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Dear Les,

We are having a meeting of the Steering Committee of the GCAGS at the Rice Hotel in Houston, Texas, January 8, 1952, at 10 AM, and a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Houston Geological Society at 10 AM on January 9th in the Petroleum Club, also in the Rice Hotel. As past chairman of the GCAGS I would appreciate very much your attending these meetings and help us with our problems.

I apologize for not getting this request to you earlier as planned; however, I should have more information to present at this time. I have a letter from Ralph B. Cantrell, President of the Houston Geological Society, whereby it is "their intention to propose the adoption of a constitution and by-laws in accordance with AAPG standards by the GCAGS, and that in one of the by-laws it shall be expressed that it is the aim of the Association to become a section of the AAPG". In another paragraph he states "It is the opinion of the Executive Committee of our Society that it still may be possible to take advantage of the partial organization which assists the GCAGS and to make of it a section of the AAPG in shorter time than will be required for an entirely new organization. The Society would like to accomplish the formation of a section of the AAPG for the convention here in 1953".

Friday our local Geological Society honored Fred Shayer, inactive Union Producing Co. executive geologist, and had several out-of-towners present, among them Ed Owens of the South Texas Geological Society and a past president of the AAPG. Ed is to meet with us in Houston as one of the San Antonio representatives. Bill Wallace and I had quite a chat with him regarding the GCAGS and, as usual, found his group had a lot of bum dope. Although his group has voted for the formation of a section at present, Ed seemed to me to desire a formal association with the AAPG, but as to which type--whether section, technical division or affiliated societies--needs time for study.

I asked Ed to check into this, along with all of us doing the same thing, in order to be properly informed. As you know, three years ago the AAPG set up three types of memberships that I thought at the time were supposed to remove the anonymity of the geologists in that association. However, the results of those efforts seem to give more latitude in requirements for membership. At present I believe we can certainly unify our groups and accomplish our outstanding aims as long as we keep our most important objectives in mind.

A happy New Year to you and I am looking forward to seeing you in Houston.

Yours truly,

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Steering Committee

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