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Box 522  
Carlsbad, New Mexico  
May 22, 1935

Dr. E. H. Wells  
State Geologist  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Dr. Wells:

This is in regard to the Repollo Arnold Well No. 1, in Sec. 11, T. 20 S., R. 38 E.

As I told you over the phone the other evening, I talked to Mr. David House, the originator of the protest that was wired to you. Mr. House is a brother-in-law of Mr. E. W. Arnold, owner of the land, and is handling his business dealings. Mr. House was not satisfied at all with the way Repollo has drilled this well and believes that Repollo should clean out the hole, run a production string and treat with acid in order to see if a producer could be made of this well. I believe that some of the geologists, of the off-set operators, have "ribbed" Mr. House up regarding this matter.

I made your suggestion to Mr. House about the royalty owners and/or the off-set operators taking over this well and I believe that Repollo will be only too willing to get the well off their hands providing the results from the Schlumberger tests, which they are now running, are not satisfactory.

I talked with Mr. John Reeves this morning and asked him to send you full particulars regarding this well which he said he would try to mail to you today.

I have talked to several of the engineers and geologists regarding this well and I get answers from ice cold to boiling hot, in fact, a person can get most any answer he desire.

Personally, I believe that this was a very sloppy job of drilling, however, the Repollo officials can and may claim it is the proper way to drill a well.

Undoubtedly you know, there were several drill stem tests run that showed a little oil and some gas. They have now plugged off the bottom water and after they finish running their Schlumberger tests, they will shut down for orders.

I hope this is the information you desire.

Very truly yours,

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State Oil & Gas Inspector.

CC: Dr. Wells,  
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