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Mr. Jas. P. Sullivan,
Box 71,
Hobbs, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. W. M. Keck regarding the Keck Community Well No. 1 in Sec. 33, T. 23 S., R. 28 E. Please return this letter with your reply.

My own reaction is that it is rather poor policy for this office to allow the abandonment of a well as has been done in this case. On the other hand, the rig has been moved and it will be quite expensive to put another rig over the hole. Evidently Mr. Halley has approved the abandonment as the well now is.

In your opinion is the danger of damage at some future time, due to the rusting of the casing or a possibility of someone coming in and salvaging the pipe sufficiently small to justify leaving the well in its present condition and considering it finally abandoned? In which event, the bond could, of course, be released.

Very truly yours,

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