

101.12151917.1	<p>Hillman Land & Iron Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: J. N. Esselstyn Geologist representing Mr. G. T. Braden is liable to reach Kuttawa at any time now. Let people know so they can take care of him until you get back. Mr. Braden is a wealthy oil man of Tulsa Oklahoma with whom we are about to sign a contract to drill this property for oil or gas.</p>
101.12171917.2	<p>From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons “my personal experience the temperature of the feet and the condition of the stomach have a great influence on the optic nerve, therefore I shall see that he is well entertained” It would be best if he delayed his visit until the snow is off the ground as at present it will be impossible for him to see any thing of the surface conditions; Cumberland is frozen over and the ferries are tied to us so no means to cross the Rivers.</p>
101.02121918.3	<p>From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Today coming from Cadiz, I met Mr. Miller of Grand Rivers on the train; he said there was someone getting options or contracts from the land owners to drill their properties for oil. Under date of Dec 15, 1917 you advised me to keep eye for oil geologist but I have not heard anything of the matter and perhaps someone else has taken an interest in this. Letting you know</p>
101.06281919.4	<p>Copy of letter of introduction for Mr. Chester W. Washburn, 66 Liberty Street, New York City as a dependable geologist. From Frank Kell / Wichita Mill & Elevator Co.; Wichata Falls, Texas sent to Mr. H. H. Langenberg / Langenberg Bros Grain Co.; St. Louis, M. [H. H. Langenberg is one of the officers of the Hillman Land & Oil Company]</p>
101.07011919.5	<p>From: Harry H. Langenberg To Ed. Simmons / Simmons Hdwe. Co Enclosed letter received from Mr. Kell in regard to the name of a good geologist</p>
101.10201919.6	<p>10.5x10 written in ink From: James Irwin To: Mr. Esselstyn Mr. E. H. Simmons wrote me to see you; that you could give me information as to rocks, Anticlinals and fault lines and possible areas of oil collections or pools and also as to depth and character of rock that nay living man. If might be if we get 5,000 or 10,000 acres we would chance 8 or 10 wild cat holes. Diagram of depths of land labeled.</p>
101.10211919.7	<p>8.5x6.5 written in ink From: James Irwin To: Mr. Simmons Your man Esselstyn is a very busy man out of town. I have mailed him a map of my 30 days geological survey. I would be interested more in a block of leases 3 to 4 miles south of Eddyville down toward Rock Castle. Diagram of depths of land labeled.</p>

101.10211919.8	22x17 map of land between Tennessee River and Cumberland River down to Cumberland City. Perhaps showing fault lines? Stamped with date Oct 21, 1919
101.10241919.9	Hillman Land & Iron Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Noting attached letter from James Irwin and copy of my reply, I don't think there is anything in this, but we cannot afford not to allow a man his say; I would like you during rainy season and cold weather months to explore the drilling business to see if we can put down one or more holes for us at our own expense. Enclosing copy of correspondence with Mr. H. H. Langenberg giving the name of Mr. Chester W. Washburn
101.10241919.10	From: E. H. Simmons To: James Irwin Mr. Esselstyn is a busy man but not too busy to take care of the Company's work; give him a phone call to set up appointment. We would not give you a lease on as much as 10,000 acres nor even 1000 acres until we know more about you and you have the ability and capital to guarantee to finish drilling.
101.10261919.11	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons I do not believe there is much of a show to develop oil on the company property in either Lyon or Trigg counties, it may be possible in Hopkins County. If you desire to drill for oil on the Company property, it should be done in most conservative manner; the State Geologist might be willing to come on ground for a few days to study the situation; my idea of drilling is one good hole with a diamond drill instead of several holes put down with a churn drill; if diamond drill, E. J. Longyear Company would be the one to approach. If you approve would be glad to begin to get information
101.10311919.12	Hillman Land & Iron Company letterhead From E. H. Simmons To Esselstyn Enclosed is letter I have written to Mr. W. F. Booker about drilling on Hillman property. I agree with you there does not look to be much in the Irwin proposition.
101.10311919.13	From: E. H. Simmons To Mr. W. F. Booker / c/o Pendennis Club/ Louisville Kentucky Answering letter addressed to Mr. P. D. Preston; our family owns the controlling interest in the lands referred; I would be glad to talk to you about oil leases; we have certain requirements; should you want to send a representative to go over the ground, our Engineer and Surveyor Mr. J. N. Esselstyn can be reached by letter or telegram
101.10311919.14	Hillman Land & Iron Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Re oil on Hillman property, yes we want to go ahead on this. Find out who is considered the very best geologist in the US to undertake an inspection of

