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DENVER PRODUCTION DISTRICT

October 25, 1960

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT T. A. TRAX Area Production Manager

> Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr. Secretary and Director Oil Conservation Commission Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Your permission is requested to drill Gulf Oil Corporation's Apache Federal No. 10, a Dakota gas development well in an unorthodox location, 2111 feet north of the south line and 2236 feet west of the east line of Section 18-24N-5W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

It was originally planned to drill the test in the center of the SE\_NM\_SE of Section 18. Since this spot was only 25 feet from the El Paso Natural's Lindrith plant, the location was moved 200 feet west. At this point it fell in a very low, wet place, which will require a large expenditure of money, exceeding \$3000.00, to move in shale and rock to make the site suitable for drilling and producing. The location requested may be prepared at a reasonable cost. Gulf's Apache Federal lease <u>includes</u> all of Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18, 24N and 5W, as shown on the attached plat, so the ownership of all oil and gas leases within a radius of 790 feet from the proposed location is common.

The drilling contractor is ready to move to the location as soon as your approval is obtained.

Very truly yours,

GULF OIL CORPORATION

Thomas A. Trax Area Production Manager

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Attachments

## BALLARD PICTURED CLIFFS

## RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

SCALE: 2 INCHES = ! MILE

