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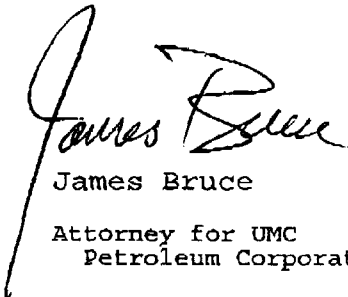
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David Catanach
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Dear Mr. Catanach:

Please continue Case 11832 (Application of UMC Petroleum Corporation) to the September 18th hearing. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Bruce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

James Bruce

Attorney for UMC
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cc: Laura B. Smith