	property for oil and gas and find out what he would charge and when he could come; find out how much E. J. Longyear Company would charge to go down 3000 to 5000 feet
101.11021919.15	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Acknowledgement of letter concerning W. F. Booker in regard to oil drilling
101.11021919.16	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Acknowledgement of letter concerning drilling of oil; State Geologist and E. J. Longyear.
101.11021919.17	From: Esselstyn To: E. J. Longyear Company / 710-22 Security Building / Minneapolis, Minn This company is owner of 40,000 acres of land between Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers. Can you refer us to a reliable geologist and what in your opinion would be his fee; is a diamond drill hole adapted for oil drilling? Can you give approximate cost a hole from 1000 to 3000 feet in depth in limestone?
101.11021919.18	From: Esselstyn To: Mr. J. E. Barton / State Geologist / Frankfurt, Ky Would the State Geological Survey be willing to cooperate in searching for oil on Hillman Land & Iron Company property by sending one of their experienced geologists to look over section to make comparison with more recent development of central Kentucky?
101.11051919.19	Office of Commissioner of Geology and Forestry letterhead From J. E. Barton, Commissioner of Geology To: Esselstyn Regret that it will not be possible this Fall to send a geologist. In event you desire to get a private geologist, I shall be glad to send you a list of those who are available.
101.11071919.20	E. J. Longyear Company letterhead From A. L. Gholz, Manager, Contract Drilling To: Esselstyn Fee for chief Geologist would be \$50 per day and expenses. Diamond drill hole is not well adapted for oil drilling; if you want to secure geological information, diamond drill would be applicable. (2 pages)
101.11091919.21	From: Esselstyn To: Mr. J. E. Barton Be glad to receive new publication "Oil and Gas Resources of Kentucky" as soon as it is ready for distribution; be glad to receive list of Geologists whom you think capable of undertaking the investigation
101.11091919.22	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Enclosed find letters from Mr. J. E. Barton, Commissioner of Geology of Kentucky and from E. J. Longyear Company. Assume Mr. Barton not interested since he probably will not have a job after Republican administration takes over Ky government; E.J. Longyear letter contains good information

101.11091919.23	<p>From: Esselstyn To: E. J. Longyear Company Acknowledge receipt of letter; do not think Hillman Land & Iron Company interested in diamond drill for geological information only; please provide estimate cost of standard drill hole to a depth of 1000 to 3000 feet.</p>
101.11121919.24	<p>9.25x6.25 Booklet titled "Modern Prospecting" from E. J. Longyear Company. Contract Billing Department Bulletin No. 7</p>
101.11121919.25	<p>9.25x6.25 Booklet titled "Diamond Core-Drills" from E. J. Longyear Company. Manufacturing Department Bulletin No. 9</p>
101.11121919.26	<p>9.25x6.25 Booklet titled "The Diamond Drill in Engineering Operations" from E. J. Longyear Company, Contract Billing Department Bulletin No. 10</p>
101.11121919.27	<p>E. J. Longyear company Exploring Engineers letterhead From: Manager, Contract Drilling Dept [unsigned] To: Esselstyn Letter of November 9 received and left on Mr. Donovan's desk with a request he write you upon his return</p>
101.11181919.28	<p>Hillman Land & Iron Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Have made copies of letters from Geologists and returning originals; do not understand Longyear Company letter on proper drill to use for oil drilling, do you?</p>
101.11191919.29	<p>From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Longyear wanted to use Standard Oil Well drill, a type of churn drill which cuts hole in rock; diamond drill uses Black Diamonds to cut out a core which is brought to surface for inspection</p>
101.12111919.30	<p>From: Esselstyn To: Mr. W. R. Jillson, State Geologist, Franfort, Ky Received letter from Miss Anderson accepting your offer of \$50.00 for the large Barameter.</p>
101.12261919.31	<p>Western Union Telegram From: E H Simmons To: Esselstyn Mr. Coolyand Geologist representing W. F. Booker of Louisville are on way now to Kuttawa to look over property please meet at train if possible and give every attention</p>
101.12261919.32	<p>Hillman Land & Iron Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Just wired you; Mr. W. F. Booker is gentleman who has drilling outfit and wants to drill for oil around Golden Pond. Mr. Cooley is his associate. Have them live at your house at our expense as much as they will and ask Mr. Layton to look after them as convenient at his house. They want oil lease on 5000 acres but don't want to give them this much if we can help it</p>
101.12311919.33	<p>2 copies</p>

