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Geological Survey of Great Britain,

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TELEPHONE 42726.

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JBS/47/117.

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4th September, 1947.

Dear Dr. Kent,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of completed log of your Cousland No. 4 Bore.

Yours sincerely,

John B Senjean

for Assistant Director

Charles and the second Dr. P.E.Kent, D'Arcy Exploration Co.Ltd. . P.O. Box 1, SOUTHWELL, Notts.

COV/16A

30th August, 1947.

Dr. J.B. Simpson, H.M. Geological Survey, 15, Grange Terrace, Edinburgh.

Dear Dr. Simpson,

Cousland No. 4

We enclose herewith a copy of the completed log for our Cousland No. 4 well.

A separate copy of this log is being sent to London.

Yours sincerely,

1.9.4

Enclosure

5th August, 1947.

Professor W.Q. Kennedy, The University, Leeds, 2.

Dear Kennedy,

Many thanks for your following up the matter of the barren land at Clieves Hills for us. We will now get in touch with the N.A.A.S. directly, and hope that they have information on the matter.

At Cousland, as you may have heard, we drilled the well (Cousland No. 4) on the Fordel Mains culmination. Structurally the site was excellent, as No. 1 limestone proved to be at surface. At depth however the gas sands of No. 1 well proved to be thin, fine grained and tight, and only small gas yields were obtained. The well has consequently been plugged and abandoned, but Strong has now re-estimated the reserves, on the assumption that the eastern flank is gentle opposite No. 1 well and interest in the structure still remains. So more drilling may follow.

A log of Cousland N_{O} . 4 well is sent with this letter for your interest.

Yours sincerely,

1.8.2.

Copy

From DR. P.E. EAKRING.

DR. P.E. KENT,

To

DR. G.M. LEES, BRITANNIC HOUSE.

Our Ref.

COU/16A

Your Ref.

Date

30th JULY 1947.

Subject

SECTION THROUGH COUSLAND NO. 4

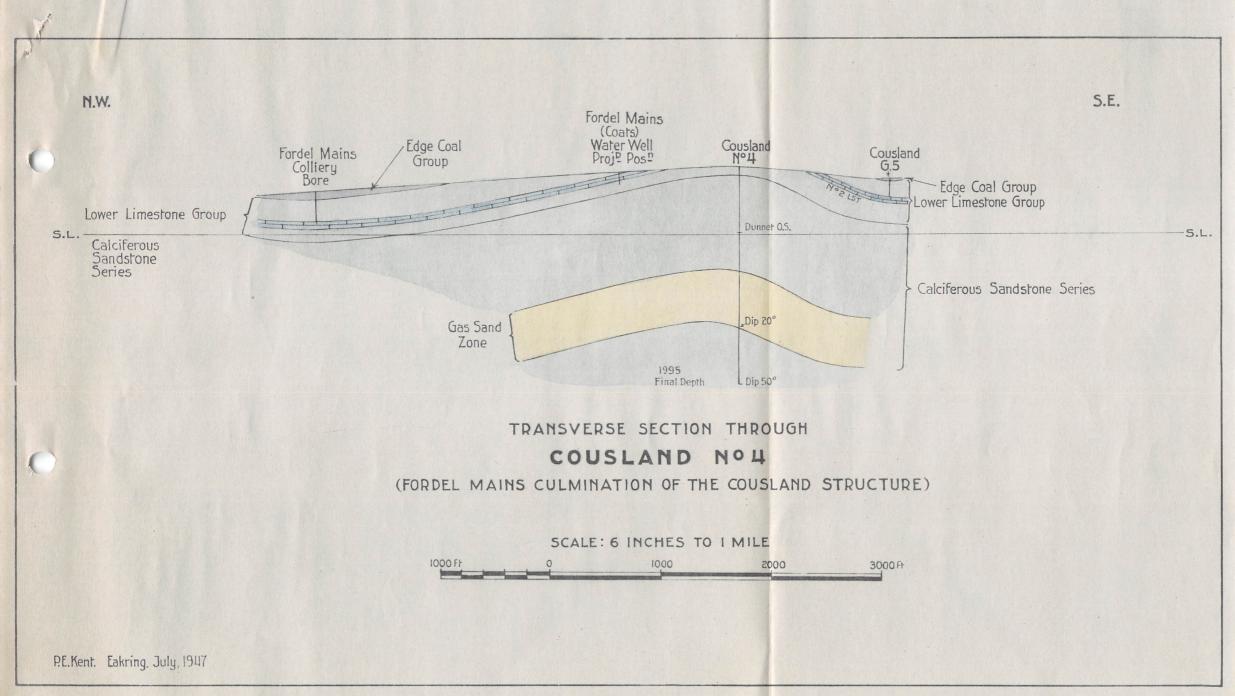
The accompanying section through Cousl nd No. 4 has been drawn with the new data provided by that test and G.5 water well.

