

Case No.

265

Application, Transcript,
Small Exhibits, Etc.

For it is the wives of the men in the 45th infantry division who impress you the most as the infantrymen pass by in their last formal parade before leaving for Japan.

Eight years ago the 45th—Oklahoma's Thunderbolt division—headed eastward for Africa and Europe and 611 days in actual combat.

The soldiers, their wives and families observed, saying their last farewells. After today's last big show a military security curtain will fall over the 45th.

There are two separate classes of wives. One is the wife who has been through this before. The other is the wife who is seeing all this for the first time.

The first wife is more or less philosophical. One of the wives of the 45th was quite frank about it.

"I've told him," she said, "that he can come back a civilian. I don't care about his Army rank."

The line between the older wives and those who are experiencing this parting for the first time is very definite.

For the younger ones, it is still the same story that it was ten years ago. They are, for the most part, newly married. They have followed their husbands directly from home to an Army camp, or from Army camp to Army camp. They are youngsters, scarcely out of school, and to them this is a new thing.

For Notice of Publication, Case 265, Santa

Fe New Mexican: See clipping in Case 266

No 271

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO }
COUNTY OF SAN JUAN } ss.

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Robert S. Magee
Publisher-Advertising Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of March, 1951

Lela Smith
Notary Public

My commission expires: My Commission Expires, Feb. 23, 1954

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

March 22, 1951

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Alamogordo News - Alamogordo - Case 267
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Farmington Times Hustler - Farmington - Case 265
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Please publish the enclosed notice one time immediately on receipt of this request. Please proofread the notice carefully and send a copy of the paper carrying such notice to this office.

Upon completion of the publication, send publisher's affidavit in duplicate.

For payment, please submit statement in duplicate, and sign and return the enclosed voucher (do not fill in voucher).

PLEASE PUBLISH NOT LATER THAN MARCH 29, 1951.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary and Director

DOCKET
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of the Oil Conservation Commission, upon its own motion, for the designation, extension, or deletion of the various pools listed and described, as follows:

- (a) McAlester Fuel Company, Magnolia, Arkansas, for an order designating a new pool for, or the inclusion within an existing pool, of its Lula C. Simpson A-1-B well located in the center of NW/4 NE/4 sec. 26, T. 15 S, R. 37 E, N. M. P. M., Lea County, New Mexico.
- (b) Weier Drilling Company, Hobbs, New Mexico, for an order designating a new pool for, or the inclusion within an existing pool, of its Foster 5-H, 2310 feet from the north line and 660 feet from the east line section 17, T. 17 S, R. 31 E; and its Foster 6-G, 2310 feet from the north line and 1650 feet from the east line section 17, T. 17 S, R. 31 E, N. M. P. M., Lea County, New Mexico.
- (c) The Texas Company for an order designating a new pool for, or the inclusion within an existing pool of its State "AN" No. 1, SE/4 SW/4 section 22, T. 14 S, R. 33 E, N. M. P. M., Lea County, New Mexico.
- (d) Allan Hargrave, Midland, Texas, for an order designating a new pool for, or the inclusion within an existing pool, of his Bradley No. 1, NW/4 NW/4 section 24, T. 24 S, R. 26 E, N. M. P. M., Eddy County, New Mexico.
- (e) Paul C. Teas for an order designating a new pool for, or the inclusion within an existing pool of his Bernice Dinnin No. 1, SE/4 SE/4 section 24, T. 20 S, R. 33 E, N. M. P. M., Lea County, New Mexico.

