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Tulsa, Oklahoma
March 10, 1962

Zapata Off-Shore Company
Attention Mr. George H. W. Bush
1701 Houston Club Building
Houston 2, Texas

Dear Sir:

Last fall we forwarded you a questionnaire prepared by the Joint Association Committee covering drilling and production activity during 1960. According to our records, however, we have received no response to this questionnaire from your company.

With the thought that perhaps you may have found the questionnaire to be somewhat too detailed for your company's particular use, we have prepared a condensed version, two copies of which are enclosed.

As you probably are aware, the Joint Association Surveys have gained widespread recognition as the best overall source of information for drilling and production costs in the United States. Accordingly, we are extremely anxious to obtain as broad participation as possible from companies in all size brackets, so that these survey reports will provide an accurate and comprehensive picture of drilling cost trends. It is our sincere hope, therefore, that you will fill out the enclosed brief questionnaire at your very earliest convenience and return it to me at the above address.

We have tentatively set the end of March as the cut-off date for the drilling section of the 1960 Joint Association Survey, and it would be greatly appreciated if you would complete and return the questionnaire by that time.

If, for any reason, you find you cannot submit the information desired, will you kindly advise us accordingly before the end of March, so that we can finalize our plans. We hope, however, that there will be no obstacles which will prevent your cooperation in this important survey.

Very truly yours,

Clarel B. Mapes

Secretary-Treasurer.

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FOR YOUR FILES

JOINT ASSOCIATION SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE - 1960

FORM # 1 - A

WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED AND DRILLING COSTS IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1960

Name of Company ZAPATA OFFSHORE CO Code Number _____
1701 HOUSTON CLUB BLDG
HOUSTON 2 TEXAS

General Instructions

Code Number _____

Well Completions Include only wells completed by your company as operator (whether drilled by the company or by a drilling contractor). Exclude wells drilled by others in which your company had a working interest. Indicate state or district where wells were drilled.

Drilling Costs Report the total cost of drilling and equipping new wells completed in 1960. Include those costs incurred for completing the wells for production through the "christmas" tree; exclude lease costs that are required to produce these wells.

OIL WELLS DRILLED IN 1960 AND COSTS

<u>Depth Range</u>	<u>Number of Wells</u>	<u>Footage</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>	<u>State or District</u>
0 - 1,250	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
1,251 - 2,500	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
2,501 - 3,750	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
3,751 - 5,000	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
5,001 - 7,500	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
Over 7,500	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____

GAS AND CONDENSATE WELLS DRILLED IN 1960

<u>Depth Range</u>	<u>Number of Wells</u>	<u>Footage</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>	<u>State or District</u>
0 - 1,250	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
1,251 - 2,500	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
2,501 - 3,750	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
3,751 - 5,000	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
5,001 - 7,500	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
Over 7,500	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____

DRY HOLES DRILLED IN 1960

<u>Depth Range</u>	<u>Number of Dry Holes</u>	<u>Footage</u>	<u>Total Costs</u>	<u>State or District</u>
0 - 1,250	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
1,251 - 2,500	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
2,501 - 3,750	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
3,751 - 5,000	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
5,001 - 7,500	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____
Over 7,500	<u>0</u>	_____	_____	_____

November 30, 1961

Mr. J. Clyde Tomlinson
Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association
2920 Southland Center
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Tomlinson:

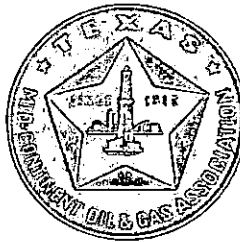
Thank you for your letter of November 27th.
I am pleased that I was renamed to the
Board of Directors of Texas Mid-Continent
Oil & Gas Association. If I can ever be
of any help to you here in the Houston
area please don't hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

George H. W. Bush

GEWB/vf

J. CLYDE TOMLINSON
President
WILLIAM H. ABINGTON
General Counsel



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2920 SOUTHLAND CENTER • DALLAS 1, TEXAS • RIVERSIDE 8-8861

November 27, 1961

Mr. George H. W. Bush
Zapata Off-Shore Company
1701 Houston Club Building
Houston 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Bush:

It gives me much pleasure to advise you officially that you were again elected to the Board of Directors of Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association at our 42nd annual meeting in Fort Worth September 25-27th.