It now appears that this part of the anticline is remarkably astyrimetrical, the eastern flank being much steeper than the western flank. There is consequently likely to be a displacement of the crest at depth, so that the deep test may have been as much as 100 feet down flank in the lower part. Dips of 20° at 1500 feet and 50° near the bottom provide an independent demonstration of this.

Unless our correlation is seriously at fault however, the test remains structurally satisfactory, as equivalent beds are believed to be appreciably higher than in Cousland No. 1.

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Constand No. 4 Dear on strong gentlem to send to Galing each was an Saturday, June 14th installment of the graphic log, full real, which you will find herewith. Mo, I have drawn-out a holf real quaptie . by on tweing paper, to be used in conjunction with the Comelation Table (fig. 5) in Falcois "Constand Completion Report" (U. K. 62) This I send you in cose you wish to work out a fush Lest you should want to contact inter soms or myself after hours, my address is: The Crown Hotel, Travent, East Lothian, Telephone - Traunt 328. Dr. Fores is at The Stair Anns, Pathlead; Telephone Ford 50. After Wednesday Time 18th To also will be at the hown in Transett. Dr. Jones asks me to inform you that he has got into Communication with his father regarding the Pennian salt Deposits, and should hear from him in a few days. Three is nothing class of importance to report. yours R.G.W. Brunshom

Crown Hotel 7 d. Tranent 328 East Lothian Tie That The conference Dear Dr. Kent 9th

9 move to The above address to monow, and menty head the letter thus to remind you.

Enclosed, please find my Morthly Report for this worth I trust that it musts with your approval. Since it includes a description of the Stratigraphy, I am not including a graphic installment of the graphic log. The Cotty Burn water well has ceased to flow. but Man Ruthyford is about to instal an air compression to lift the water. Meanwhile, heavy iam his caused The Burn to flow fully again, and The with well will doubtless follow suit in a day or two, so that we have no water problem. My Expense Account will reach you under a separate cover. It contains sweat receipts from a garage in Transmit scribble on the back of old bills, the ordinary forms loving given out. This may huggle

Accounts, 9 fear. I neidentally, you will notice that the ordere Account does not account for all The Petrol Coupons which I have been sent. This, of course, is due to it my omitting the ten gallons which took me to sunduland and back for whiteintide The Correspondence Office will think me cropy to The way I hop from Hotel to Hotel. The reason is this: when I stoyed at the Crown early in the Year, they charged me five germens a week, whenas now they are to charge me four - ile same as ile cross Keys. Now the 'Cown' gives one better food better service, hot and cold water in Bedrooms, nicer bathrooms, better accomodation for Cars, provides a veinless of. The questo, send is much much quester than the Cross Keys'. Furthermore, I have to heep with Rutherford (since his car is broken - up) and he wants to be out of reach of the rig. men when off. duty. ited so we are moving. Have you heard any more of my impurding this to london? I hope they don't wait till the middle of my Holiday, which Communes in form weeks. yours. R.G.W. Brunston.

