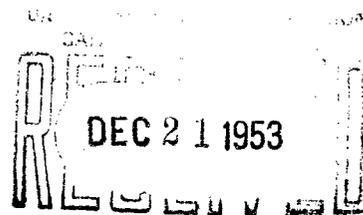


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Dear Dick:

In answer to your letter of December 14, 1953, we would be very happy to have Elvis Utz as the Oil Commission's representative at the Sub-Committee meetings to study pro-ration in the San Juan Basin. It would appear at the moment as if there will be a large measure of cooperation from the various operators in our organization regarding this pro-ration study. The only problem will be to see if we can separate personally interest sufficiently to make a reasonably objective study.

At this point we have decided to hold the pro-ration meetings in Santa Fe on the day before the regular Oil Commission hearings. This will save time, travel and money since most of the operators have a representative in Santa Fe at this time anyway.

We certainly appreciate the cooperation of the Oil Commission and we will do everything possible to arrive at some conclusion or to prepare a recommendation at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

Frank
Frank C. Barnes
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