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May 4, 1966

Gulf Oil Corporation
P. O. Box 670
Hobbs, New Mexico

Attn: C. W. Stand

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RE: 7849 State "DW" Well No. 1
Unit 1, Section 28
T-17-S, R-29-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

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ARTESIA, OFFICE

Gentlemen:

Your letter of April 28, 1966, to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission regarding the subject well indicated that this well was turned over to Leonard Oil Company after plugging back to 4,000'. We have reviewed the records of Leonard Oil Company and find no indication that Leonard requested the well be turned over to them. Mr. Fowler Hix, formerly General Manager of Leonard Oil Company and currently with Tenneco Oil Company, informs us that Leonard made no request that we assume operation of this well.

While we have no responsibility for the final plugging of this well, we may be able to utilize it for secondary development in the Grayburg Jackson Field. To this effect, we suggest that Gulf request approval from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission to leave this well on a temporarily abandoned status without the final plugging for approximately six months. If in this time, Tenneco Oil Company determines that they can utilize this location, Tenneco would recomplete the well in the Grayburg Jackson zone. We believe this proposal could be to our mutual benefit. If the well can be utilized by Tenneco, this proposal will eliminate the expense to Gulf of immediately plugging and abandoning. It would also eliminate the additional expense to Tenneco of drilling out these plugs for re-entry.

Your consideration of this suggestion will be greatly appreciated.

Mine very truly,

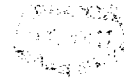
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On behalf of the Company,
A. W. Lang

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District Production Superintendent

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cc: NMOCC, Drawer DD, Artesia, New Mexico



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