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TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, A.A.P.G.

Gentlemen:

In my recent visits with the Shreveport, Jackson, New Orleans, and Lake Charles groups of geologists, I have learned that there is in prospect the formation of what is tentatively called the Association of Gulf Coast Geological Societies, which I am sure will be a matter of interest to you. I have, therefore, enclosed a copy of the proposal for the formation of this organization which was given to me by Mr. Claudet, President of the New Orleans Geological Society. The purposes and general mechanics of the organization are concisely set forth in this memorandum and will very likely answer many of the questions which have arisen in our minds on reading the title alone.

Monday afternoon I spent considerable time discussing the contents of the proposal with Messrs. Claudet and Bowling, of the New Orleans Society, and Traupe, of the South Louisiana Geological Society. It was my first thought in scanning through the memorandum that it was the purpose of the organizers to establish a new publication which seemingly might, to some extent, at least, be in conflict with the best interests of the Bulletin, but after learning what was actually intended, I believe that only good for the Association can come from the final establishment of this or some similar organization of some or all of the societies mentioned as interested. To establish a means of publication, it was explained, it was contemplated only that papers to be delivered at the proposed annual meeting of the new Association would be mimeographed, or otherwise reproduced, so that they could be distributed in complete form to the attendants at the technical meeting. Since only one meeting per year is being considered it would seem to follow that only an annual publication of these papers would occur, and that such publication would only be in such form that where desirable the better papers might actually become material for use in the Bulletin. It is thought by those who seem best acquainted with the project that considerably greater interest on the part of the younger members would result if the regional meeting idea with respect to the Gulf Coast societies were implemented and if they were permitted to give short papers in a style which possibly might not always be acceptable for Bulletin use and, of course, it is the aim and desire of the more mature members that every encouragement be given to the younger members in order that they may acquire needed knowledge and may, in turn, contribute constructive thoughts of their own for those of those laboring on Gulf Coast problems.

After thinking the matter through as best I could I advised these gentlemen and later repeated about the same opinions to the officers of the South Louisiana Geological Society at Lake Charles, that I could see nothing in the proposal or in the thinking which preceded or followed it that would conflict with AAPG aims or practices. I even went further and stated that it seemed to me that the

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Association might profit extensively from the successful operation of such a group. My thought in that connection, of course, related to the possibility that our annual Association meeting would not be quite as ponderous if smaller attendance from the Gulf Coast area resulted; it might likewise result in an increase in material submitted for Bulletin publication; and, of course, under furthering developments might result in the actual formation of a new Section of the AAPG, somewhat analogous to the organization which is now being implemented in the Rocky Mountain region.

I would be glad if you, at your leisure, would think the matter through and give me the benefit of any thoughts which you might have respecting the proposed organization. No official action, of course, is necessary, as the proposed organization is one affecting our affiliated societies over which we have no control.

Yours sincerely

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