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Mr. R. L. Stamets
Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Dear Mr. Stamets:

Please forgive me for my apparent remissness in replying to your communication addressed to me earlier in the month. I was away, when the letter came, and inasmuch as it was registered, I could not very well have it forwarded. I came back sick and have neglected to reply.

I do not know what a "subject" oil-well is, but I infer from your letter that I have an abandoned one on my land at Hudson. Mr. Silverstein never seemed to be in the picture, except that his name appeared in the early part of the record. A man from Artesia (whom I never saw, either) did the drilling. I wrote him and asked whether I could not make some arrangement with him (I forget his name), to get possession of the water, when I learned that he intended plugging the oil-well. I sent stamp for reply, but never heard from him. I do not know who did the plugging. But answering your question, my tenant, W. A. Nials of Logan, N. Mex. (mailing address), knowing that the oil-men had struck a lake of water, asked permission to drill a water-well right beside the oil-well that had previously been capped. I signed the legal papers giving him permission to do this and gave him 240 feet of excellent pipe that I had on hand from another well that had given out. The new water-well is just a little short, they told me, of being 400 feet deep. I have never been over to the site. I am old and sick, and for once, my woman's curiosity did not get the better of me. But the water-well is entirely distinct and separate from the oil-well and was not drilled till two years ago. I want to make it clear that the windmill stands over a brand new water-well and has no connection with the oil-well of 1950. If there is a steel pipe (as you say) in the ground, somewhere around that vicinity, it probably indicates the location of the oil-well. But frankly, I don't know.

The only person that I ever saw, who was in any way connected with the oil-well, was a very gracious young man from your office, who called at the house and said that he was the government inspector. I think he said his name was Bain. I have no record of this, however.

Yours cordially,

Sarah D. Ulmer