	Report of Geological Survey prepared for M. B. Cooley, Louisville, Ky by W. J. Borries, E. M. Geological Engineer. 13x8.5 folded paper in green heavy paper cover
101.12311919.34	16x11 shiny blueprint paper Map accompany Geological Report of territory between Cumberland and Tennessee Rivers & Hillman Iron & Land Co's holdings.
101.01091920.35	E. J. Longyear Company letterhead From: P. W. Donovan To: Esselstyn I am rather of the opinion that a diamond drill hole would be cheaper and more suitable for the purposes in mind than a standard churn drill hole; if the hole were to go to 3000 feet it would require a standard drilling outfit and the rate would be \$4.50 to \$5.00 per foot. (2 pages)
101.01141920.36	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Longyear Company, attn: Mr. P. W. Donovan Thank Mr. Donovan for information; submitting information to St. Louis office for consideration
101.01141920.37	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Find copy of letter from E. J. Longyear Company; many oil experts have visited this section but at present there has been no one to put down any wells; from way leases have been taken they are doubtful on oil possibilities but anxious to get leases in case some should strike oil.
101.01211920.38	Hillman Land Company letterhead From E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Have your letters but you did not send me copy of your letter of Nov 9 to their Jan 9 th answer; nor do I find copy of your letter to these people under date of Nov 2 nd . Please see I get these letters promptly
101.01251920.39	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Enclosed find copies of my two letters of Nov 2 nd and 9 th which gives you compete copies of all correspondence
101.02031920.40	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Enclosed find Geological Report on the Company property between the rivers. Mr. Cooley came Sunday night and asked me to send you this report [see 101.12311919.33]
101.08271920.41	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Mr. Cooley called and showed me your letter requesting him to explain his oil drilling proposition to me that I might submit the same to you for consideration. The proposition is explained; wanted to know if Hillman Land Company will take 2 undivided interests for \$800 (2 pages)
101.08311920.42	Hillman Land Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn

	<p>Reply to letter of Aug 27th; confirms information that Mr. Cooley and Mr. Booker are nice but not very well “heeled”; glad that these failures did not happen our property; Should Mr. Cooley ask, neither I nor any stockholders are interested.</p>
101.10081920.43	<p>Appended at top: Mr. J. N. Esselstyn – Please note as a matter of information, E. H. S. From E. H. Simmons To: Mr. J. B. Pollock Answering your letter of Oct 6 which refers to your Geologist going over our property. Your geologist can apply direct to him or write direct to him.</p>
101.10151920.44	<p>Guffey Gillespie Oil Company / Pittsburg, PA letterhead From: J. E. Billingsley To: Esselstyn Made arrangement with Mr. J. B. Pollock to examine the property of the Hillman Land Company; arranged to have our Mr. E. P. Hammitt visit the property sometime this coming week</p>
101.10151920.45	<p>Guffey Gillespie Oil Company / Pittsburg, PA letterhead From: J. B. Pollock To: Esselstyn Letter of introduction for Mr. E. P. Hammitt, Geologist for the Guffey Gillespie Oil company</p>
101.10161920.46	<p>5.5x8.5 notated as (COPY) / Lloyd E. Pollock / Attorney at law / Waynesburg, PA To E. H. Simmons We are sending our Geologist Mr. Hammitt to go over the holdings of the Hillman Land Co this coming week</p>
101.10181920.47	<p>From: Esselstyn To: Mr. J. E. Billingsley Acknowledgement receipt of examination of Hillman Land by E. P. Hammitt; we will afford Mr. Hammitt every opportunity</p>
101.10191920.48	<p>Appended at top: Mr. J. N. Esselstyn – Please note From: Jno. W. Harrison, President of Hillman Land Co. To: Mr. J. B. Pollock Acknowledgment of letter of Oct 16th; Mr. Hammitt can stay at Mr. Esselstyn’s house; he keeps “Bachelor’s Hall” there</p>
101.10191920.49	<p>Hillman Land Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Noting the attached, would have you take charge of this man; I naturally want this man to be happy in mind, body, and stomach, while he is down there.</p>
101.10211920.50	<p>From: Esselstyn To: Mr. E. H. Simmons Acknowledgement of letter of 19th; last night I received a telegram announcing Mr. Hammitt would arrive to-night.</p>
101.10211920.51	<p>(COPY) / W. G. Tyler & Co / Leases, Royalties, Production From: W. G. Tyler</p>

