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P. O. Box 2216
Midland, Texas
April 10, 1956

Mr. Jack Riggs
Llano Drilling Company
V & J Tower
Midland, Texas

Dear Jack:

Thank you so much for the invitation to the christening of the CLAYTON G. DORN. I am sorry that I will not be able to get down there, but let me wish you, Paul and Smoky and all the others the best of luck. We are no experts, but if we can in any way assist you, please let us know.

Best regards.

Yours very truly,

George H. W. Bush

GHWB:JMcB

P. O. Box 2216
Midland, Texas
January 25, 1956

Mr. Thomas L. North
North's News Letter
676 Market Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. North:

I am returning to you your memo on our Company. I am also attaching a Zapata Petroleum Corporation prospectus since it contains additional financial information about the Off-Shore Company. Incidentally, the Petroleum stock was offered at \$10 and closed the first day around 11 $\frac{1}{2}$. It is currently around 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -11.

The memo looks all right to me although I have deleted and added in a few places. I hope that you will use my corrections where made since I have reasons for each one. I would like very much to have several copies of your printed form when this article appears. Please feel free to call on me if I can furnish you additional information.

Yours very truly,

ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

George H. W. Bush
President

GHWB:JMcB
cc: Houston Office

NORTH'S NEWS LETTER

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Thos. L. North, Editor & Publisher

*Specializing in Oils and Minerals of the West
and Other Field Reports*

Special Mailings

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Jan. 21, 1956

Mr. George H. W. Bush, President,
Zapata Off-Shore Co.,
2218 City National Bank Bldg.,
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Bush,

Enclosed is a rough draft of my projected report on Zapata Off-Shore Co., based on the information you furnished me at the time of my recent visit. I would appreciate having you check it over for accuracy, filling in any blanks or additional, more recent information.

As you suggested, I am sending a copy to both your Houston and Midland offices, hoping this will reach you at one or the other of them.

I plan to use this article in the Feb. 1 issue, and thus would greatly appreciate having you Airmail the corrected draft back promptly, no later than this coming Friday, Jan. 27.

Many thanks for your cooperation, and I hope to see you on a future trip.

Very sincerely yours,



Thomas L. North

Post Office Box 2216
Midland, Texas
January 28, 1956

Mr. Cornelius Ryan
COLLIERS Magazine
640 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Ryan:

I am attaching copies of three letters which I wrote today regarding your impending visit to New Orleans. The three people to whom I have written are leaders in the off shore field, and I know that they will be able to give you some valuable information.

I hope that I will have the pleasure of seeing you in Houston. Incidentally, our office there is 2218 City National Bank Building, and in case I am not there, Mr. Wayne H. Dean, our Vice President and Manager of Operations is expecting you. I am sure that Mr. Dean can introduce you to any of the people in Houston whom you would care to see. As soon as you have an itinerary, I would appreciate your sending me one to our Midland office and a copy to our Houston office so that I can arrange to see you in Houston. If our office there can be of any help in making hotel reservations, will you please wire them directly. They will be on the look out for any messages from you. Feel free to make our office your headquarters while you are in Houston, and let me know if I can do anything for you in the meantime.

Very truly yours,

ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

George H. W. Bush
President

GHWB:SC

Post Office Box 2216
Midland, Texas
January 28, 1956

Mr. Alden J. LaBorde
Ocean Drilling & Exploration Company
Carondelet Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dick:

COLLIERS magazine plans to do a feature story on off shore oil. Mr. Cornelius Ryan, an associate editor of COLLIERS and one of their top feature writers, plans to be in New Orleans sometime during this coming week. I have taken the liberty of giving Mr. Ryan your name with the hope that you will be able to spare him a few minutes. I recognize that much of your off shore information is confidential, but any cooperation which you or some of your people could show Mr. Ryan would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

George H. W. Bush
President

GHWB:SC

Post Office Box 2216
Midland, Texas
January 28, 1956

Mr. John Damerq, Vice President
California Company
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear John:

