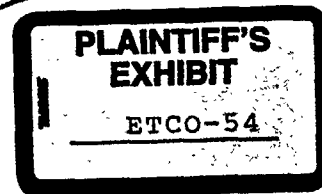


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Ethyl Corporation  
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Attention: Mr. George F. Kirby  
Vice President

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of November 27, 1956, we wish to advise that we will consider the Option Expired as of this date, and will proceed on advise from your Construction Department that we are cleared to commence work in the area.

We would like permission to negotiate with Catalytic Construction Company for a monthly rental on the Block Storage Building, the rental period may be between one and two years, and at which time we could agree to remove the building from the site.

Yours very truly

NICHOLS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.

*R. F. Nichols*  
R. F. Nichols, President

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