	<p>To: Simmons Hdwe Co.</p> <p>We understand you own a large amount of land in Trigg and Lyon Co and perhaps you would like it prospected for oil. If so, let us know; We can possibly arrange to put down several test wells; would want time to carry a competent geologist over property to work out some local anticline structures favorable for oil accumulation.</p>
101.10261920.52	<p>Copy / appended at top: Mr. J. N. Esselstyn – please note</p> <p>From: Jno. W. Harrison, President of Hillman Land Co.</p> <p>To: Mr. W. G. Tyler / c/o W. G. Tyler & Co</p> <p>Answering yours of Oct 21st addressed to the Simmons Hardware company. Simmons Hardware Co does not own any lands in Kentucky. My two brothers and I are interested in the above Company (Hillman Land Company) which owns lands; we are interested in having land prospected but we want to know your company is financially responsible and not a “piker”</p>
101.10261920.53	<p>Hillman Land Company letterhead</p> <p>From: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>To: Esselstyn</p> <p>Please note attached copy from W. G. Tyler; of course we don’t intend to do anything until Mr. Hammitt has an opportunity; there is nothing to prevent our giving several locations to one party and several other locations to another party.</p>
101.10271920.54	<p>From: Esselstyn</p> <p>To: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>Mr. E. P. Hammitt representing Guffey Gillespie Oil Company arrived. We traveled the land. He did not state his conclusions but the examination would take several months, “that the country was badly broken”</p>
101.10301920.55	<p>Hillman Land Company letterhead</p> <p>From: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>To: Esselstyn</p> <p>Acknowledgement of receipt of your letter of the 27th</p>
101.10301920.56	<p>COPY / W. G. Tyler & Co</p> <p>From: W. G. Tyler</p> <p>To: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>We would be willing to begin operations and continue same until several wells were completed; we have been successful in helping to finance quite a number of wildcat drilling contracts but we would expect some help from other towards a drilling fund.</p>
101.11021920.57	<p>Appended at top: Mr. J. N. Esselstyn – please note</p> <p>From: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>To: Mr. W. G. Taylor</p> <p>We know nothing about drilling; it is up to you to submit your preposition in a way that would seem reasonable; main thing we want is that anyone starts on our property can finish whether the agreement was twenty five holes, ten holes or only three holes</p>
101.01161921.58	<p>6.5x10 folded in half, written in pen</p> <p>From: Mr. Clavert Wallace</p>

