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March 23, 1960

Mr. Oliver E. Payne
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Santa Fe, New Mexico

Re: Inspection Report - Sketchley Rio
Grande Community Well No. 1, SW/4
SE/4 Section 5, Township 6 North,
Range 1 East, Valencia County, New
Mexico.

Dear Mr. Payne:

The subject well was given a positive inspection on Wednesday March 23, 1960 with the aid of a long handle shovel, to determine whether or not it had been properly plugged. The writer finds the condition of the location to be as follows:

From the appearance of the area immediately surrounding the hole the rig was moved off and no attempt made to clean location. Portions of an old mud pit remain and the location is strewn with decayed rig timbers and lumber. The four concrete foundation blocks upon which the derrick was erected are still in their original position, or appear so. A short piece (about 4 feet) of, 2-inch tubing was welded to a circular piece of steel plate, placed in the center of the old concrete cellar (6' x 6') and covered with sand making it appear that the piece of tubing might be set in the old hole. It had been established in November 1959 that this tubing was not set in cement. After removing the tubing, a 24-inch diameter hole was dug to a depth of approximately 4' trying to locate surface pipe or cement in old hole. At 4' what appeared to be (appearance and odor) heavy grease was encountered making further digging with shovel impossible. Neither surface casing nor cement were found. From all indications of surface conditions this well has not been properly plugged.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Kapteina
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District Engineer

cc: A. L. Porter, Jr.

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