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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
P. O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr., Secretary-Director

Gentlemen:

Following the conference in Santa Fe on August 27, 1957, between representatives of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission, the United States Geological Survey, and Southern Union Gas Company, we have given further consideration to the possibility of casing our Nordhaus No. 5 well.

As soon as the necessary rig and other special equipment can be made available, which we expect will be in approximately two weeks, we plan to make use of the services of the Otis Engineering Corporation to pull the drill pipe presently in the hole and to set an open hole bridging plug below the top of the Cliff House stringer formation. After setting this bridging plug, we plan to set a 30-foot Calseal plug on top of it, then to bleed off the pressure above this plug and run and cement a string of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " O.D. casing, again below the top of the Cliff House stringer formation.

In the event we are unable to complete the foregoing program for any reason within a normal period of time, we shall of course promptly so notify you, and perhaps a further conference between us might then be appropriate in the light of the circumstances which have developed. For example, we plan to run a caliper survey before attempting to set the bridging plug, and if we are unable to find any location where such a plug could be set with reasonable likelihood of success, some modification of the program we now have in mind obviously would be called for.

We will much appreciate your writing us at your earliest convenience, either confirming that the program outlined above meets with your approval or advising us of any changes in it which you feel ought to be made.

Very truly yours,


A. S. Grenier

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cc: Mr. Emery C. Arnold, Aztec
Mr. John A. Anderson, Roswell

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