COLLIER'S magazine plans to do a story on the offshore business. One of their associate editors and top feature writers, Mr. Cornelius Ryan, plans to be in New Orleans sometime during the coming week. He is anxious to talk to oil company people and drilling contractors regarding the all-over offshore picture. I am wondering if you will be so good as to see Mr. Ryan for a few minutes. I recognize that the California Company may not choose to put out a lot of information on their offshore operations, but I know that any cooperation which your company can show Mr. Ryan will be very much appreciated by him. I have mentioned your name to Mr. Ryan. Any courtesy which you or any of your people could show Mr. Ryan would be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

George H. W. Bush
President

CHWB:SC

Post Office Box 2216
Midland, Texas
January 28, 1956

Mr. G. D. Almen, Jr.
Assistant to the President
Sinclair Oil & Gas Company
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dan:

COLLIERS magazine plans to do a feature story on off shore oil. Mr. Cornelius Ryan, an associate editor of COLLIERS and one of their top feature writers, plans to be in New Orleans sometime during this coming week. I have taken the liberty of giving Mr. Ryan your name with the hope that you will be able to spare him a few minutes. I recognize that much of your off shore information is confidential, but any cooperation which you or some of your people could show Mr. Ryan would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

George H. W. Bush
President

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RYAN WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR WRITING MEN YOU MENTIONED
INTRODUCING HIM PLEASE AIR MAIL HIM COPIES OF LETTERS
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Midland National Bank Building
Midland, Texas
January 19, 1956

Mr. Joseph Rathborne
Land & Lumber Company, Inc.
Harvey, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

Our account shows a credit balance of \$6.72. As it will probably be sometime before we will be in your area again, we would appreciate it if you would send us your check in the amount of \$6.72 to clear our account.

Very truly yours,

ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

T. R. Houghton
Accounting Supervisor

TRH:SC

Midland National Bank Building
Midland, Texas
January 3, 1956

Texas Board of Insurance Commissions
Austin, Texas

Attention: Mr. J. Byron Saunders

Gentlemen:

We note in the December 19th OIL & GAS JOURNAL that you plan to call a conference soon to discuss "all factors involved in offshore coverage." Our company would like very much to have notice of this conference. We view with alarm the higher rates on offshore drilling, and should like to know more about the risks which cause these higher levels.

We would appreciate the opportunity to listen to any discussions which may be open to the public.

Very truly yours,

ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

George H. W. Bush
President

GHWB:SC

cc Zapata Off-Shore Company
Houston, Texas

Zapata Offshore Co.
2218 City National Bank Bldg.
Houston, Texas.

Nov. 19, 1955.

Dear Sir;

Enclosed please find a Stamp
for your esteemed information pertaining
Tideland drilling? I would like to buy profit
sharing shares towards the drilling of a gas well?
where at? how much per share?

I thank you very kindly in advance for favor rendered.

Yours Respectfully.

J. Stephen Sherman.
2015 Superior Ave N.E.
Canton 5, Ohio

for w/b



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COMMERCIAL METAL TREATERS

809 W. National Ave. MILWAUKEE 4, WIS., Phone: MI tchell 5-6360

November 11, 1955

Zapata Off-Shore Company
Midland, Texas

Attention: Mr. George H. W. Bush

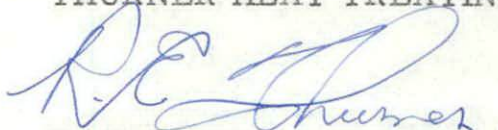
Dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 4th. I am very sorry that I could not see the barge being tested in the Mississippi River.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the first drilling location that the barge is on. If there are any new developments would you please inform me of them.

Yours very truly,

TURNER HEAT TREATING CO.


R. E. Turner

RET:jg

Mitchell 6360

Thurner Heat Treating Co.

809 W. National Ave.

Rob E. Thurner

Milwaukee, Wis.

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Midland, Texas
October 11, 1955

Mr. J. V. Spalding
Division Sales Manager
Bethlehem Supply Company
P. O. Box 2003
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Spalding:

I really appreciate your invitation of October 3 to attend the opening of your store in Morgan City, Louisiana. Unfortunately, I must be in Houston that day and will not be able to attend the opening. Thank you very much for including me.

