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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission P.O. Drawer DD Artesia, New Mexico 88210 Attn: Mr. W.A. Gressert, Supervisor

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RE: #1 Merritt State; N-22-12-27; Chaves County, New Mexico and Your letter dated January 11, 1977.

Dear Mr. Gressert;

Testing on the above captioned well had to be suspended due to surgery on my eyes (cataracts) in August of 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I am now nearly recovered and plan to further test this well on pump and possibly retreat same as I was pumping a small amount of oil with show of gas from the Queen when I was forced to shut down.

I will submit Form C-103 on or about 2/1/27 when f am able to return to my Roswell office. I also plan to drill one or more San Andres wells in the immediate area as soon as I can locate a drill rig. Thonk you for your patience!

> Sincerely, 778 Sand Banka

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