

May 28, 1946

Dr. W. F. Barbat
Producing Department Office
Standard Oil Company of California
Taft, California

Dear Doctor Barbat:

Many thanks for your letter of May 16. I appreciate greatly your efforts on my behalf; in fact, they give me considerable confidence and satisfaction.

After thinking it over, I have come to the following conclusions. The letter from President Sproul is essentially noncommittal, of the type anyone in his position would write under the circumstances. It might have been a little more cordial, but that was really not necessary. From other sources I had understood all along that Woodring was the first choice and that I was second. This may still be correct as far as I know. Hence it is now necessary to know what Woodring will do. If he does not want the place, he will probably decide so presently. If it is possible for you to know his decision at an early date, I would appreciate your letting me know as soon as possible. So far I have stayed away from other commitments and hope to be able to do so until the Berkeley place has been decided one way or another.

For your information Earl Turner, who had considered himself a candidate for Berkeley, has now accepted a place with the California Company in New Orleans. He has written a letter explaining the change to Camp and put in a good word for me.

With many thanks.

Sincerely yours

H. B. Stenzel

HBS:LS