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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

RE: TAILINGS POND EMBANKMENT

Dear Mr. Helfrich,

Because of the fact that the Tailings Pond Embankment is on BLM property we have decided not to raise the level of the pond. A trespass situation in relation to the Tailings Pond Embankment and Sediment Pond No. 5 was eluded to by letter to BLM on December 11, 1980 with a copy going to Jim Smith and John Nadolski. Subsequent surveys indicated a trespass and the matter has been settled with BLM [see copy of BLM letter dated January 21, 1981].

We made application to the BLM on January 9, 1981 for a right-of-way on the property where the Tailings Pond Embankment and Sediment Pond No. 5 are located. This right-of-way application includes land for the expansion of our Coal Processing Waste Pile. The application is still being evaluated by BLM at this time.

To take care of our tailing until we can dredge the existing pond, we constructed an embankment of tailings at the North end of the existing pond. This embankment was excavated into the tailings that existed and no new surface disturbance was made. Undoubtedly some topsoil was excavated beneath the tailings and ended up in the embankment, but this topsoil was already covered by tailings and was lost prior to construction of this embankment.

Due to the fact that there is only approximately 10 inches of topsoil in the vicinity of the new embankment it would have been impossible to remove

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the tailings down to the topsoil and then strip the topsoil. The topsoil would have been contaminated with refuse during the equipment operation.

A permanent solution to our tailings problem will hopefully be found in the near future.

If you have any questions feel free to call.

Sincerely,

PLATEAU MINING COMPANY



*Ben Grimes
Engineering & Reclamation Specialist*

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Enclosure

cc: Floyd Tucker - PMC
 Danny Price - PMC
 Steve Rigby - PMC
 Joe Ronan - Getty
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Price River Resource Area
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IN REPLY REFER TO

9230
UT-060-6386
(U-601)

January 21, 1981

Mr. Floyd Tucker
Plateau Mining Company
P. O. Drawer PMC
Price, Utah 84501

Dear Mr. Tucker:

On December 16, 1980 the Bureau of Land Management issued your company Trespass Notice UT-060-6386 for constructing a sediment control structure and placement of a coal waste pile on public land without an approved right-of-way. This act was in violation of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and regulations in 43 CFR 2801.3.

On January 19, 1981 we received your check in the amount of \$75 for damages assessed in this trespass. You are hereby notified that the Bureau of Land Management accepts your offer, in full satisfaction of your trespass obligations.

Sincerely yours,

Area Manager

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