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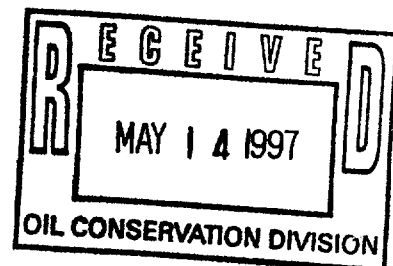
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Re: Oil Conservation Division Case No. 11764:
Application of Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp., for compulsory pooling,
Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay:

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp., respectfully requests that the above-referenced case which is currently set on the May 15, 1997 Division docket be dismissed.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

William F. Carr

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