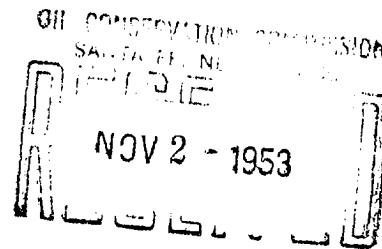


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GENTLEMEN:

I AM THE OWNER OF LOT 18, SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 6N, RANGE 1E AND LOT 19, SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 6N, RANGE 1W IN VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ON APRIL 23, 1952 I GAVE GLADYS E. MCCORMICK ET AL LEASES ON THREE LOTS, SPECIFICALLY LOT 18 IN THE SO-CALLED EL CAPITAN COMMUNITY OIL AND GAS LEASE AND LOT 19 IN THE SO-CALLED ZUNI COMMUNITY OIL AND GAS LEASE OF HER CREATING. IN RETURN I SECURED AN AGREEMENT FROM HER TO GIVE ME QUIT CLAIMS WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM APRIL 23, 1952 IF WELLS WERE NOT BROUGHT IN TO A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION AS PRODUCERS IN THAT TIME. ON EXPIRATION OF THIS AGREEMENT I MADE A DEMAND FOR QUIT CLAIMS. RECEIVING NO RESPONSE I PLACED THE MATTER IN THE HANDS OF MY ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ACTION.

WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO GIVE ME A REGIONAL MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF ANY OIL WELL DRILLING OPERATIONS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN STARTED BETWEEN APRIL 23, 1952 AND APRIL 23, 1953 WITHIN A RADIUS OF SAY FIVE MILES MORE OR LESS FROM THE LOCATION OF MY LOTS AS DESCRIBED IN THE FOREGOING? I SHOULD LIKE INFORMATION REGARDING ALL SUCH DRILLINGS IN THAT RADIUS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT ANY WERE BROUGHT IN AS PRODUCERS.

MCCORMICK ET AL SET UP FOUR AREAS FOR THEIR MACHINATIONS, NAMELY THE EL CAPITAN COMMUNITY OIL AND GAS LEASE, ZUNI COMMUNITY OIL AND GAS LEASE, RIO GRANDE COMMUNITY OIL AND GAS LEASE, AND DALIES COMMUNITY OIL AND GAS LEASE. ON LAND COVERED BY ONE OF THESE LEASES, NAMELY THE RIO GRANDE COMMUNITY OIL AND GAS LEASE, SOME DRILLING WAS DONE, AS I UNDERSTAND, BY INTERESTS HEADED BY PHIL D. LYNCH OF EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU ALSO TO GIVE ME THE DESCRIPTIVE LOCATION OF THAT PARTICULAR WELL, THE DRILLING OF WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY ABANDONED AT APPROXIMATELY 8,000 FT.?

THE QUESTIONS ASKED IN THIS LETTER ARE OF DEEP CONCERN TO ME IN AN ENDEAVOR TO CLEAR THE TITLE OF MY PROPERTY. ANY HELP YOU MAY GIVE ME IN THE PRESENT SITUATION WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

Fred C. Fairbairn

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