Yours very truly,

ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

George H. W. Bush

GHWB:JMc

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December 5, 1955

Mr. Samuel S. Walker, Jr.
325 East 72nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Sam:

I am flattered that you would like to have some stock in Zapata Petroleum Corporation, and you can rest assured that you can get some. This, indeed, is not a special favor, and I am thrilled that you are interested. I am writing Herbie Walker today with a request that he give you some stock, and I am sure that if that is not possible, he will find a way to handle it. I will ask him to get in touch with you.

We are glad that the Zapata Off-Shore stock has acted a little better lately. Our LeTourneau platform has been tested and accepted. It is difficult to get away from the shipyard though, and they are still putting finishing touches on it at Vicksburg. Clark and Grimes called me up the other night, and though their language was slightly on the vulgar side, it was great hearing from them. They were both drunk, I think, since it was about 3:00 a.m. in the morning. Apparently Clark will be down this way more often, and I am hoping that he will come by Midland. I see Burley a lot anyway on my trips to Dallas. If Weaver is still there, tell him Barb has dispatched three boxes of clothes to Munich. Nothing spectacular, but if he sees some Hungarian wandering around with a "Y" sweater on, tell him not to shoot.

Thanks for your good letter. Your consideration has really buoyed me up, and if you do decide to take the stock, I hope we can make it a profitable investment for you. Best regards to Sandy.

Very truly yours,

George H. W. Bush

GHWB:SC

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September 12, 1955

Mr. Burch Williams
Reinholdt & Gardner
400 Locust Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Burch:

I was pleased to receive the notice stating that you had been admitted as a general partner with Reinholdt & Gardner. Congratulations and best of luck to you.

I talked to Doc LaBorde last week over in New Orleans and he commented that he was really going to miss having you there with the Murphy Corporation. I hope that we will see something of you even though you are in St. Louis now and please come by to see us when you are next in Houston or Midland.

Very truly yours,

George H. W. Bush

GHWB/cd

June 24, 1955

Mr. Dixon B. White
Hornblower & Weeks
75 Federal Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. White:

We have not put out any financial statements for this company up till now.

Ours is a new company and we will not close our books the first year for several more months. I am attaching hereto a copy of recent correspondence mailed to our stockholders which might be of interest.

I will be happy to answer any specific questions about our company.

Very truly yours,

ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

George H. W. Bush, President

GHWB:JMc
Enclosures

Date 1955 JUN 15 PM 3 30

Gentlemen:

Please send us 1 copies of your Annual Report for
the year ending 19 . ON ANY IN-

FORMATION YOU
MAY HAVE,

IF POSSIBLE.

Dixon B. White
Hornblower & Weeks
Statistical Department
75 Federal Street
Boston, Mass.

Sincerely,
DIXON WHITE

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BILLIE F. ACKSON

6/20/55

Mr. B -

He must be referring
to the Petroleum's annual
report.

Would you please
answer this.

Billie

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May 16, 1955

RE: S-996-065

Sinclair Refining Company
Fair Building
307 West Seventh Street
Fort Worth 2, Texas

Attention: Mr. C. J. Blakeley
Assistant Credit Manager

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of May 9, 1955, we would appreciate your opening a new account for our Company, the address being 2218 City National Bank Building, Houston, Texas. Will you please issue us six credit cards and bill us through our Houston office.

Yours very truly,

ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

George H. W. Bush

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Dear Sir -
I believe this
request originates
from your office.
Don't know about
the price & the
order to.
Belle

**SINCLAIR REFINING COMPANY****REFINERS OF PETROLEUM**

FAIR BUILDING, 307 WEST SEVENTH STREET

FORT WORTH 2, TEXAS

May 9, 1955

Zapata Off-Shore Co.
City National Bank Bldg.
Houston, Tex.

Attn: George H. W. Bush, Pres.

S-996-065

Gentlemen:

Please refer to your letter of April 25, 1955.

Our records show that we have mailed ~~three~~ credit cards under the above title, and bearing a Midland address. These cards have an expiration date of August 31, 1955.

Please advise whether you want three additional cards issued to the above account, or a new account opened for the use of your Houston office.