	<p>To: Esselstyn</p> <p>For past few weeks I have been securing oil leases in Trigg County and have approximately 10,000 acres. I am asking you for your cooperation in securing a lease on all land owned by Hillman Land Company.</p>
101.undated.59	3 types of Oil & Gas Leases. Each 14x8.5. folded in half
101.01201921.60	<p>From: Esselstyn</p> <p>To: Mr. Clavert Wallace / Bleidt, Kentucky</p> <p>Acknowledge receipt of your letter; speaking from a personal standpoint and not with any authority for the Company that Company would be glad to cooperate with the people of this section in development of oil. During past two years, there have been several geologists who looked over area but no one has been willing to put down a hole; company would probably grant a lease under terms that they have capability to put down a hole to depth of 3000 feet (2 copies)</p>
101.06241921.61	Booklet titled "Shaft Sinking" published by E. J. Longyear Company, Bulletin No. 15
101.04031925.62	<p>Hillman Land Company letterhead</p> <p>From: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>To: Esselstyn</p> <p>Mr. Arthur Tubbs (whose business card I enclose). Called on me today asking about oil and gas on the Hillman property. Wants to go over property without extra charge or expense to us. Believe Mr. Tubbs associated with the technical men in Washington University. Should he call on you, show him the property or arrange for someone to do so at our expense</p>
101.04241928.63	<p>Hillman Land Company letterhead</p> <p>From : E. H. Simmons</p> <p>To: Esselstyn</p> <p>Enclosed copy of my letter to Mr. J. B. Pollock, this man I have known for a number of years although I have not heard from him for a long time. [copy not attached]</p>
101.05211928.64	<p>5x8.5 written in pencil</p> <p>Telegram? To Esselstyn and D. W. Layton</p> <p>From: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>Have telegram from J. B. Polocsi? On way from Waynesburg PA who wants to look over Hopkins property.</p>
101.05221928.65	<p>Telegram</p> <p>From: D. W. Layton</p> <p>To: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>Defer Waynesburg partys visit – if possible- Roads impassable still raining.</p>
101.05261928.66	<p>From: unsigned <D. W. Layton></p> <p>To: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>Our plans with reference to Mr. Pollock, Mr. Ogden, and Mr. Sellers went through alright. Itinerary included</p>
101.05291928.67	<p>Hillman Land Company letterhead</p> <p>From: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>To: D. W. Layton</p>

	Acknowledge receipt of letter
101.05291928.68	From: unsigned <D. W. Layton> To: E. H. Simmons Mr. Vick reports that Mr. Ogden, Mr. Sellers, and Mr. Pollock had a view of the Degraffenreid and Hillman lands in Lyon county.
101.04241928.69	From: E. H. Simmons To: Mr. J. B. Pollock Under separate cover am sending you blue print of our properties in Lyon and Trigg Counties. Consists of about 40,000 acres. Our General Manager Mr J. N. Esselstyn would be of distinct value for your people; letter addressed to him in sufficient far enough ahead of time would most likely find him ready to assist you.
101.07021928.70	Written in ink J. B. Pollock Coal Lands letterhead From: J. B. Pollock To: Mr. Layton Sending you under separate cover map you let me have when I was in your country. Have to beg pardon for taking so long; My people are not acting very fast on the oil lease matter; money is very tight, I may get them interested when money eases up a little
101.12271928.71	9.5x6 written in pencil From: EHS To: JNE A Mr. John W. Scott has recently been on the Hillman property & wants to drill for oil on Hillman Lands. Saw him today this Co wants a lease. Write me if you have any suggestion
101.12291928.72	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Mr. Scott telephoned from Paducah about two weeks about who to see about getting a lease; I advised him to take matter up with you in St. Louis. Several years while I was located in Kuttawa, I investigated possibility of oil and my studies lead me to conclusion that only possibility would be at depth of 3000 feet or more. (2 pages)
101.01061929.73	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons If the attached clipping is correct, it looks like this is the opportunity Hillman Land Company has been looking for [clipping not included]
101.05171930.74	From E. H. Simmons To: Mr. Lloyd E. Pollock Answering yours of 5-13 addressed care of Simmons Hdw., Co. I am no longer actively connected with Simmons Hardware having sold out my interests to the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. We still have the same acreage as previously about 40,000 acres. At present we have no deals with anyone else and would be glad to take this up with you; let us know before coming or sending anyone so proper arraignments can be made
101.06071930.75	Hillman Land Company letterhead