Constand No. 4 Thursday, May 22 Dear Dr. Kent Thank you for sending the stationery. Enclosed, please find a further installment of the I have nothing of importance to communicate This week, except to repeat my remarks upon the Telephone uguding the tristen of Correlation between Constand I and Midbothian I. If you make allowance for the fact that Constand I was mostly Cored, and Midlothian I was disted body (see diviations) with five. foot samples, The agreement between these wells is wally excellent on the bosis of no thickning. On this bosis, one must assume that gossy (or oily) belto estend across the structure, whilst individual beds sarely do so, or at any rate, only estend laterally as , say, a sandy belt. On this line of mesoning, our '1720' sand would represent the 1760' oil. sand

of Millothian I. This would make Constant 4 a little lower on the structure then Midlothion I. It all wents, the total gas nouves can hardly be as calculated. I hope we have more, but it may well be less. Yours R. G.W. Brunston. when with the int of the the the and residentian I was distill highly (see dissisted If fire foot would is the agreement letter the

Constand NO 4 I have been intending for some time to explain my abound mistake in my Monthly Report for Spirit. Under the heading "Conclotion", the typescipt should read: "Correlation with the Constand I log was very good down to the Bitumenons shale at 588-600. No trace of the corlops lava was seen at all, and the Burdishouse Limestone, which oceurs about 50' below the 588-600' shale (= 694-708' in Nº 1) was also absent. I limestone encouled fifty fut thick encountered in No. 4 two hundred feet below the 588-600 shale may represent the " It should be noted, it." I much regut the conclisioners with which the above paragraphs were originally written. The Dunnet Shah (624-32 in No. 1) occurs in No. 4 at 478-88, as you have I welse the Daily Drilling Reports of which you spoke, retaining those for this mouth in case they should be required for the Monthly Report. On second thoughts, I will send the Daily D. R's under separate

Cover, since there are so many. I enclose a further mostallment of the graphic Roy. The water well has, I fear, responded to the recent dies weather by reducing its rate of flow to about 25 gals I how. (Yesterday afternoon). Over a period of twenty four hours, this is vother less than the amount of water which we pump from the Burn, so all is not very well in that direction. Is from Sunday, May 18th my address will be The Cross Keys Hold

Dalheith, (Telephone: 3157) as, I which, I informed you. Correspondence Office have been informed too. The charge will be four ginneas a week, and if the Company should jit at the prospect of subsidising to to the extent of three quimeas a week, I will meet the difference between that and my former digs myself, Since This well can hardly last more Than another three-webs-or-a-mouth, I cannot be bothered to go go from door to door finding

lodgings. In adoutisement which I inserted in the local paper met wish no serccess. Could you place have some envelopes sent to me? I have sufficient of the long tipe, but very few of the ordinary size. I am also rather short of paper of This size on which I am now writing. I do not think there is anything clase to what. yours R.G.W. Brushom.

Consland No 4. Thursday, May 24 Dear Dr. Kluft Enclosed, please find a rough graphic by to. date. I'm afraid it looks as if it had been chave with a fish hinge in the dark. but I expect you can make it out. You will notice that the general facies is very variable along The shine from Constand - vailor like the English look Measures et, say, Cannton; But the has been almost no thicking at all, which is a good sign. The culculous set. at 1038' (=1188') had in it many chips giving first with sections across ting corals. These 9 have retained in specimen tubes where possible, and will forward to you. It should be easy to track many of these corals down as for as sub. species, even, if we can find someone who knows a good deal about Rugose Corals. Incidentally, we had the Daily Will along here yesterday, armed with a description of our intentions from Mr. Woodench. Apparently we hope to get Natural gas, which is to be sent to our shale rimes in West bothism. It appears that we have little chance of obtaining oil here, (loc. cit.) but will drill again for it if oil be found. They (is, the Daily Mail)