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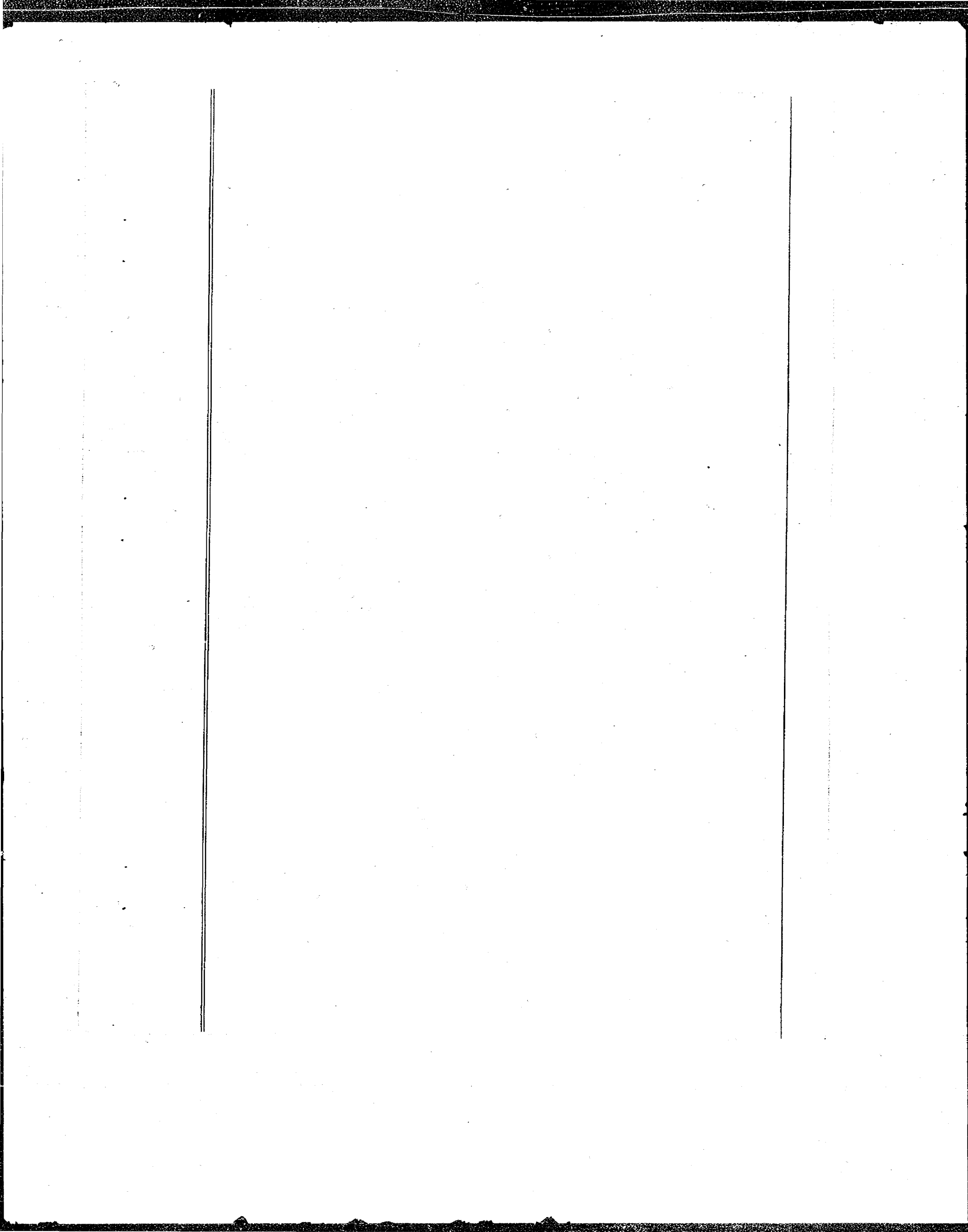
TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

CASE NO. 265

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April 24, 1951

E. E. GREESON
COURT REPORTER
UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE
TELEPHONE 2-0672
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO



BEFORE THE
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 24, 1951

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(Notice of Publication read by Mr. Graham.)

CHAIRMAN SHEPARD: Is the applicant ready?

MR. CAROTHERS: Yes, sir, do you wish to swear me?

(Mr. John O. Carothers sworn as a witness.)

JOHN O. CAROTHERS,

having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By MR. McCORMICK:

Q Just go ahead and state your name.

