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Dear Stengel —

I appreciated the newsy letter you sent a short time back. We had seen a short notice in a local paper about Mrs. Plummer's death. It was a terrific surprise and a distinct loss to many of us personally as well as to the field of geology.

We are glad to learn that the Stengel family is doing well. It is interesting to watch children grow up.

The Turner family is doing pretty well these days. The family and oranges in southern California are getting along all right and not causing as much concern as at one time. Clarice at the moment has the sniffles but for the most part we have been in pretty good shape. The weather here this winter has been wonderful though a little on the wet side. The area in which I have been working ~~lately~~ lately is mostly in soft Pliocene beds with intense folding and faulting. The terrain is steep. The result is that many of the roads and creeks are almost impassable due to landslides. It makes for a lot of extra difficult walking but eventually I get a little done.

The prospects for production are not too good but we have a few scattered seeps and shows to encourage us and the possibility of more advantageous structural position. This company seems to have come to the realization that the cream of the oil production has probably been had here on the coast and that it is now necessary to play the long shots. as long as they maintain their present attitude it is going to be enjoyable working for them.

Interest in the area will probably be stimulated by a well completed yesterday by an independent operator. when I visited the well it had just pumped 6 bbls the previous hour. It is nothing fancy but it has extensive implications. It will probably make it tougher for us to carry out our original plans. It is a great game trying to outguess this geology and the other operators.

Best regards to the Steyns  
from us both

F. E. T.