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Mr. Leslie K. Stromberg
Farm Advisor
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Dear Les:

I had a very pleasant trip to the Vista del Llano Ranch this last week. We took current meter measurements of the flow in the earthen ditches near their wells # 14 and #20 at Cantua. We found the seepage losses to be in the order of 50 gallons per minute per mile of ditch, which is not excessive. They are considering installing metal Parshall Flumes at several points along their ditches to make further measurements.

Bill Bilbo, equipment foreman at the ranch, mentioned that they have a serious pipe corrosion problem in their domestic water system at their headquarters four miles west of Mendota. I have suggested that they investigate the use of Calgon for preventing this corrosion.

Bill would like to have a report of the test strips which were placed in the Ranch wells during your's and Verne Scott's corrosion studies. Mr. Ralph Carr and Mr. Tom Taylor are very much interested in this work. I am writing to Bill that you will contact him regarding this work. I hope that you find it convenient to do this. Bill is a recent graduate in Agricultural Engineering at Davis and is very much interested in doing a good job at the Ranch. He lives east of the headquarters office near Mendota.

Sorry you were not able to visit the Ranch while I was there, but I know you were busy.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I am writing to Bill.

Very truly yours,



L. J. Booher
Extension Irrigationist

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Office of the Director
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Mr. William Bilbo
Vista del Llano Ranch
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Firebaugh, California

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a leaflet describing the use of Calgon for preventing corrosion of metals. For further information you can write to Mr. W. J. Osborn, District Manager, Calgon, Inc., 200 Davis Street, San Francisco, or to Mr. Gordon S. Schuhmacher, District Manager, Calgon, Inc., 3931 Tweedy Blvd., South Gate, California. I believe you are located in the Southern California District. Mr. L. Daams, 144 N. Maple Ave., Fresno, is the local agent for these products, but I would suggest that you write to one of the district managers. They have a new product out which is called Micromet which is slowly soluble and does not need to be replaced so often.

The Parshall Flumes can be purchased from Thompson Pipe and Steel Co., 3023 Larimer Street, Denver 1, Colorado, or from Armco Drainage and Metal Products, Inc., Calco Division, Seventh and Parker Streets, Berkeley 2, California

Leslie K. Stromberg, one of our farm advisors in Fresno County, has the records obtained from the corrosion strips which were placed in the West Side wells. I am asking him to contact you in order that you can obtain the results of these tests.

Roy Bainer is on vacation at the present time; so I left the two boxes of mellons at the Walker's. She said that they would be passed out among the members of the Department of Agricultural Engineering.

I want to thank you for the many courtesies shown me by the members of your organization during my recent trip to the Vista del Llano Ranch. I hope that you will drop in and see us at Davis sometime.

Very truly yours,

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