A John Carothers, Byrd-Frost, Incorporated. This application is made necessary due to topographic conditions. We made this location 567 feet from the south line and 1527 feet from the west line of Section 24, township 28, range northeast 8 west. This is due to a deep canyon running through the southwest quarter. It is impossible to make a 990 or 1650. The further up in the section you go the narrower the canyon gets. So the section corner in the southeast quarter of 24 is right

up in the cliffs of the canyon. We had a registered surveyor down there and surveyed it every way we could and it put it right up against the canyon wall.

I submit to the Commission pictures of the location which were given to them several weeks ago. I would like to Exhibit those as Exhibit No. 1.

(Marked Exhibit No. 1, picture.)

Q What pool is this in?

A The Largo.

Q Who are your offset owners?

A Byrd-Frost, we own all the offsets.

Q You own all the offsets?

A Yes.

CHAIRMAN SHEPARD: Any questions? You will be excused.

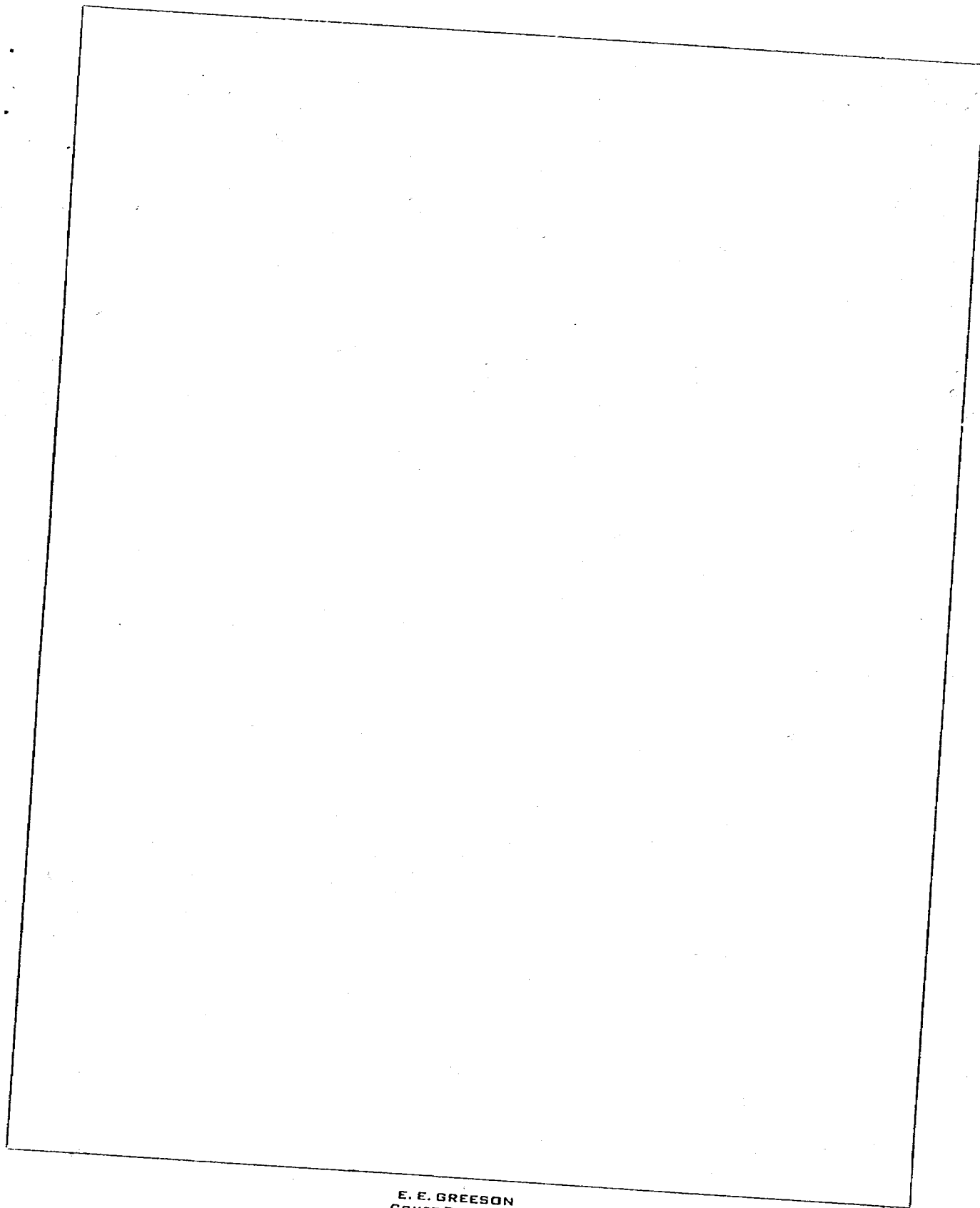
(Witness excused.)

