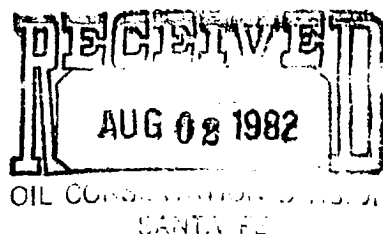




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Mr. Carl Ulvog
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Dear Mr. Ulvog,

?? I've heard from Bennett Petroleum that you are
 ?? pushing to have us convert our Phelps Dodge hole to a water
 well and have indicated that Phelps Dodge has no intention
 of letting this water get away.

?? At the time I tested this well I felt an artesian
 ?? well producing potable water should not be plugged and contacted
 Phelps Dodge who assured me that they had no interest in the
 water. *So what is problem with signing conversion forms??*

However, we were contacted by municipalities as far
 away as Raton who all appeared interested but couldn't make a
 fast decision. Rather than plug a water well that these people
 indicated they needed and wanted, we cased the hole. *your choice!*

?? Since that time everyone got quiet, but now it appears
 ?? everyone thinks they can steal not only the hole but the casing,
 and expense of installing it as well. *So, plug it and Fool Everyone!*

?? I noticed when you were making demands on behalf of
 ?? the State of New Mexico and Phelps Dodge you never demanded
 that this hole be plugged and abandoned. *See Attached.*

If you and Phelps Dodge want my cooperation, why doesn't
Phelps-Dodge contact me? *Why don't you talk to them???*

Who ?? I cased this hole as an accomodation to the people
 ? of New Mexico in this area, on the assumption I was doing a
 good and proper act. I didn't expect to become wealthy from
 this act, but neither did I expect to be cheated.

Regards

Jim Snyder
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 President

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