

EXHIBIT A

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VIA FACSIMILE

Mr. Isaac M. Castro

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212 South Central
Hamlin, Texas 79520

RE: Cause No. 4222; Estate of Ida Baldwin Denison, Deceased

Dear Mr. Castro:

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation, at your office last Friday, November 10, 2000. We are still interested in trying to reach an amicable resolution of this matter; however, there are going to be some obstacles which must be overcome first.

First, as Ken Leggett and myself told you, in your office, there appears to have been some serious misappropriation of funds by your client, unless he can come up with corresponding receipts for well over \$150,000.00 indicating to the contrary. Additionally, the sale of the Williamson fractional interest appears to have been completely unnecessary, but for the aforementioned misappropriation of funds.

We would propose that your client enter into an agreed injunction, which we will prepare, prohibiting either party from the usual conduct in order to preserve what is left of the estate. Obviously, if an emergency arises you could contact us and we would contact our client to resolve issues which may develop down the road. In the meantime please furnish the accounting for 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000, which you stated you would do. If your client will not agree to the injunction we will be forced to make application to the Court for same.

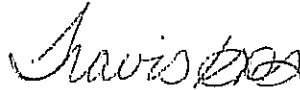
We understand that you have inherited this case from your previous partner, and we are doing everything we can to try to get into a position where we can try to negotiate a settlement but without more information that will be impossible. We will avoid formal discovery requests if that will make your life easier, and we will travel to Hamlin if that will be easier on you.

As it stands, it appears that your client wants to try to settle this matter. The only remaining question is what will it take to settle the matter and to make my client whole. I need a deadline

by which you propose to furnish us with a complete accounting for 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000. I will also need a deadline by which your client intends to furnish receipts. I am confident that we can resolve these issues without resorting to the Court. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience on this matter.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Travis S. Ware".

Travis S. Ware

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