The respect which Texas Mid-Continent enjoys is due partly to you and the other Directors who are leaders in state and national affairs, as well as respected spokesmen for the petroleum industry, and I know my job as President of the Association for the coming year will be made easier with the cooperation and counsel I will receive from you.

I pledge my efforts to an Association program that will benefit us all, and with your help, I know Texas Mid-Continent will continue to serve our industry in a most creditable way.

Sincerely yours,

J. Clyde Tomlinson
President

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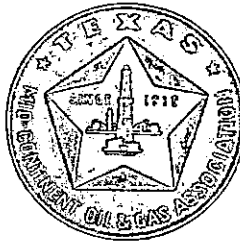
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July 31, 1961

Mr. George H. W. Bush, President
Zapata Off-Shore Company
1701 Houston Club Building
Houston 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Bush:

Concerning your letter of July 25th, inquiring as to the Director's meetings of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, you are advised that we have not had a meeting of this group since you were named a Director.

We do not call meetings of the Board of Directors unless there is some very unusual circumstance to warrant it. However, we regard the members of the Board as key individuals of influence in the industry and we have a special mailing list for them. We send the Directors certain material which is not circulated generally to the industry with the thought in mind that the members of the Board are in a position to take such action on their own initiative as would seem to be indicated by the nature of the communication itself.

Further, it has been our practice to call on the members of the Board for specific performance on certain industry matters. The nature of these matters varies according to the times and according to the necessities of a given situation.

Yours very truly,

Charles E. Simons

CES/bsm

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July 25, 1961

Mr. Charles E. Simons
Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association
2920 Southerland Center
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Simons:

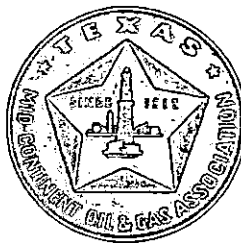
I would like to have some information
as to the directors' meetings of
Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas
Association. I believe I was elected
a director at your last annual meeting
but I have received no notices of any
meetings.

Very truly yours,

George H. W. Bush

GHNB/vf

ESTILL HEYSER
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General Counsel



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TEXAS MID-CONTINENT OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION
2920 SOUTHLAND CENTER • DALLAS 1, TEXAS • RIVERSIDE 8-8861

March 3, 1961

Dear Member:

If you have not already done so, would you please consider dropping a note expressing your appreciation to the editor of the Houston Post for the excellent editorial enclosed here.

Very truly yours,

Charles E. Simons

CES:wbl
Enclosure

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THE HOUSTON POST

EDITORIAL PAGE

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1961

Oil Industry Pays Third of State Taxes

All profit-making businesses and industries subject to taxation should be taxed equitably, in the light of conditions and circumstances. The Texas Constitution says, "Taxes shall be equal and uniform." But that is the forgotten mandate of the state's organic law.

The oil and gas industry is Texas' largest, and pays the most taxes, which is as it should be. A recent report of the Texas Research League says that Texas' 4.6 per cent tax on oil production is the highest tax levied by any state which also imposes a property tax on reserves. Also that the 7 per cent tax on natural gas is the second highest in the nation. In 1959 oil and gas producers paid \$210 Million of the state government's tax bill—30.3 per cent of the total collected from all taxes and licenses. They paid a third of the business franchise tax, and 27 per cent of local property taxes collected by cities and various districts. All this is in addition to \$179 Million gasoline and fuel taxes paid by motorists.

