W. A. MONCRIEF, JR.

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December 2, 1977

Mr. Jerry Sexton Oil Conservation Commission P. O. Box 1980 Hobbs, New Mexico 88240

> Re: W. A. Moncrief, Jr., #1 State "8" Unit G, Section 8, T16S, R34E Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Sexton:

DIL PRODUCER

Attached are five (5) copies of the first three sections of Form C-104 on the above referenced well by which I am requesting a 5,000 barrel test allowable for the month of December.

We are requesting additional test allowable because we have been unable to determine whether or not we have a commercial well in the Devonian. We have been plagued with mechanical problems and the Kobe pump killing itself on high pressure. The Kobe people feel that the well either has limited permeability or the pay zone was damaged during drilling operations to the extent that a limited amount of oil is coming into the borehole.

We presently have a five day bottom hole pressure bomb in the hole with the Kobe pump. After pumping for two days, we will leave the well shut in for a three day bottom hole pressure buildup. Hopefully this well help us evaluate the Devonian.

We have removed the Kobe solo vessel and installed a power oil tank in hopes that some of the mud and cuttings coming into the wellbore will settle out in the power oil tank rather than be recirculated as it had been with the small solo vessel. We feel that this contributed to some of our pump problems earlier.

Respectfully yours,

MONCRIEF OIL INTERESTS

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