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
) SS
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached transcript of the hearing in Case 265 before the Oil Conservation Commission on April 24, 1951, at Santa Fe is a true and correct record of the same to the best of my knowledge, skill and ability.

DATED at Albuquerque, this 27th day of April, 1951.

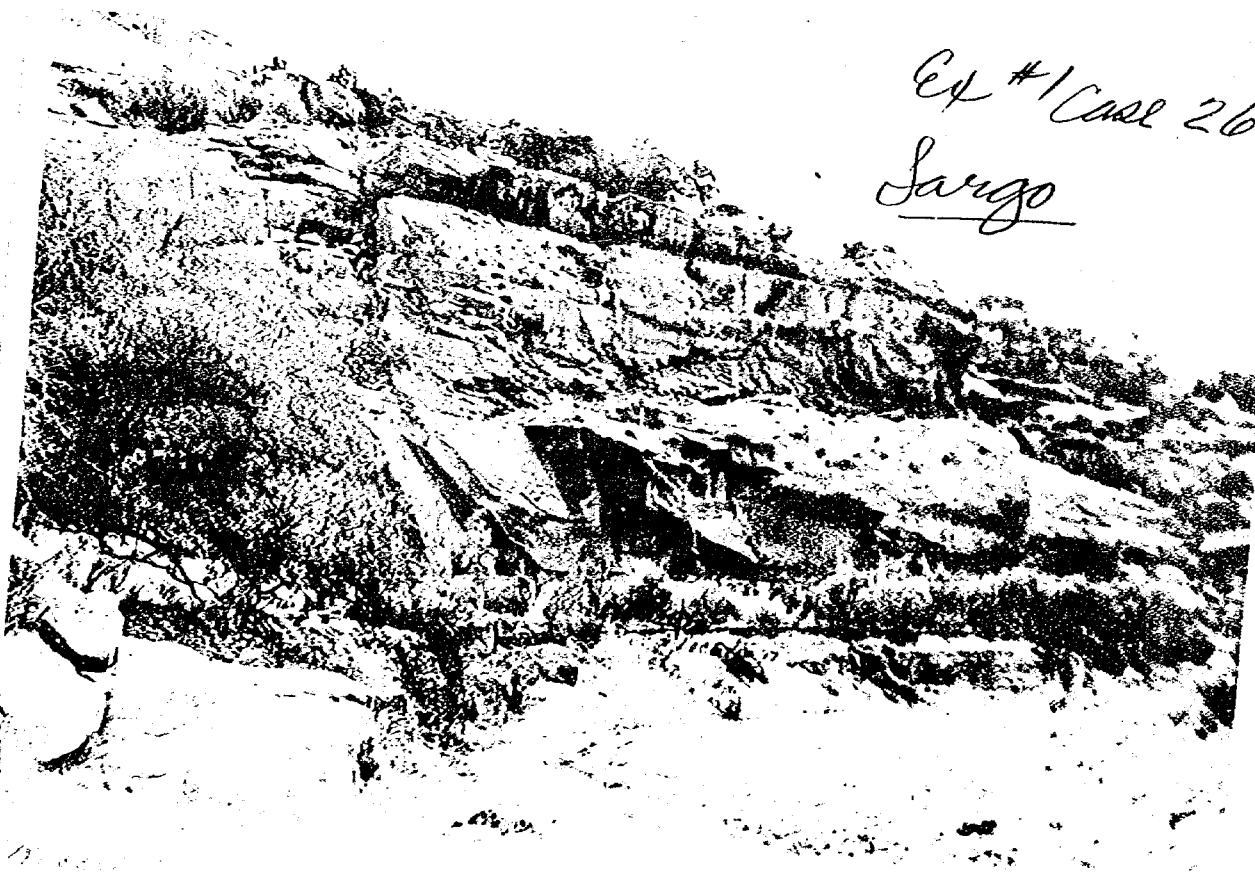
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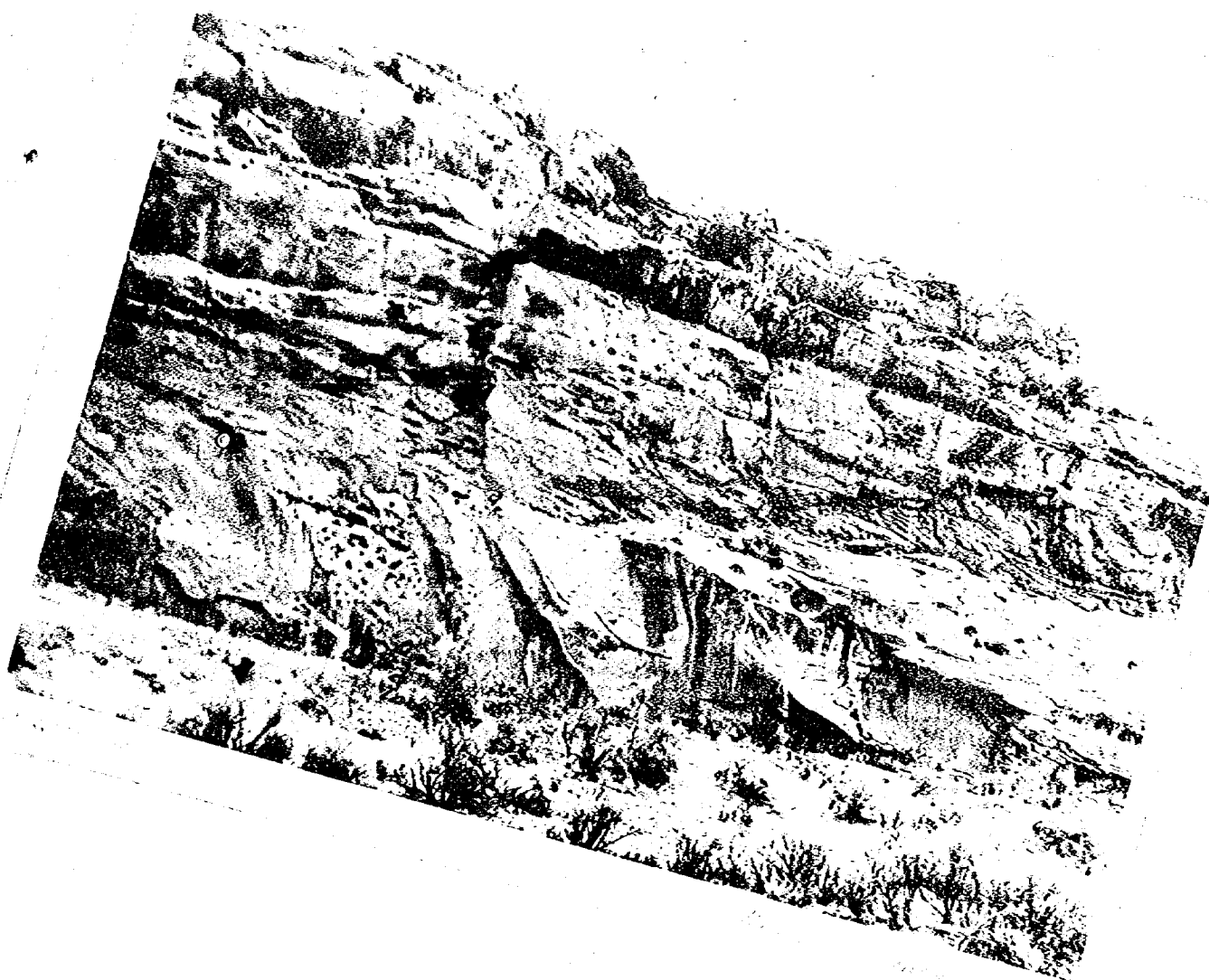


