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Dear Bill:

In answer to your recent inquiry on H.R. 6268, the bill to restore mineral rights to former landowners in the Vega area, the bill is still awaiting a report from the Department of the Interior. No legislative action can be scheduled until that report arrives.

I asked Milton Pearl what the story is on the beneficiaries, and he said there is nothing in the bill that either names the eligibles or takes note of how the land was obtained by the Government. He says, "All former owners" would be eligible recipients. In other words, if a list of names has been formally or informally issued, it's an administrative act and not part of the bill. Maybe we should have a look at such a list.

Your offer of the "project" pix sounds real inviting. I can see them coming in real handy, both for immediate office use and for future public relations endeavors.

Have a good vacation.

Sincerely,

Bill Cleary