were most informative, and took many photographer of the Denich, and one of Missis, Rutherford, green, and Self looking very stupid indeed. I think I once informed you that the Bilston Bern Limestone outerops in The Cotty Burn new The main road. Don't believe a word of it. Tis false. I mistoch a massive sandstone for limestone, having forgotten my acid bottle. That, I which, is all. yours, R.G.W. Brunshom Chairs son to the member where we up I have a in hit the was again first hind offer him to To 17 and the state of the state of the state of the state of I then work down so for an and approve , were if we are find named the has a good had about super cools.
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Consland Nº 4 Saturday. Dear Dr. Kent // Enclosed, please find two two rather ill-drawn summarised graphic logs of the wells herabouts. My car will be ready on Trusday. So I will then that along to The Survey and confront Them with the Constant 95 log and ash for further correlations. You will have noticed That whereas Falcon differentiates between The Nº 3 limestone and the Bilston Bern limestone (in Constant 3), the Servery shut identifies them. (see sections on God. Survey of Scotland I", 1992) It all seems to add-up to the fact that sections along the antichial ridge differ from those in the adjoining basins (which are, of course, The better known.) Quite obviously, There's scape for a fush Geological risk hereabouts. We are having great bother in huping the much gravity clown below 1.20, and at the same time heping the viscosity above 17. I don't quit see this mud gravity business. Clearly, the weight pressure of a much column 2000 long of approximately to (accepted as a good gravity) equals that of a column 2000 long of gravity 1-20 (a bod gravity). Yet I'm told that the second case is in clarger of sealing-off

a sand, whenas the first is not (Permeability equal). Why should this be? My Monthly Report should reach you on Friday of next wak all going well. It will include a graphic bog of G5 for Mr. sledger, who may transfer it to any setal scale you may which fit. R.G.W. Brunshone. P.S. I realise, of coarse, that a 120 gravity much has about 33% more solids in it then a 1.15 mud, get This is not true of the gravity of the solid varies. Thus, a Bongtes much may be heavier than an ordinary much and get have less solid matter. And anyway, I'm told Than much of a much mudding - off " effect is due to The water in it effecting a sandstones cement, and reducing its porosity and permeability. I must confess, I find the whole subject very puzzling. The Permeability of our mud, by the way, has been less than 10 ever since we comented the casing.

Constand Nº 4 1.5.47 Dear Dr. Kent // Enclosed, place find my Monthly Report for Mil; a Graphic Log for M. Sledger, and my Eschense elecount for April. The Constant 4 Monthly Report will reach you under a separate cover. yours R.G.W. Bruston.

Constand Nº 4 1.5.47 Dear Dr. Kent Enclosed, please find my monthly monthly uport for Consland 4. April. The report for G5 will reach you under a separate cover, along with my eschence account. R.G.W. Brunston.

Constand Nº 4
Saturday, Spril 19 th Dear Dr. reft I enclose a copy of the graphic Log from approse where I left off last week, for you to transfer to the previous one. You will doubtless agree that the correlation is going very well. I am becoming convinced that the Food Fault which has vaised us here so high on the structure is the one to which raleon inclines in his appendise to Constand Shallow Boucholes', with she downthrow to the North, not south as he thought. It probably follows the valley (dry) which runs N.E. from the discondant dips mentioned by him (be. cit) to north of Fordel Park Farm. So for I have not had time to the it up on the ground. If the matter should ever become important, I have no doubt but that it could be soon chosed up with the aid of a pick and should - The filds an full of old ploughed over shallow quaniss from which the ald servery got dipo) and the limestone must be very close to the surface indeed. The only natural section apart from the quanties in Constand Village is that in the Cotty burn, which I have booked at humidly as for down-

steam as the main road, (which wasses it on a large embankment.) The eschouse is continuous eight through the Conduit, but it's wither cloud to see just what is happening. I am Taking now there foot samples from both holis, and have enough sample. bottles left for 500' Cas well as enough for all the G5 hole). Have you any more sample tuloss you could send me? I prefu the 4"x 3/4" type, if possible. The mud is of (4/h) vise 18 sh. G. 1.05 Perm 15 bH 9.0. Not bod at all. yours R.G.W. Bunton file on full of old prompted own solution yoursen of

