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The United States moves the Court to dismiss the application of the Anderson-Prichard Oil Corporation for extraordinary relief and for amendment or interpretation of decree. This motion is made upon the ground that the question presented by the application has become moot.

Respectfully,

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On June 11, 1956, this Court entered an order enjoining the United States and the State of Louisiana from leasing or beginning the drilling of new wells in the disputed area pending further order of the Court, except by agreement of the parties filed with the Court. 351 U. S. 978. The Anderson-Prichard Oil Corporation, holding leases that are recognized by both parties, secured the agreement of the State of Louisiana that it might begin drilling a new well thereon. By its present application it asks the Court to amend or construe the order of June 11, 1956, so as to permit the applicant to begin drilling a new well, or to require the United States to join in the State's consent to such drilling.

On October 12, 1956, the United States and the State of Louisiana entered into a general agreement providing for new leasing and drilling in the disputed area, and filed it with the Court. That agreement permits new drilling by lessees who bring themselves within its terms. The Anderson-Prichard Oil Corporation has filed with the United States Oil and Gas Supervisor, Geological Survey, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and with the Secretary of the State Mineral Board, State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the documents necessary to bring itself within the terms of the agreement as provided by paragraph 5 (b) thereof. On October 15, 1956, the United States accordingly gave its approval, as sought by the applicant, to the drilling of the proposed well. The applicant having thus secured the permission to drill which it sought, the application has become moot and should be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted.

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