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April 19th, 1960

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

RE: #026294, Bond No. 14322
Hawaiian-New Mexico Oil Ventures
Well No. 1, SW/4 SW/4 of Section
27, Township 7 North, Range 4 West,
Valencia County, New Mexico

ATTENTION Mr. Oliver E. Payne

Section 28 - III - May 16

Dear Mr. Payne:

We have and thank you for your letter of April 7yj, 1960 on the above and we apologize for the delay in answering but we have been trying to locate our principal so that we might obtain the necessary records concerning the drilling of this well so that a plugging program could be drafted by your district engineer. We have not had any success in our efforts to locate Myron Buttram and he is the man who supposedly has the records of the drilling of this well. We have talked to Mr. Vernon O. Gardner, drilling contractor and he advises that he turned over all of the well records to Mr. Buttram and that he has no idea where they are at this time nor where Mr. Buttram can be located. We did discuss orally the drilling of the well with Mr. Gardner and he advises us that the well was drilled to an approximate direct depth of 3,610 feet and that it was a 7 7/8 inch hole. He advises that there is 120 feet of surface pipe to a diameter of 10 3/4 inches. He advises that nothing unusual happened in the drilling of the well and that it was drilled with a rotary. He did state that they lost circulation two or three times but that this always occurred behind the surface pipe and that it did not therefore cause them much trouble and that they were finally able to cement it in properly. We asked Mr. Gardner what he thought it would take to properly plug up this well and he advised that he had plugged a number of wells and he thought that he was qualified to give an opinion regarding this particular well. He was of the opinion that it would be necessary only to plug the bottom the well with 150 or 200 sacks of cement and then the top with an additional 150 sacks. This is all the information we were able to obtain from Mr. Gardner and we are therefore wondering if it will be sufficient for your engineer to give us some idea of the requirements in order that we might submit the plugging for bids to the various contractors which you so kindly provided us with.

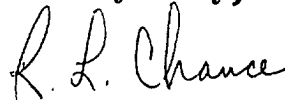
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Your early reply will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,



R. L. Chance
Claims Department

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