I assume you have seen the enclosed. I have asked the crew for information regarding the circumstances.

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Mr. William A. Schmidt
U. S. Geological Survey
Office of the Director
Washington, D. C. 20242

Re: Elmer Heege, R. F. D.
Garretson, South Dakota

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

I enclose a copy of a letter addressed to me from attorney Allen B. Brown of Dell Rapids, South Dakota. In addition, I forward the letter addressed to you which Mr. Brown forwarded to me for transmittal to you.

I note that the letter addressed to you has not been signed, but I assume this was an oversight on the part of Mr. Brown. If there is anything which you or your office would like for us to do to follow this matter up at this end, please kindly advise.

With all good eishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

BOYCE, MURPHY, MCDOWELL & GREENFIELD

Russell R. Greenfield

RRG:aml
November 5, 1971

Mr. Russell R. Greenfield,
Boyce, Murphy, McDowell & Greenfield,
Attorneys at Law,
Boyce Building,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57102

Re: Blmer Hegge, RFD Garretson, South Dakota

Dear Russ:

Enclosed herewith please find a letter directed to Mr. William W. Schmidt, of the United States Geological Survey, in duplicate, relative to the water well on the Hegge property which lies adjacent to the BROS project site.

It is the feeling of the undersigned that the United States Geological Survey Agency will probably investigate this matter and then let us know their conclusions of any investigation.

Your assistance in this matter has been greatly appreciated. Thanking you, we remain

Very truly yours,

VAN BUREN AND VOGT

By  Allen B. Brown

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Encl.
November 5, 1971

Mr. William A. Schmidt,
U.S. Geological Survey,
Office of the Director,
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Mr. Blmer Hegge of RFD Garretson, Minnehaha County, South Dakota 57030, has requested that we contact you on a matter relative to the BROS project in Minnehaha County, South Dakota.

In October of 1970, the BROS engineers were testing the ground at the BROS site which is located in Section 8, Township 103 N. Range 48 W. of the 5th. P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, and on the same day that the blasting tests were completed Mr. Blmer Hegge's well which is located in South portion of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter (\(W_2 NW_4\)) of Section Bight, Township 103 N., Range 48 West of the 5th. P.M., Minnehaha County, South Dakota, went dry. The farm land owned and rented by Mr. Hegge lies adjacent to the north boundary line of the BROS project site.

After a period of three days had elapsed, water on a very limited basis came back into the well. However Mr. Hegge had to remove his milkcows and other livestock to his rented Quarter in order to provide an adequate supply of water for his livestock. Water had to be hauled for household consumption and for his pigs and chickens last fall and winter. In January of 1971 the well went completely dry and a re-augering of the well failed to produce any results for replenishing the water supply needed. A new well had to be drilled for a depth of 465 feet consisting of 365 feet of rock and 110 feet of dirt for a total cost of $8,745.00 which still only produces four gallons of water per minute. A new pump was also purchased for this new well at a cost of $1,100.00. Sioux Wells Drilling Co. of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, did the well work and furnished the water pump.

We feel that the sub-soil blasting on the BROS site was the causation of the well going dry due to the closeness of the well to the blasting locations and further that said well went dry on the same day of the blasting.
Mr. William A. Schmidt,
U.S. Geological Survey,
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We would appreciate having the proper officials check into this matter since Mr. Hegge had to expend a considerable amount of monies in order to provide an adequate supply of water for this farming operation.

Very truly yours,

VAN BUREN AND VOGT

By ____________________________  
Allen B. Brown

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c/c Elmer Hegge,
RFD Garretson, South Dakota 57030
Telephone No. 594-3712