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The Chairman,
Federal Oil Conservation Board.

Sir:

There has been received your letter of April 5, 1932, as follows:

"Congressional appropriation for the work of this board, as provided in Public No. 720 - 71st Congress, H. R. 16115, stipulates:

"Federal Oil Conservation Board: For the expenses of the Federal Oil Conservation Board convened by the President on December 19, 1924, and for each purpose connected therewith, to be expended by the Secretary of the board under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, under general regulations to be approved by the board, \$20,000.

"This board from time to time invites to Washington for consultation eminent oil technologists and scientists in connection with the preparation of reports and surveys treating of national petroleum conditions. These petroleum experts act as volunteer advisers and collaborate with officials of the Government in the preparation of data necessary in the compilation of special seasonal reports. Will you please advise whether this board may pay the actual expenses incurred by these gentlemen in traveling to and from Washington?

"Copy of a recent national petroleum survey prepared by outstanding oil technologists in collaboration with representatives of this board is attached herewith for your information."

You are informed that a request in a proper case by the head of a department or establishment of the Government for private individuals to come to Washington on public business entitles such individuals to reimbursement of actual traveling expenses when so stated in the request, provided there is an appropriation available therefor. See 8 Comp. Gen. 465 and cases therein cited. Therefore, should your Board, when inviting technologists and scientists to Washington for consultation in connection with the official work of your Board, inform

them in the request for their presence that they would be reimbursed for actual traveling expenses in accordance with the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, - see A-14232 to you May 7, 1926, - the appropriation referred to in your letter would be available for the payment of such expenses.

It is understood that these individuals are asked here as individuals solely and not collectively or to meet and function collectively, attention being invited in this connection to section 3681, Revised Statutes of the United States; section 9, act March 4, 1909, 35 Stat., 1027.

Respectfully,

(Signed) J. R. McCarl
Comptroller General
of the United States.