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November 30, 1971

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

Attn: Mr. C. D. Borland

Dear Mr. Borland:

We have received copies of Federal Notice of Intention to Drill for your Beard Federal #1 well, located in the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 17 North, Range 6 West, McKinley County, New Mexico.

In your accompanying letter to Mr. Long of the U. S. G. S. you request that the information contained on the form as well as subsequent information be kept confidential.

In view of this I thought it might be well to clarify New Mexico regulations on this point. Our rules state that all drilling and completion information will be held for a period of ninety days following the date of completion of the well upon request of the operator. We do not hold location information confidential unless the well is drilled as a stratigraphic test for geological information only.

If you have questions concerning the matter, please contact me.

Yours very truly,

Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

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cc: U. S. G. S.
Durango, Colorado

Oil Conservation Commission
Santa Fe, New Mexico