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Oil deposits in the Tamar Valley

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At the request of the Chief Secretary, Mr. B. K. Miller concerning Mr. E. G. Hall's claim to knowledge of oil deposits in the Tamar Valley I visited Mr Hall at his home on 19th February, 1965.

Mr Hall is a diviner, prominent in the district and his claim to knowledge of oil deposits rests solely on the use of a divining rod. No surface indications of oil were observed and no samples of oil are available.

I have no doubt that Mr Hall genuinely believes in the evidence of his divining abilities. However there is widespread and abundant evidence to prove that the practice is fallacious. In view of this it is recommended that this Department takes no further action in this matter.

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