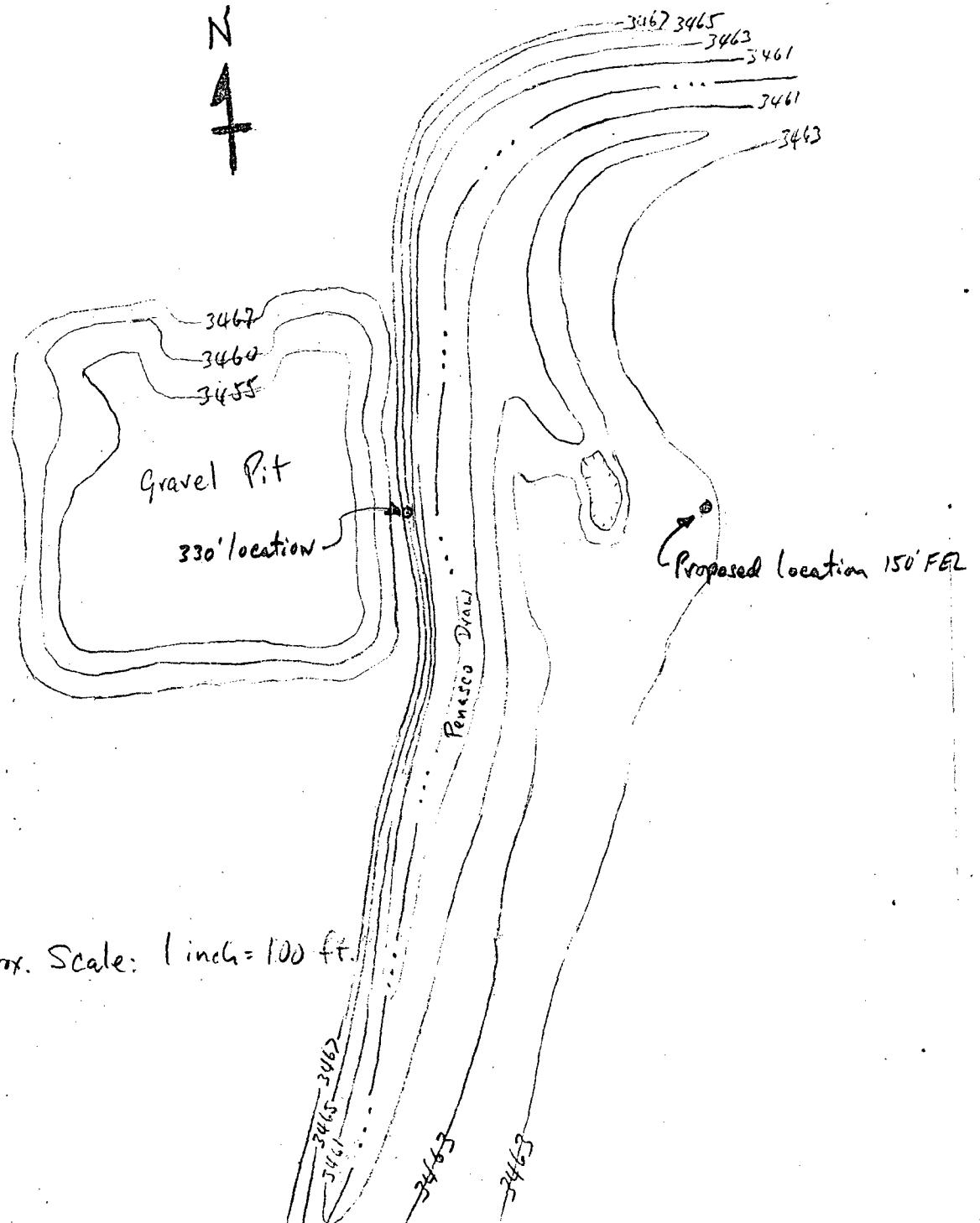
cc: Mr. W. A. Gressett
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Attachment

P.S. Attached are plats showing existent topographical conditions,
Exhibits #2 and #3. 244.44 4-274







Detail of Topographic Map

RE Non-Standard location, Unit H, 26-185-2SE

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Exhibit #3

R-23-E R-24-G R-25-E

STRUCTURE MAP - TOP OF SLAUGHTER
PENASCO DRAW D. A. YESO
EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Exhibit #2