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OFFICE OF STATE GEOLOGIST
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

May 3, 1951

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Mr. John Carothers
Byrd-Frost, Inc.
Durango, Colorado

RE: Case 265

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing Order No. R-70 in the above mentioned case.

Very truly yours,

Secretary and Director

GUY SHEPARD, Member

R. R. Spurr
R. R. SPURRIER, Secretary

BEFORE THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO FOR THE
PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE No. 265
ORDER No. R-70

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
BYRD-FROST, INC. FOR AN UNORTHODOX
LOCATION FOR ITS EMMA T. RUSSELL No. 1
WELL LOCATION, 567 FEET FROM THE SOUTH
LINE AND 1527 FEET FROM THE WEST LINE OF
SECTION 24, T.28 N, R.8 W, N.M.P.M., SAN
JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION

This case came on for hearing at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on 24
April 1951 and the Commission having considered the evidence

FINDS:

1. It has jurisdiction of this case and the parties interested therein,
due notice of this hearing having been given.
2. Due to topographical conditions it is impossible for Byrd-Frost,
Inc. to drill a well on an orthodox location on its lease known as the Emma
T. Russell lease, covering the west half section 24, T.28 N, R.8 W, San
Juan County, New Mexico.
3. Applicant should be permitted to locate its well 567 feet from the
south line and 1527 feet from the west line of said section, and such location
will not disturb the correlative rights of adjoining owners.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED; That Byrd-Frost, Inc. be permitted to drill
a well

567 feet from the south line and
1527 feet from the west line section 24, T.28 N, R.8 W.

DONE this 30th day of April 1951.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Edwin L. Mecham
EDWIN L. MECHEM, Chairman

Guy Shepard
GUY SHEPARD, Member

R. R. Spurrer
R. R. SPURRER, Secretary

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BYRD-FROST, INC.
P. O. BOX 911
DURANGO, COLORADO
March 3, 1951

Mr. R.R. Spurrier
Secretary-Director
Oil Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 871
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Apr Hearing Case 263
Re: Byrd-Frost, Inc. #1 Emma T. Russell
Santa Fe #078500
SE/4 SW/4 Sec. 24, T-28N, R-8W
San Juan County, New Mexico

Dear Sir:

Byrd-Frost, Inc. hereby makes application for approval of an unorthodox Mesa Verde drilling location for the Emma T. Russell No. 1 well to be drilled on lands covered by Federal oil and gas lease Santa Fe #078500, the drilling location to be 567 feet from the south line and 1527 feet from the west line of section 24, township 28N, range 8W, N.M.P.M. San Juan County, New Mexico.

The necessity for the unorthodox location is based on topographical conditions which are such as to make an orthodox location, under rule 104 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission impossible to make.

We are enclosing plats in triplicate, U.S.G.S. Form #9-331A Notice of Intention to Drill in triplicate, Pictures showing the terrain of the proposed location, and letter of agreement in triplicate signed by El Paso Natural Gas Company as offset operators.

We respectfully request your approval of this location.

Very truly yours,

Byrd-Frost, Inc.