Constand Nº 4 Friday, Spil 112 Dear Dr. Kent I enclose a copy of the Graphic log to date, of the type suitable for sliding up and down another. It occurs to me that the limestone chippings in the samples 2 278-282 or 283 are probably due to the disting-out of pieces of limestone faller from the top of the hole - the attempted running of caring shows that this is, I in fact, occurring. But as all the timestones are to my eyes identical, I cannot be sent of this, and so I've put the himstone on the log. Dr. Simpson, of the Servey, confirms that one cannot. differentiate between the NOS I and 2 himestones save by position, and believes that the diff visible in the quaines in the wood immediately S.E. of The Site are sufficient to bring The NO 1 limestone to the surface at our bore hole. He didn't say why the original mappers (or, come to that, Allison) were not of that opinion, nor did he appear to be at all perturbed by This error (if it be an error). On my saying how nice it was to be c. 150' higher on the structure then we had anticipated, he replied "yes, it's that much less to dill" !!!

After many hours of hard rearning with de for farmed

D' Many Reamer, we are this morning running easing So for, we have about six joints in the hole, and all appears to be well. So perhaps will get drilling some time next week. (It will take a full clay, I'm told, to fit on The Well-Head Fittings.) On Wednesday morning, whilst awaiting the new Kelly, I took a level down to a man will adjacent to the Cotty Burn water Well. The total fall was 135.96 from one will to the other, which will give the R. T. E. of the water. well somewhere between 490 and 495 o.D. I rejoice to say that the difference between levelling uphill and levelling downhill was but . 01 feet. With the well so low compared with the limestone outerops, I have informed Richerford That he may expect it to flow at surface. Am I right in This? with the return of weather would mentioning, I propose to visit a few neighbouring outerops and sections whilst The casing - cement set sets. I thust this is a legitiment use of Petrol? I had an enjoyable Easter. Thank you for allowing me to take the Cov. yours faithfully R. G.W. Brunchom

Spil 1st 1949 you will notice that I have left the identity The surface limestone unsettled. The soch between 205-210' is important, I feel, since a roch of that description appears in the Constant I tog in the No! (gilmenton) limestone My eschense account for last month will reach you soon, under a separate cover. R.G.W. Brunshom. P.S. All my envelopes have been damped by the Moore send me a packet of long and short?

Constand Nº 4

Constant Nr. 4 Friday, March 28 Dear Dr. Kent I propose to with to you once -a - week - every Friday - to let you know how we are getting along; at greater length than a Telegram allows allows. Here, then, is the well Deto to date: Well spudded-in 26.3.47

R. T. Elevation 631'0.D (631.2) The Rat. hole was commenced last Monday (March 24) and required 30 hours of chilling for completion. There was no difficulty, and I count see how they failed to dill one at Constant I. The Rat. hole appears to be in Linestone throughout, which gives a thickness of the Nº2 limestone at least fiften fut more than at the G4 boxe. The Rolling Table Edwarfion is, I think, as correct as it wen can be. I have discovered a very recent Buch House Mark on the Hill- Top just the hundred yords from the Rig (5.4.) (S.W.) at approx. The same allitude, but can find to no reference This will make a useful check. We were elated by the discovery of some grand Friedry at Preston Gunge Colling, and bought some, They, however, sent us some totally different stuff, too course to mise (boulder clay) duy out in the execution of the Bunds, and