Yours very truly,

SINCLAIR REFINING COMPANY

C. J. Blakeley
C. J. BLAKELEY,
Asst. Credit Manager

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St. Louis Union Trust Company

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$ 10,000,000.00

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Trust Service Exclusively

St. Louis 2, Mo.

TRUST INVESTMENT DIVISION

May 11, 1955

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Mr. George H. W. Bush
Midland National Bank Building
Midland, Texas

Dear Pop:

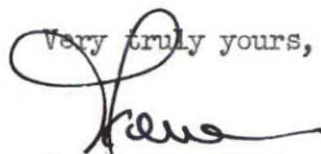
Thank you for your letter of May 9th. I am not enough informed on the technical aspects of off-shore drilling to judge on the various methods that are currently being used, but I do gather that there is a lot of back-biting going on within the industry. Possibly because of the fact that John Hayward is bleating so much about this matter, the conclusion might be drawn that his company is not too happy about their own rig. Nevertheless, I can see a good deal of benefit that can be derived from an exchange of ideas.

While in New York, I talked to a number of people connected with Olin Oil and Gas, and it would appear that they are interested in looking into all possibilities of expansion. This information may or may not interest you, but I thought I would call it to your attention.

It was a matter of some concern to me to learn that you had come on the Board of a bank in Midland. I think it is recognized that a banker getting a connection with an oil company is a step in the right direction. However, I am not sure that the reverse is true.

Anyway, good luck to you and with best regards to Barbara, I remain.

Very truly yours,



Eugene F. Williams, Jr.
Assistant Secretary

EFW:vf

April 25, 1955

Southern Pacific Lines
913 Franklin Avenue
Houston 2, Texas

Gentlemen:

We are returning for credit the following tickets:

No. 1 - A first class ticket from Houston to
New Orleans, # 76712, stamped April 22, 1955.

No. 2 - Pullman space, lower berth paid, Car #65,
Houston to New Orleans, April 22, for 8 p.m. train, ticket # 7256.

This space was canceled by phone call to your
Mr. Hennessey prior to train time. Would you please make
full remittance to us to our Midland, Texas office, M-8 Midland
National Bank Building.

Very truly yours,

ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

By: _____
George H. W. Bush

GHWB:bj
Attachment:

April 21, 1955

Mr. Robert V. West
Slick Oil Company, Ltd.
Milam Building
San Antonio 5, Texas

Dear Bob:

Thanks very much for your letter of 20 April 1955, with reference to the offshore prospect in the Galveston area. I regret that at the present time we are so snowed under by work in the Off-Shore Drilling Company and with the Petroleum Company that it would be absolutely impossible to take on anything else. However, I sincerely appreciate your calling this deal to our attention and feel that in the not too distant future we will be in a better position to consider a deal of this size.

I am returning to Midland today and expect to see Ben again over the week end. We had a really interesting Director's meeting here and it looks like the coming year will be a very active one. Please give Sybil my best.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Hugh
by
Hugh

JHL:bj

SLICK OIL COMPANY, LTD.
MILAM BUILDING
SAN ANTONIO 5, TEXAS

April 20, 1955

Mr. J. Hugh Liedtke
Midland National Bank Building
Midland, Texas

Dear Hugh,

Ben Whitehill dropped in to see me this morning and we had a very pleasant chat about old times, etc. It was good seeing him again. He told me that he had seen you in Houston yesterday, and then I just talked to Glenn Mortimer and he told me he was going to see you in Houston tomorrow, so, although I am addressing this letter to you in Midland, it is my plan to use Glenn Mortimer as a mailman and have him deliver it to you in Houston.

I mentioned the deal I am going to tell you about to Ben Whitehill and he thought perhaps you might be looking into it for Zapata Offshore. Accordingly it is very convenient that you are in Houston.

