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Attention: Mr. Glen Lewis

Re: Jeanerette Field
St. Mary Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Lewis:

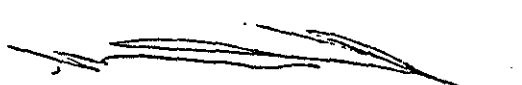
Please allow this letter to confirm our telephone conversation of this date during which I advised you of my clients' interest in acquiring ARCO's interest in various properties located within the Jeanerette Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

From our conversation, it is my understanding that ARCO is interested in selling its lease and fee interest south of Bayou Teche within the Jeanerette Field. It is my further understanding that ARCO is currently preparing a package on these properties and may place same out for bids. I would like to reiterate my clients' desire to bid on these properties and I would request that you provide me with any information with respect to same and keep me advised as to ARCO's desires and intents relative to these properties.

I would further like to reiterate that my clients would like to make a private offer to ARCO on these properties. In this connection, we are continuing to study the area and if we are able to obtain sufficient information to formulate an intelligent offer, we will feel free to submit same to ARCO prior to the time these properties are put up on a bid basis. In the meantime, should ARCO desire to pursue a private offer, we are most amenable to that course and feel we are in a position to provide ARCO with an offer within an extremely reasonable period of time.

Thanking you for your courtesies and awaiting your further advises, I am

Very truly yours,


Newman Trowbridge, Jr.

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