Oil and gas should be made to pay their full fair share of taxes. But there is a growing tendency to make them a pack-horse, on which to saddle new loads whenever the state needs more revenues—as it urgently does now. Vote-seeking candidates and vote-conscious state officials see more potential ballots in taxing this and certain other industries than in laying a broad-base tax which would conform to the state Constitution. Even some legislative candidates of Houston, the very capital of the Texas oil industry, the city which above all others owes its metropolitan existence and prosperity to the petroleum industry, would make petroleum the whipping boy of state taxation.

It was ironic that, because the boy protested against more whipping in the form of a proposed 43 per cent increase in the natural gas tax (from the present 7 per cent of production value to 10 per cent thereof), Gov Price Daniel

laid a verbal lash on its back. He accused the oil and gas companies of ingratitude for not wanting to bend over the barrel to receive a new application of the tax cat o' nine tails.

It may be wondered, with some reason, whether the "ingratitude" shoe might not better fit the other foot. The tendency to cast a repugnant image of the industry is wrong. The oil industry is not inimical to Texas or Texas people; economically it is one of our best friends—especially Houston's.

Petroleum has asked no partiality or special favors. It expects to bear its full share of the tax load, and the Legislature should see that it does. But let us not forget the horse that was loaded down with just one too many straws.

Houstonians Deserve San Jacinto Knighthood

Three worthy Houstonians were accorded a distinguished honor Saturday when George and Herman Brown and retired Adm Samuel Murray Robinson were invested as members of the Order of the Knights of San Jacinto.

Founded by Sam Houston in 1843 and revived in 1941 by the Sons of the Republic of Texas, the Order confers knighthood only upon Texans of high character and attainments in life. The Brown brothers, who head Brown & Root, Inc, have abundantly earned the high honor by their great contributions to the building of Houston, of Texas, and of America, and by their civic and philanthropic activities. Adm Robinson has earned it by his dedicated work in preserving the glory of the revolutionary Texas Navy, and particularly in establishing the Texas Navy Museum aboard the Battleship Texas.

Houston has reason to be proud of these fine citizens, and The Post speaks the sentiments of its citizens in congratulating them on the distinction they have won.

March 6, 1961

Mr. W. P. Hobby, Jr., Editor
The Houston Post
2410 Polk
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Hobby:

As a small producer and as one interested in the oil business I would like to commend you on your February 28th editorial. This is the kind of thing that makes for far greater understanding. I think your call for fair play in the matter of taxation will be extremely helpful.

Very truly yours,

George H. W. Bush
President

GHWB/vf

bcc: Mr. Charles E. Simons

HIGHLAND OIL COMPANY

1215 FLOOR SAN JACINTO BUILDING

HOUSTON 2, TEXAS

HAROLD DECKER
PRESIDENT

February 27, 1961

Do this Monday

To Members of Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association

Gentlemen:

As you know, Texas House Bill 339 is due to come out of Committee this week, and the Texas House of Representatives will vote on the bill the latter part of the week or the first part of next week.

House Bill 339 would increase the tax on gas production in the State of Texas from 7% to 10% of market value. The oil and gas industry is already paying a disproportionate part of the total tax bill; and while this bill is termed a one-year bill, we know it is practically impossible to remove a tax once it is on the books.

I ask that you again read the statement recently mailed to you which the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association made through its General Counsel, Mr. William H. Abington. I am attaching a list of the members of the House of Representatives from your district, and I wish to urge each of you to contact these representatives by letter and express your personal views. If you know any of them personally, please call them on the telephone.

The Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association and all our other industry associations in Texas have already testified. It is now your turn to express yourselves to the representatives of your state government.

I regret that this letter is not a personal one, but in the interest of time I am having it reproduced.

Please do your part.

