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## MEMORANDUM ON THE OREGON EXPLORATIONS WELL

Washington County, Oregon

Permit No.: 16

Operator: Oregon Explorations  
William B. Chandlee, General Manager

Lease name: Chester Wohler No. 1

Location: NW NE sec. 11, T. 1 S., R. 3 W., Washington County.

The well site was visited on May 23, 1956. The reason for the visit was to determine whether more than one well had been drilled on the Wohler property. The location of the well shown on the "Application for Permit to Drill. . ." was 500 feet south of the north line and 1650 feet west of the east line. (See accompanying sketch)

After the well was completed, the land owner wished to use it as a source of water supply for domestic use and irrigation. Application was made to the Water Resources Department of the State Engineer. Permission to use the exploratory well for purposes of irrigation was granted on April 20, 1956. However, the location accompanying the permit showed the well as being "771.2 feet south and 1031.54 feet east from the  $\frac{1}{4}$  corner between Sections 2 and 11, Township 1 South, Range 3 West. . . ." This showed a discrepancy of approximately 250 feet between the location shown on the drilling permit and that on the permit for irrigation use. (See accompanying sketch)

According to Chandlee\* the location shown on the drilling permit is only approximate since it was only paced in rather than surveyed. The location

\* Personal communication.

was later surveyed, however, by H. A. Mohr & Associates, licensed surveyors from Hillsboro. The surveyed location was the one that accompanied the application requesting permission to convert the well to a water well for irrigation purposes. Unfortunately, both Wohler and Mohr were out when the visit to the well site was made. The well had been capped approximately 4 feet below the surface and covered over. There was no visible evidence that there had ever been more than one exploratory well for gas or oil drilled on the Wohler property. Mr. John E. Meeke, holder of the drilling bond for W. B. Chandlee, stated that to the best of his knowledge only one exploratory well had been drilled on the Wohler property. He further stated that he would request H. A. Mohr to send us a letter to show that the well noted on the drilling permit and the well he surveyed for water use are one and the same.

Visited: May 23, 1956

Report by: R. E. Cercoran