	<p>From: E. H Simmons To: Esselstyn Attached explains itself; Mr. Pollock originally was in the hardware business then he got into the oil game. Now his letter head reads "Lloyd E. Pollock, Attorney At Law, Waynesburg, PA"</p>
101.06071930.76	<p>From: E. H. Simmons To: Mr. J. B. Pollock Acknowledge receipt of telegram; Mr. John N. Esselstyn lives on the property at Hematite, Trigg County and will be glad to take care of you. Best way to come is via Hopkinsville, KY</p>
101.06101930.77	<p>Hillman Land Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Letter from Mr. J. B. Pollock stating they are driving and expect to make Cadiz Thursday, June 12th. I cannot come down at this time, Still in the hands of the doctors. Feel very sure you will do everything you can to interest these men in the property drilling for oil.</p>
101.06151930.78	<p>From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Report on Mess. Pollack and Ingram visit. We left here Saturday morning via the "Moonshine Trail" and Hillman Ferry for Paducah. About 7 miles out of Paducah we stopped at a well which is being drilled along the side of the Highway.</p>
101.03181934.79	<p>9.25x6 Arlington Hotel and Baths Hot Springs National Park letterhead From: EHS To: JNE Fred G. Moser of 1544 Detroit Street, Tulsa Oklahoma tried to get to the Hillman property but was water bound. My friends in Tulsa report him to be as "Oil Producer & Lease Broker" good reputation, man of family owns own home worth \$20,000.</p>
101.03191934.80	<p>9.25x6 written in pencil. Arlington Hotel and Baths Hot Springs National Park letterhead From: EHS To: JNE Had just had a talk with Fred G. Moser. He has been to Murray-Cadiz-Kuttawa. He wants to get a group of leases on property between the rivers. Please correspond with him direct and he will drive out. Think we can afford to go ahead with most anything so long as we don't have to put up any money; we can be liberal with terms; I told him of our proposed plans with US Government for game preserve (5 pages)</p>
101.03201934.81	<p>From: Esselstyn To: Mr. Fred G. Moser Mr. E. H. Simmons has written me; had a conference with you regarding drilling this Company's property for oil and gas. I suggest I meet you at Paducah, Hotel Irvin Cobb with 2 days advanced notice; recent storms have put out telephone out of service so write me.</p>
101.03201934.82	<p>From: Esselstyn</p>

	<p>To: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>Your two letters from Hot springs received. It is fair to assume that any contract would extend over a period of years and if successful, would produce considerable revenue. Mr. Moser looks promising, he has been successful, has desirable connections and experiences.</p>
101.03241934.83	<p>Fred G. Moser Oil Properties letterhead</p> <p>From: Fred. G Moser</p> <p>To: Esselstyn</p> <p>I am leaving here on Monday on the Frisco. Arrive Paducah 6:15 Tuesday. It is not my desire on this trip to go over property but to discuss the entire matter.</p>
101.03261934.84	<p>From: Esselstyn</p> <p>To: Mr. Fred G. Moser</p> <p>"Helen Highwater" is paying a return engagement and I do not know if I can meet you in Paducah. If I do not show up by Wednesday you will know I am stuck in the mud.</p>
101.03281934.85	<p>Hillman Land Company letterhead</p> <p>From: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>To: Esselstyn</p> <p>In regards to oil and gas lease, I don't see that this would hurt our chances to sell the property; I told him I left these matters largely to you, this way will enable you to dicker with him; I still think we should be liberal with him. Will write you about possible sale of the property to the Fish and Game Commission to the State of Ky. Don't think there is anything in this at because the State has no money and can't get any.</p>
101.03291934.86	<p>From: Esselstyn</p> <p>To: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>Spent more than 3 hours with Mr. Moser in Paducah. Mr. Moser and another man had spent several days about 2 weeks ago looking over prospect of drilling. Mr. Moser was under impression that I would give him description of the property, sign the drilling contracts and you would sign them. I asked him how deep he would have to drill; told him I though Company would approve lease</p>
101.03301934.87	<p>From: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>To: Esselstyn</p> <p>Am anxious to have drilling on property but want to know a whole lot more about what he expects before I tie up the property that would prevent sale of all or any part of it. If we agree to a contract that leaves us free to sell any part and transfer oil lease to new purchaser or all new purchaser to cancel it. He must have certain protections but you and I must also have protections for our stockholders. Additionally, there is a chance we would lose the property because we could no pay the taxes.</p>
101.03301934.88	<p>5.75x8</p> <p>From: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>To: Esselstyn</p>