are making use of that. It is hoped that good sticky much will much off the fisames into which we have lost cuculation, but this policy is not having much success. I shall be heartily glad when we are done with the limestone. It appears that neither Bremmer nor Rutherford are aware of our intention to do our coing and piloting 53/8, and many 7 1/4 core- bands and core- hads have arrived. (its will as a few 53/8) Could you have this situation booked- into? I have not seen those sample - tous time Coscupt for the two to boses which come by long with The bus) get, and Though I can easily make do just now, I shall be hopehously lost when the water well (G5) commences, If aird when the two lost boses arrive, I will let you know. And if you don't let you know, could you have The P.D.O. bring a few up with it? Thank you. I now how Petrol Compous for 12 gallons left. These I use at the rate of one- and - a - bit per day. Could you hove the Transport chaps send me some more in about a week? Thank you. Thouh you for the copy of your letter to the Survey. I will send you my Monthly Report (and & sofense Account) for March on Trusday. yours R.G.W.Brunston



Correspondence should be addressed to:—
The Assistant Director



Geological Survey of Great Britain,

19 GRANGE TERRACE,

27th March, 1947.

Our Ref.
THW/47/117.
Your Ref: COU/2

Dear Sir,

Cousland No. 4 Borehole

Thank you for your letter of the 25th March informing me of your proposal to drill another deep bore on the Cousland Anticline. We shall certainly be glad to send one or other of our officers to visit the site from time to time, and to give you any assistance in our power.

Yours faithfully,

Assistant Director.

P.E.Kent, Esq.,
D'Arcy Exploration Co.Ltd.,
Eakring,
P.O. Box 1,
SOUTHWELL,
Notts.

25 th March, 1947.

The Director, Scottish Office, H.M. Geological Survey, 19, Grange Terrace, Edinburgh.

Dear Sir.

Cousland No. 4 Borehole.

As you may already have learnt from our resident geologist, Mr. Brunstrom, we are proposing to drill another deep borehole on the Cousland anticline, close to Fordel Mains farm. The main object of this test is to investigate further the gas reserves of the Cousland structure.

We hope that it will be possible for your officers to visit the site from time to time as drilling proceeds - the operation is expected to take between six and eight weeks - and Mr. Brunstrom will supply any information required by them. Our main concern will be correlation between this test and Cousland No. 1 well.

In the past we have greatly appreciated the assistance of your office during our drilling operations, and we look forward to further co-operation on the same lines.

Yours faithfully, for D'ARCY EXPLORATION COMPANY LTD.

MR.

PEK/REE

21st February, 1947.

Prof. W.A. Kennedy, Geological Dept., The University, Leeds.

Dear Kennedy,

The continuous bad weather has held us up at Cousland, and drilling has still not started on the Fordel Mains site. We will let you know when there is any news of interest, but at the moment outside operations are almost impossible.

Strong is back from the East, but is hoping to go away again very soon, and I am now expecting to stay here through the Summer.

How is your review of our drilling results progressing? We look forward to seeing the results, meanwhile perhaps you would let us know if there are any other data which would be useful.

Yours sincerely,

Bremner Well-Drilling Company Limited.

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YOUR REFERENCE

OUR REFERENCE AFB/CFD

DATE 21st Febru

Rooff

Messrs D'Arcy Exploration Co., Ltd., P.O.Box.1, SOUTHWELL, Notts.

Dear Sirs,

Cousland No.4

We write to inform you of the present posit

regarding the above mentioned site.

With the exception of foundation timbers an jack knife mast (less base) all other equipment is site or on its way. Water line from burn is comp. We are unable to move the timbers and mast as they are lying at Moordale No.4 location, the road to whas been impassable for the past three weeks. About miles of road has to be cleared. Twentyfive me are at present working on this road but, owing to drifting, are parely holding their own.

Road conditions between Guisborough and Edinburgh are also bad. Three of our heavy lorries were held up for four days North of Newcastle, and two trucks which we sent off yesterday morning are

still on their way northward.

