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Utah Southern Oil Company
Utah Oil Building
Salt Lake City, Utah
Attention: Mr. G. T. Hansen

Weber Oil Company
Utah Oil Building
Salt Lake City, Utah
Attention: Mr. J. L. Dougan

RANGELY UNITIZATION

Raven Oil and Refining Company
Rangely
Colorado
Attention: Mr. R. A. Bryson

Gentlemen:

We should like at this time to give you a report of the status of execution of the West Rangely Weber Unit Agreement, and we attach hereto a tabulation showing the percentage signed in each tract.

You will see that we have shown the Emerald lease as 100% signed. Actually, we have 60.5% executed, of which approximately 6% is in the form of estates and guardianships where we would probably have to get additional authority, but, discounting these questionable consents, we are still well over the 51% in interest needed to commit the lease to the Unit.

On our other tracts we have done fairly well but not good enough, we feel, to get full support of the Government at this time on the project. We have had excellent success in obtaining signatures from our people in outlying points, such as California, Oregon, etc., but we have met a hard core of resistance in the Denver-Grand Junction area which seems to resolve itself primarily into two groups: (1) one which is more or less dependent upon the decision of Judge John Clark, and (2) one dominated by Carlongo-Magor-Juhan. The basic objection of these groups seems to be the lack of support of the project by other major operators; however, the door has not yet been completely closed in our faces. We have received firm refusals from the attorneys representing the University of Texas, the McLaughlin interests and Mrs. Virginia Hill. You know the situation with respect to Henry Gray.

All in all, we feel the project has gone along as well as could have been expected without the support of Stanolind. Right now we are taking another look at the entire picture to decide upon the best course of action in view of the seeming stalemate. We will, of course, keep all of you fully advised of what we are doing.

Yours very truly,

Woollen H. Walshe
General Attorney
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Enclosure
cc: Mr. George Dodge