	Written attached letter [101.03301934.87] so you can show Mr. Moser if you care to. If Mrs. Moser visits with Mr. Moser, please have Mrs. Esselstyn entertain her as she has influence on Mr Moser.
101.03311934.89	From: E. H. Simmons To: Mr. Fred G. Moser I have received a letter from our Mr. J. N. Esselstyn today. His ideas and mine are almost identical. As much as we want to do this, I question whether we could make a lease that would be satisfactory to you and fair to us in our desire to sell the property but will try to work something out. In any event, if we tied up the property, we would have to have some guarantee of a hole being put down.
101.03311934.90	5.75x8 From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Mr. Moser called me on phone and seemed satisfied with his visit with you. Enclosing a copy of my note to him
101.04091934.91	From: Esselstyn To: Mr. Fred G. Moser We would like to see the Hillman property drilled for oil but do not believe contract submitted would be a fair contract. If you care to submit a contract equitable to both parties we will consider it.
101.04091934.92	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Seen copy of lease submitted by Moser, I have re-read it several times and "it is the worst thing that was ever written, it is almost a 'con-game". Do not believe Mr. Moser will consider a special contract, if he does, I will write it. It will not run forever but have a time limit not more than 6 months and then he will have to come across with \$5000 cash or do some drilling.
101.04141934.93	From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Returning your correspondence with Mr. Moser; to offer criticism would take pages; One though in his letter that is interesting and that it what he says about the possibility of Congress appropriating any money for the purchase of Game Preserves. If Mr Moser would put up a bond that he would drill a hole 3000 feet if necessary and if he fails to comply with the terms of the contract, the Company can terminate the contract without any litigation.
101.04181934.94	4.5x8.5 From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn In reply to yours of the 14 th , your ideas and mine are about the same and unless the stockholders want to gamble on the proposition which might preclude an ultimate sale elsewhere
101.04181934.95	From: E. H. Simmons To: Mr. Fred G. Moser In regard to oil lease on Hillman Lands would you be in a position to offer a contract to put down at lease one drill hole on our property three thousand

	feet and put up a bond which would be forfeited in you do not do this or if the terms of contract were not complied with by you?
101.04211934.96	From: E. H. Simmons To: Mr. Fred G. Moser You can get me any time on the telephone but please don't call my residence. My office, room 214 Parkview Bldg., 6233 Delmar Ave., is open most all day from 9:30 to five, telephone Cabany 4325
101.04231934.97	From: E. H. Simmons To : Mr. Fred G. Moser Always glad to talk; we are definitely interested but we are definitely not interested unless there is sufficient forfeit which would practically force the party to carry out his contract; to begin operations within a short (reasonable) length of time and third, to dow down some agreed depth such as three thousand feet. If there are any part of this not plain or understood I will be glad to heave you ask me questions about it. (2 pages)
101.04241934.98	From: E. H. Simmons To: Mr. Fred G. Moser Further in regard to oil lease on Hillman lands in Kentucky, we are not interested in any drilling on any other property than our own. If you want to wait before starting drilling on our property until you have signed up all or practically all of the adjoining properties, we would definitely not be interest because this could not be done with any degree of promptness
101.04271934.99	4.5x8.5 From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Acknowledgment of letter of 9 th ; I have in process another letter to him, criticizing the contract, of which I will send you a copyh
101.05021934.100	Hillman Land Company letterhead From E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Mr. Moser spent the day with me; he doesn't expect us to sign that other type of oil and gas lease in fact was very fair about things of that kind and brought me another form of agreement JUST FOR CONSIDERATION. As I understand it, he will get a guarantee from the President of the First Nat'l Bank of Tulsa
101.05181934.101	Hillman Land Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Answering yours of the 12 th , hope to be down shortly, certainly before June first
101.05281934.102	Hillman Land Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn When Mr. F. G. Moser was here, he volunteered to have one of the bankers in Tulsa write a letter about him. This letter is attached – please return it to me. Very much inclined to do something on this because I feel we can get quick action and good guarantees on this