John Carothers
John Carothers

Encl.
cc: Mr. H.H. Allen
Dallas, Texas

Company Byrd- Frost, Inc., Dallas 1, Texas

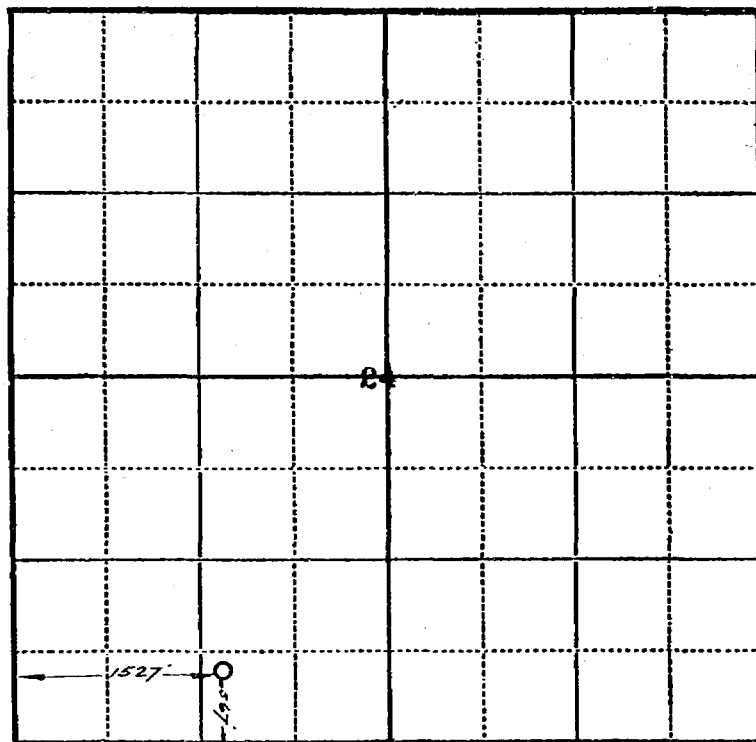
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Sec. 24 T. 28 N. R. 8 W., N.M.P.M.

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from the West Line.

San Juan County

New Mexico



Scale—4 inches equals 1 mile.

This is to certify that the above plat was prepared from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision and that the same are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

[Signature]

Seal:

Registered Professional
Engineer and Land Surveyor.