We very much regret the delay, occasioned so by circumstances entirely beyond our control, but wish to assure you that, as soon as conditions per we shall proceed with the operations as expeditious as possible.

Yours faithfully, for BREWNER WELL-DRILLING CO., LTD.

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Memorandum

From MR. F. D. S. RICHARDSON. To MR. H. W. LANE.

Our Ref.

Your Ref.

Date 25th November, 1946.

Subject COUSLAND WELL NO. 4.

I attach Dr. Kent's Memorandum dated 14th November and enclosures showing the proposed site for this well and for a shallow well to supply water to the rig.

The proposed site for Well No.4 appears to be the best that could be chosen with the information at our disposal for the purpose of assessing the reserves of gas in the Cousland structure.

The drilling of this well, in which the Petroleum Division have shown a particular interest, has been approved in conference by Mr. Pattinson, but it is not clear from our records whether it has been formally santioned. It is requested, therefore, that formal sanction may be obtained in order that work may proceed.

7. D.S. Richardon.

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Memorandum

Nr. Richardson Nr. Seamark Nr. Wahers

From

GEOLOGICAL BRANCH

EAKRING.

Our Ref.

Your Ref.

To GEOLOGICAL BRANCH

LONDON.

Date 14th November, 1946.

19 feet

Subject COUSLAND NO. 4.

COU/3

We enclose herewith the following items:

- 1. Location plan for Cousland 4 and for a shallow water well.
- 2. Section through the main Estate water well, Cousland 4 and our proposed water well. This has been prepared to reassure the landowner on the safety of the Estate water supply.
- 3. Structure Contour Map of the Califerous Sandstone Series by Mr. Falcon.
- 4. Tentative estimates of the Cousland Gas Reservoir, based on Mr. Falcon's structural data, by Mr. Strong and the undersigned independently.

It may be noted that the drilling of a water well is made necessary because water cannot be piped from No. 1 site. The location chosen is in a minor syncline coinciding with a valley bottom. Our intention to open up a new water supply in this way has considerably assisted the preliminary negotiations for occupation of the deep well site.

PEK/REE

Enclosures.

Copy

From

D'ARCY EIPLORATION CO.LTD.

LINDON.

Our Ref.

Your Ref.

TOMR. SOUTHWELL. MR. JACKSON.

Date 31st March, 1959.

Subject COUSLAD NO. 4 LOCATION.

I is anticipated that it will not be necessary to carr Cousland No.2 below 2400 ft. i.e. below the base of the presentative of the 1720-1806 gas sand of No.1. It is threfore time to decide on a location for the No.2 outfit; a location approximately 750 feet E.S.E. of No.1 is proped.

he reasons governing the selection of this site as the lection for No.4 are:-

- (1) is close to No.1, only some 100 feet structurally lower and should therefore prove gas production from the 1582-1632 and 1720-1806 feet sands of No.1.
- (2) have as yet no evidence on the development of the Oil Shale Group upon the eastern flank of the Cousland Structure. No.2 has proved a great thickening to the west and it is possible that there will be thinning eastwards, perhaps with an accompanying increase in sand proportion.
- (3) location might be selected further south on the same U.G.C. but in view of the known thickening southwards towards Midlothian Nos. 1 and 2 such a location would not have the same degree of control as the one recommended close to Cousland No.1. The suggested development programme for the 1248' sand will give us further data on the surface structure and thickening towards the Midlothian wells and enable subsequent deep wells to be located in the southern part of the field with greater accuracy.

AREA IN ACRES SITE PLAN FOR PARTS OF 0.5 SHEETS AREA: COUSLAND MIDLOTHIAN VIII NE & SE Nº 4 LICENCE AREA: A 118 b Fordell Mains Proposed Location For Deep Well Proposed Locality for Water Well D'ARCY EXPLORATION COMPANY LT S.P. 254. SCALE: Ginches I mile DATE: 17 - 10 - 46