October 11, 1951

Mr. Jason Kellahin, Attorney Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 871, Santa Fe, New Mexico

> Re: P. B. English, Dave Martin Well #1. SESW: Sec. 3h. 7. 30 N., R. 11 W. San Juan County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Kellahin:

I am in receipt of a copy of a letter from you to Mr. Paul B. English, Farmington, New Mexico, regarding a well drilled by Mr. and for which he is now seeking permission to plug. Also enclosed is a hote from Nancy asking us to give you what information we have.

The above captioned well was spudded February 14, 1947, and drilled with cable tools to a total depth of 1348. It was later plugged back to 1250! where the well had originally shown 1,000,000 cu. ft. of gas from the Farmington sand, and was shut in and temporarily abandoned.

I have talked to Mr. Bruington, who is the attorney for the landowner, Mr. Martin, and they will be very happy to have the wall plugged and permanently abandoned. Therefore, I think it would be better for everyone if the well is plugged and abandoned, and if I can be of any further assistance, you may advise me.

Very truly yours,

Al Greer Oil and Gas Inspector Dist. #3

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## Dear Al -

As this letter will show, we need some information on this Paul English well. Can you give us a letter on it, with any facts or comment you might have? Thanks,

## OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

October 5, 1951

Mr. Paul B. English Farmington, New Mexico

Dear Mr. English:

This office is in receipt of Form C-102 (Notice of Intention to Plug Well) on the Paul B. English David A. Martin Well No. 1. Actually, these forms should have gone originally to the Commission's Astec office for the approval of Mr. Al Greer, oil and gas inspector.

However, as long as they are here, we will appreciate very much having the status of this well clarified for the Commission's records. We show that on July 6, 1950, your \$10,000.00 blanket bond with the Maryland Casualty Company was approved for cancellation after you furnished the Gemmission with an affidavit (dated June 30, 1950) to the effect that all wells formerly operated by you in the state of New Maries had been properly plugged and abendoned, with the exception of some properties which were properly transferred to Byrd-Frest, Inc.

Now that the Martin No. I well has been indicated as not having been plugged at that time, incomed as plugging operations were apparently not initiated until September 11, 1951, we are in some doubt as to its status during the time your bond was in process of cancellation. We can find nothing to indicate that this well was transferred to you from its original operators. The well has evidently been operating without proper plugging bond, despite the statements made in your July 6 affidavit.

Will you please write and give the Commission an explanation of the situation so that we will have all the facts before us?

Yours very truly,

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Jason Kellahin, Attorney

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Astec, New Mexico

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