Farmington, New Mexico

Surveyed December 6, 1950

Company Byrd- Frost, Inc., Dallas 1, Texas

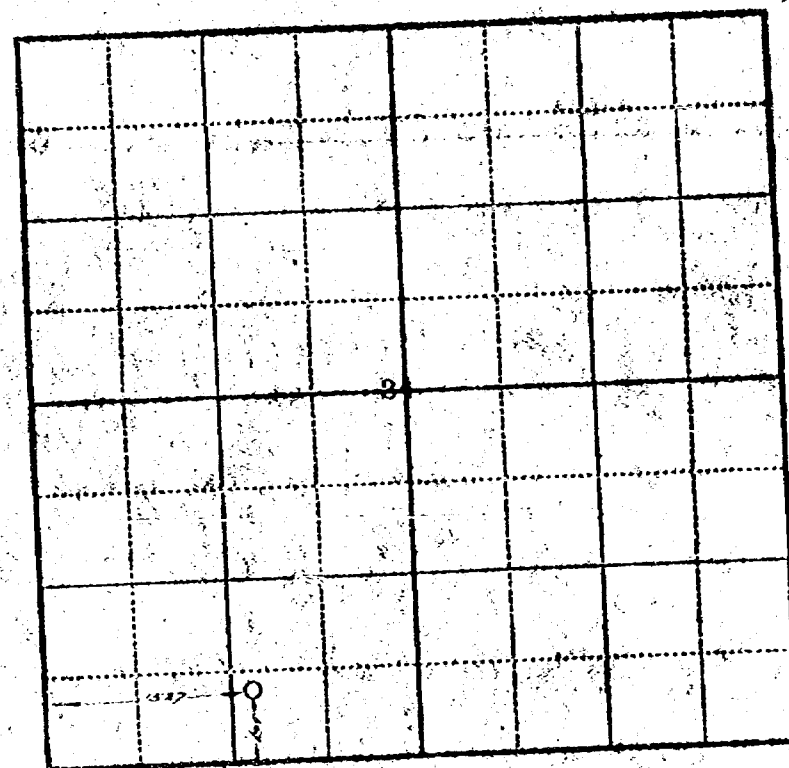
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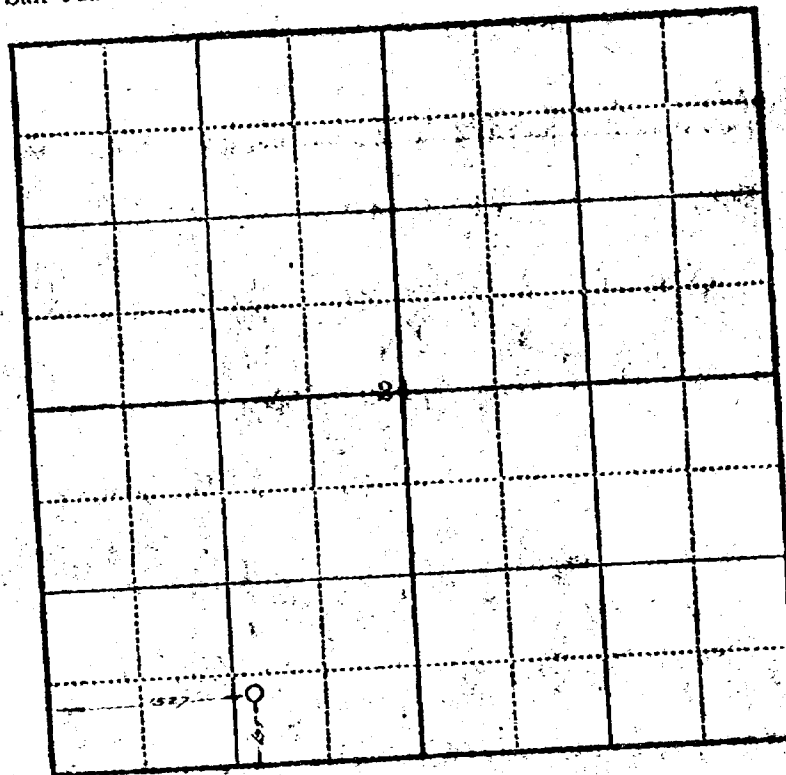
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Land Office Santa Fe
Lease No. 078500
Unit Emma T. Russell

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DRILL.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF WATER SHUT-OFF.....	
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Largo Extension San Juan New Mexico
(Field) (County or Subdivision) (State or Territory)

The elevation of the derrick floor above sea level is 5937 ft. Gr.

DETAILS OF WORK

(State names of and expected depths to objective sands; show sizes, weights, and lengths of proposed casings; indicate mudding jobs, cementing points, and all other important proposed work)

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W/2 Section 24 Designated Drilling Unit

I understand that this plan of work must receive approval in writing by the Geological Survey before operations may be commenced.

Company Byrd-Frost, Inc.

Address P.O. Box 911
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By John Carothers
John Carothers
Title Dist. Office Mgr.

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(State names of and expected depths to objective sands; show sizes, weights, and lengths of proposed casings; indicate mudding jobs, cementing points, and all other important proposed work)

Drill Mesa Verde Test with rotary tools to top of Point Lookout Sand.
Drill Point Lookout sand and complete with cable tools.
Set 200 feet 10-3/4" O.D. 32# Sals. Casing cemented to surface
Set 7" O.D. 20# Sals. casing on point Lookout sand cemented with 300 sacks.
Estimated T.D. 5100 feet

W/2 Section 24 Designated Drilling Unit

I understand that this plan of work must receive approval in writing by the Geological Survey before operations may be commenced.

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Durango, Colorado

By John Carothers
Title Dist. Office Mgr.

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