OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION P. O. BOX 2088 SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

August 23, 1966

Gulf Oil Corporation Post Office Box 670 Hobbs, New Mexico

Attention: Mr. C. D. Borland, Area Production Manager

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter of August 8, 1966, to Mr. J. D. Ramey of our Hobbs office concerning your North Wilson Deep Unit Well No. 3, which was commenced by The British-American Oil Producing Company and taken over by Gulf on August 1, 1966, while drilling operations were still in progress.

It is our understanding from the correspondence forwarded to us and from the telephone conversation between Mr. Von Elm of your office and Mr. Mutter of this office that British-American set a whinstock in the hole at approximately 3990 feet and deviated the hole in a northwesterly direction to side-track junk lost in the hole when drilling at 4572 feet. We further understand that although directional surveys were made only of the interval from 3883 fest to 4589 feet during actual whipstocking operations, frequent deviation surveys have been made of the hole since initial spudding. According to Mr. Von Elm, if all of the drift indicated by these deviational surveys were taken in a single cumulative direction, the bottom of the hole at last Thursday's depth of 11,217 feet would not be more than 253 feet from the surface location. It thus appears that except for the relatively short distance where the hole was deliberately deviated, an unusually straight hole has been maintained.

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