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December 2, 1997

Attn: Mr. Richard Gill
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Re: Section 4, T-19-S, R-38-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

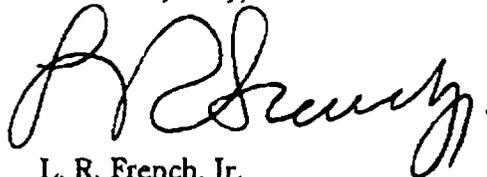
L. R. French, Jr. supports the position of Maralo, Inc. concerning operations proposed by Marathon Oil Company on the captioned acreage.

We have reached an agreement with Marathon for the Courtman 4 State No. 1 well proposed for the N/2 of Section 4.

We feel that a decision on the Mitchusson 4 State No. 1 well proposed by Marathon in the S/2 of Section 4 should be delayed until the Courtman 4 State No. 1 is completed.

I appoint Maralo, Inc. and Maralo's counsel to also represent me at the pooling hearing scheduled for December 4, 1997, and any extensions thereof. Please advise if you need additional information or documentation.

Yours very truly,



L. R. French, Jr.

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NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
Maralo EXHIBIT 1
CASE NO. 11884