As I came back from Houston several days ago on the plane, I was talking with Randall Coleman, who is Amerada's land man here in San Antonio. Among other things he was mentioning that he had that day been talking to a Mr. E. A. Wilson, a consulting geologist in Houston, about various deals. Coleman was impressed by a deal Wilson had offshore from the Galveston area eight or so miles. According to Coleman it is a very attractive deal, both from the standpoint of a beautiful shooting picture and also because no cash consideration is required in obtaining the acreage. Even so, it is an expensive deal; however, Amerada was not interested in it, primarily because they have a hard and fast rule against offshore operations. Coleman said it was one of the prettiest offshore deals that he had seen, and I, naturally, thought that Zapata might be interested in looking into it.

If you are interested, I suggest you contact Mr. Wilson to get a better description of the proposition than I would be able to give you. I do not know Wilson myself, but you can describe to him the round-about-manner in which you heard of the thing. It is possible that you might work some sort of a trade whereby you could wedge Zapata in for an interest without much, if any, cash outlay. Naturally I want a 99 per cent carried interest for my trouble!

Mr. J. Hugh Liedtke

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April 20, 1955

It was good seeing you all when you were here, and I hope that you can get down again before long.

Best regards to both you and Betty.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature, likely of the sender, written in dark ink. It appears to be a stylized name, possibly "J. H. Liedtke", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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GENERAL OFFICE
131 N. LUDLOW ST.
DAYTON, OHIO

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MAXON
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

Designers and Builders of Marine Equipment

ADDRESS REPLY TO
MAXON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.
MARINE DIVISION
1607 JEFFERSON AVE.
HOUSTON 3, TEXAS

March 24, 1955

Mr. George Bush, President
Zapata Petroleum Corporation
Midland, Texas

Dear Mr. Bush:

We are enclosing herewith three admission tickets for you and your associates for the International Oil Exposition, May 3 through 8, 1955 to be held in the Air-Conditioned Coliseum, Houston, Texas.

More tickets will be mailed on request.

We extend you our most cordial invitation to attend and to visit our booth.

Very truly yours,

Marine Division
MAXON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

BOOTH #330


H. P. Rule
Gulf Coast Sales Representative

HPR:bp

January 28, 1955

Mr. R. L. Ransome
Chairman Region IV
NPRFCA
Post Office Box 2648
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Ransome:

Reference our recent application with you for frequency recommendation for use by our company in our off-shore drilling operations and also in compliance with the offer which you made for the possibility of a clear channel by going to split channel operation, we wish to make application for same.

We will use split channel equipment, and would appreciate a frequency toward the low end of the 150 Mc band.

Please accept this letter as our request for assignment of another frequency under split channel operation. The following will apply:

5 temporary Base Stations to be used on drilling barges off Louisiana Gulf Coast and at temporary base locations along Louisiana Gulf Coast.

Power: 60 watts, Antenna height: Height of drilling rig.

75 Mobile units ... Maximum power output: 60 watts.

The letter of clarification which we recently forwarded to your office will also apply for our application for the split channel frequency. When we are assigned the split channel frequency, we will give up the frequency of 158.43 Mc which you recently recommended for us.

Will you please forward this letter of frequency recommendation direct to:

Motorola Communications & Electronics
Box 132 A, Rt. 2
Lafayette, Louisiana

They will attach same to our application and forward same to the F.C.C. for action.

Very truly yours,
ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

W. H. Dean, Vice President

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December 30, 1954.

Mr. R. L. Ransome
Chairman Region IV
NPRFCA
Post Office Box 2648
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Ransome:

The applicant desires to install a radio system in conjunction with our Off-Shore Drilling Operations.

We would appreciate very much your assigning a frequency in the 150-160 Mc. band for this system. The following will apply:

5 temporary Base Stations to be used on Drilling barges off Louisiana Gulf Coast and at temporary base locations along Louisiana Gulf Coast.
Power: 60 watts, antenna height . . . height of drilling rig.

75 Mobile units, Maximum power output - 60 watts.

Will you please forward this letter of frequency recommendation direct to:

Motorola Communications
& Electronics, Inc.
Box 132A, Rt. 2
Lafayette, Louisiana

They will attach same to our application and forward same to the F. C. C. for action.

Very truly yours,
ZAPATA OFF-SHORE COMPANY

Wayne H. Dean
Vice President- In charge of Operations

WHD:bj
bcc: Mr. George Bush- Midland ✓