101.05311934.103	<p>From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons Letter of the 28th received; I will probably be in St. Louis Monday or Tuesday. If I come to St. Louis, I would also like to have a talk with Mess. Wells, Kauffman and Langenberg as we never gotten anywhere by correspondence. PS: Herewith is returned the banker's picture of Mr. Moser</p>
101.05281934.104	<p>Hillman Land Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn Looks like it would be indefinite when I can get away.</p>
101.06011934.105	<p>Hillman Land Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn To answer yours of May 31st, Next week Monday or Tuesday, have already written Mr. Langenberg; if this hot weather keeps, I suggest we go to the Statler Hotel.</p>
101.06141934.106	<p>From: E. H. Simmons To: Mr. Fred G. Moser Thanks for letter of June 9th; It is a question of getting a contract or agreement which is equally fair to both sides and not tie up one party without the other. Am quite sure that you and Mr. Esselstyn can work this out; and equally sure that Mr. Esswelstyn's caution is based on the experience of many others in that part of the country.</p>
101.06231934.107	<p>From: Esselstyn To: E. H. Simmons You have kept me posted in regard to the correspondence you had with Mr. Moser but up to date nothing has been accomplished which does not leave with me a favorable impression of the possibilities of Mr. Moser becoming interested. Mr. Moser sent me a second contract but this one is nearly a bad as the first one. (2 pages)</p>
101.06251934.108	<p>Hillman Land Company letterhead From: E. H. Simmons To: Esselstyn I suggest you draw up a contract which you feel will be fair to the company as far as is possible at the same time be fair to the other party. This is now in your hands, as I have told Mr. Moser I will sign up for the company any contract that you and he agree on if it can be done promptly</p>
101.06251934.109	<p>From: E. H. Simmons To: Mr. Fred G. Moser Anything you and Mr. J. N. Esselstyn agree on in the way of a contract I will be willing to sign but I want to give consideration to anything Mr. Esselstyn would outline. One point that should be covered is that work should be started promptly should be continuous and the company should have the right to cancel the contract if an unwarranted delay interfered with the sale of the property.</p>
101.06291934.110	<p>From: Esselstyn</p>

	<p>To; E. H. Simmons</p> <p>It seems to me that there is no doubt Mr. Moser has been dickering for six months without producing results. The two key points are denoted in final paragraph</p>
101.06291934.111	<p>Fred G. Moser Oil Properties letterhead</p> <p>From: Fred G. Moser</p> <p>To: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>Admire confidence in Mr. Esselstyn's ability to protect your company; no need to enter into agreement whereby either your company or myself and associates should be constantly on needles point anticipating or actually instituting law suits for one thing or another. There are many standard forms of Oil and Gas lease forms but if you want to draw up a contract that protects both of us, that is OK. I have repeatedly tried ot impress upon you that the consideration for this lease would be in the form of development. Pencil on top right angle in hand of E.H. Simmons to be filed with J.N. Esselstyn (2 pages)</p>
101.07121934.112	<p>From: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>To: Fred G. Moser</p> <p>Go to Kentucky and see Mr. Esselstyn and formulate a contract as soon as you can provided you make one equally fair to both sides and can command the capital to complete the work</p>
101.08111934.113	<p>Newspaper clipping from Tulsa Daily World</p> <p>Headline: Moore Extending Fitts Oil Pool</p>
101.08111934.114	<p>From: Fred G. Moser</p> <p>To: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>Lacking one day, its been a month since receipt of your last letter. Please be patient and see what I have been up against. My associates and I have been in a stew for the past sixty days on the proposition I started three years ago. We drilled one well and it took 5 months; we started our second well, we were not satisfied with results so we went deeper and in doing so we had the tools blown up into the pipe. It took 30 days to recover the tools. I enclose clipping from which you can learn that we hit the top of the Simpson. The federal government may decide the maximum amount of oil in order to not upset the Federal Government's theory of production. (2 pages)</p>
101.08211934.115	<p>Hillman Land Company letterhead</p> <p>From E. H. Simmons</p> <p>To: Esselstyn</p> <p>Attached find letter dated 8-11 from Fred Moser [copy of 101.08111934.114]; All our stockholders are anxious to drill on any kind of a fair basis and this seems to be our only chance.</p>
101.08211934.116	<p>From: E. H. Simmons</p> <p>To: Mr. Fred Moser</p> <p>Acknowledgment receipt of letter from Aug 11.</p>