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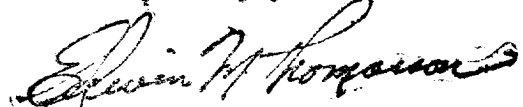
Mr. Elwyn C. Hale
P. O. Box 805
Midland, Texas

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your Notice of Intention to Drill well No. 1 Federal in the SW 1/4 sec. 1, T. 19 S., R. 30 E., N.M.P.M., Eddy County, New Mexico, (copy attached), on lease Las Cruces 063613. This lease embraces lands partially within the potash area designated by order dated October 6, 1951, of the Secretary of Interior.

Pursuant to authority delegated by the Director of the Geological Survey on March 24, 1959, I hereby approve the Notice of Intention to Drill the above described well to a depth of approximately 3,500 feet to test the Queen sand. Please notify the District Engineer, U. S. Geological Survey, P. O. Box 187, Artesia, New Mexico, in sufficient time for a representative to witness all cementing operations.

Very truly yours,



EDWIN M. THOMASSON
Acting Oil and Gas Supervisor

Enclosure

Copy to: Washington
NMOCC, Artesia (w/2 cys of Notice)
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