Yours sincerely,

Harold Decker

HAROLD DECKER, Vice-President
Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Asso.
Middle Gulf Coast District

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Dear —,

Our company is
~~As~~ a small gas
producer. ~~I would like to~~
~~express our~~ we are
unalterably opposed to
House Bill 339. ~~we~~
are concerned about this
bill ~~not~~ only because ~~of its~~
~~the~~ ~~economic~~ ~~of~~
effect on present production, but
also because of the effect it could
have on future drilling and exploration.
We are sincerely concerned that
this proposed tax is unfair
and we hope you will vote to defeat
House Bill 339. V.T.Y.

March 6, 1961

Representative Bob Eckhardt
Texas State Legislature
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Eckhardt:

Our company is a small gas producer. We are unalterably opposed to House Bill 339. We are concerned about this bill not only because of its effect on the economics of present production, but also because of the effect it could have on future drilling and exploration. We are sincerely concerned that this proposed tax is unfair and we hope you will vote to defeat House Bill 339.

Very truly yours,

George H. W. Bush
President

GHWB/vf

SENATORIAL DISTRICT NO. 6

Senator Robert W. Baker, Houston

(Harris County)

REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS IN SENATORIAL DISTRICT NO. 6

District 22 -- Place 1. Representative Paul Floyd, Houston

Place 2. Representative Bob Eckhardt, Houston

Place 3. Representative Henry C. Grover, Houston

Place 4. Representative Don Garrison, Houston

Place 5. Representative W. H. Miller, Houston

Place 6. Representative Donald Shipley, Houston

Place 7. Representative Criss Cole, Houston

Place 8. Representative J. Charles Whitfield, Jr., Houston

(All communications should be addressed to members of
the Legislature at Capitol Station, Austin, Texas.)

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November Thirtieth
Nineteen Sixty

Mr. George H. W. Bush
Zapata Off-Shore Co.
1701 Houston Club Building
Houston 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Bush:

This will acknowledge receipt of check No. 1068 of Zapata Off-Shore Company, dated November 14, 1960, in the amount of \$21.00, in payment of your company's contribution to the 1960 Budget of the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association.

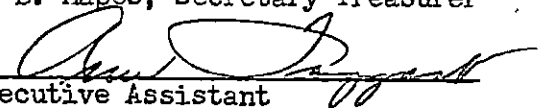
Permit us to thank you for this contribution, and express our appreciation for your genuine interest and active cooperation in the work of the Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association and in its efforts to promote and protect the interests of the petroleum industry.

Very truly yours,

MID-CONTINENT OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION

Clarel B. Mapes, Secretary-Treasurer

By


Executive Assistant
to the Secretary-Treasurer

at/kp

cc: Mr. W. J. Goldston, President.

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October 5, 1960

Mr. Charles E. Simons
Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association
2920 Southland Center
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Simons:

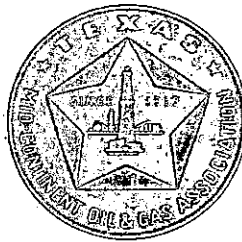
I was very pleased to be named to the Board of Directors of the Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association. I would like to take an active part in the program. I accept with pleasure this election.

Very truly yours,

George H. W. Bush

GHEB/vf

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President
ANDREW M. HOWSLEY
Senior Vice President and
General Counsel



CHARLES E. SIMONS
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TEXAS MID-CONTINENT OIL & GAS ASSOCIATION
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October 3, 1960

Mr. George H. W. Bush.
Zapata Off-Shore Company
1701 Houston Club Building
Houston 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Bush:

It gives me much pleasure to advise you officially that you were elected to the Board of Directors of Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association at our 41st Annual Meeting in San Antonio, September 19-21.

Our Board of Directors consists of an outstanding group of men who are prominent in the affairs of the petroleum industry in Texas as well as outstanding citizens of our state. You will enjoy your contacts with them, and we are counting on your taking an active part in the program of our association.

It would be appreciated if you would advise me, at your early convenience, of your willingness to serve on the Board.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Simons

CES/cmm

cc: Mr. Estill S. Heyser, Jr.
Mr. Fred W. Shield
Mr. Andrew M. Howsley

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