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VICE-PRESIDENT

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Mr. Leslie Bowling,  
Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies,  
510 California Building,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Bowling:

I appreciate very much your letter of October 9, with attachments, in view of the fact that I had asked Messrs. Patton and Murchison to discuss your proposal of September 10 with you and to develop a little more information on the November meeting of the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies in New Orleans.

For a number of years, representation of our company at meetings of the A.A.P.G. in its national as well as in its regional meetings has compared favorably in numbers with representation from other oil companies. At the last national meeting, for example, there were some sixty exploration men from Humble who attended the meeting. Our policy has continued to be directed toward the end that as many of our men as can be spared will attend the geological meetings. The majority of these men go at company expense, and we believe that it is a worth-while investment for us. It has always been our policy not to contribute directly to professional societies, as we have always felt that membership in the professional societies is a personal matter and that our men should be free to attend or not to attend as they see fit. We have, however, encouraged membership in the A.A.P.G. by limiting those who go at company expense to members of the A.A.P.G. Actually, then, although we do not contribute directly to the Association meetings, we do, I believe, to a rather large extent support the meetings through the large number of our men who attend at company expense and who pay the fees (at company expense) which support the various meetings. It is our intention to pursue these policies in the future and we do not at this time wish to establish a precedent which would cause us to deviate from them.

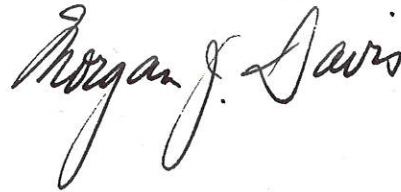
I have read carefully the explanations in your letters of September 10 and October 9 and the attached photostats of correspondence with Messrs. Frank Morgan and C. L. Moody. I have also discussed the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies with those of our men who are interested in it. I am now inclined to believe that formation of the Gulf Coast Association may be a constructive move and that it may eventually result in a strong regional section of A.A.P.G. I hope that this will prove to be the case. Because this is a new project in this area and because of our interest in the success of the Association, we are willing to contribute the \$200 you have requested toward defraying the expenses of this initial meeting. We do not, however, wish to have this considered as setting a precedent, as we feel that once the Association is under way it should be able to carry itself through the support of its member societies, and if necessary by increasing registration

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fees and other sources of revenue to the point where it can be self-supporting. I therefore hand you herewith our check in the amount of \$200 for this purpose, and take this opportunity of expressing the hope that the November meeting in New Orleans will be a most successful one and to thank you for your cordial invitation to our geologists to attend. If at all possible, I will attempt to come myself.

With best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morgan J. Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Morgan J. Davis".

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cc: Mr. Paul S. Lewis  
Mr. E. A. Murchison, Jr.  
Mr. J. L. Patton