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January 14, 1972

Union Oil Company of California P. C. Box 7600, Terminal Annex Los Angeles, California 90054

Attn: Mr. Herbert S. Harry

Gentlemen:

Your letter of November 11, 1971, received by this office on November 22, 1971, requested approval to install a 59-well permanent drilling and production platform on Lease OCS-P 0216. Our reply, dated December 2, 1971, requested that you furnish us with your exploratory and development plans for Lease OCS-P 0216 in accordance with the provisions of Part 250.34 (a) and (b) of Title 30 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We forwarded your application to our Washington office, for advice, on December 6, 1971. We have now been advised that an environmental impact statement will probably have to be filed and that public hearings may be held before final action is taken on the platform application. We have also been advised that preliminary approval to install the platform will not be granted.

Additionally, we request that you submit a comprehensive report analyzing the environmental aspects of the proposed installation. This information is in addition to the exploratory and development plans requested by our letter of December 2, 1971.

When we receive the above information from you, we will transmit it to Washington with our report and recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

(Orig. Sgd.) F. J. SCHAMBECK

F. J. Schambeck Acting Regional Oil & Gas Supervisor Pacific Region

cc: Chief, Conservation Division
Chief, Branch of Oil and Gas Operations
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