

## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

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PETITION

NAMES	P.O. ADDRESS
Lloyd Miller	Haigler, Mo.
N. B. Black	" "
W. H. Ziegler	" "
Del Appleby	" "
Henry Shuckman	" "
G. R. Leake	" "
Fred Stillogg	" "
Ray Black	" "
Ernie Hilt	" "
John Samler	" "
Walter Hilt	St. Francis Kan.
John Rich	" "
L. B. Muckel	" "
Ludwig Schupp	" "
Charles Michael	Haigler, Mo.
M. M. Gimbelman	St. Francis Kansas
W. Rack	St. Francis Kan.
J. W. Peter	St. Francis Kan.
M. M. Gimbelman	St. Francis Kan.
Christ Samler	Haigler Mo.
E. J. Brunswig	" "

STATE OF KANSAS )  
CHEYENNE COUNTY ) ss.

Geo. Ziegler, being first duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the circulator of the foregoing petition containing 21 signatures; that each person whose name appears on said petition sheet personally signed said petition in the presence of affiant; that he believes that each of said signers is a qualified elector of Kansas and of the municipality written opposite his name, and that the affiant stated to every petitioner before he affixed his signature the legal effect and nature of petition.

Geo. Ziegler

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Feb., 1934.

-3- Andrew N. Ginslie

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PETITION

NAMES	P.O. ADDRESS
Henry Klimzmann	Hogler Nebr
Philip Eberhart	St Francis
Frank Kisor	Hogler Nebr
And G. Sass	Haigler Nebr.
J. H. Lindorf	St Francis Kansas
Glenn Rath	Hogler Nebr.
Paul Kamla	" "
Oliver O. Mundhenk	" "
H. G. Rath	St Francis Mo
J. N. Matney	St Francis Kans
John Riel	Hogler Nebr
Ray W. Northrup	St Francis Kansas
Louis Klimzmann	Haigler Nebr.
Harold Hugels	St. Francis, Kans
H. G. Lockman	St. Francis Kans
E. M. Hilt	St Francis Kans
Fred Hilt	St Francis Kansas
Stanley A. Matney	St. Francis Kansas
Geo E. Brown	" "
J. L. Michall	" "
Ed Schauer	" "

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CHEYENNE COUNTY ) ss.

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### P E T I T I O N

St. Francis, Kan., Feb. 8/34.

TO THE HONORABLE ALFRED LANGDON, GOVERNOR OF KANSAS, AND  
STATE ENGINEER GEORGE KNAPP, TOPEKA, KANSAS:

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, citizens of Cheyenne County, Kansas, do earnestly petition and beg of you that you do all in your power to aid and encourage the construction of the Benkelman-Haigler-Arickaree Irrigation District Project, more particularly described by statement and maps filed with the Kansas PWA, showing that a small amount of ditch construction will touch the northern edge of Cheyenne County, and two large reservoirs will be built, as per said Map.

No. 1 Reservoir is located on Arickaree in extreme north-western corner of our county, the Dam to be within the state of Kansas, but the reservoir will lie astride the Colorado-Kansas line. This reservoir will hold some 45,000 acre feet of water, while the No. 3 Reservoir will lie astride the Nebraska-Kansas line one mile south of Benkelman, Nebraska, in the bed of South Fork, the Dam being in Nebraska, but most of the Reservoir will lie in Kansas.

This entire enterprise is to be built by the Nebraska organization with funds allotted from Nebraska N.R.A. allotment.

These two reservoirs will require the expenditure of one and a quarter million dollars, 80% of it for labor, the employment of which will greatly benefit this entire section, and when the enterprise is complete, the ditches which are mostly in Nebraska near Kansas line, will require a million more of expenditure, nearly all for labor.

This Project has been passed by the Nebraska PWA and only the endorsement of Colorado and Kansas is needed to complete our case at Washington.

We feel that this development will be of vast and lasting benefit to the two counties of Dundy and Cheyenne for irrigation, will make a market for our corn and surplus farm products; sugar beets and alfalfa will become the main staple which in turn will call for vast feeding of sheep and cattle, calling for the products of our dry land in addition to what they raise under irrigation, for this is proven wherever irrigation has been developed in this part of the country; the feeding of stock has resulted in consuming all they raise under ditches and caused a local market for all dry land products.

We are advised that this matter will come before you under the compact law; if so, we respectfully request that you give it favorable consideration.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 10th day of Feb., 1934.  
Andrew M. Landon

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PETITION	
NAMES	P.O. ADDRESS
Edw. W. Thompson	St Francis Kansas
M. M. Raile	" " " "
Reinhold Keller	Haigler Neb
Edward Adenbach	Haigler Neb
Gerhard Rothoff	Haigler Neb
George Cook	St. Francis Kan.
Jesse Clark	Haigler Neb
Glenn Chandlerford	Haigler Neb
Floyd L. Skelton	St. Francis Kansas
L. B. Bawans	St. Francis "
J. E. Jueggarsalt	St. Francis Kansas
Eust. Linen	" "
Harry Clark	Haigler Neb
W. B. Chatney	St. Francis Kan
C. S. Wolf	St. Francis Kan
J. D. Swainwood	St. Francis
John L. Lippert	St. Francis Kans.
W. Jueggarsalt	St. Francis Kans.
A. M. Palmer	Haigler Neb
David Samler	Haigler Neb
Fred Kamla	St. Francis Kan

STATE OF KANSAS )  
 ) ss.  
CHEYENNE COUNTY )

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Geo. Zuege  
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NAMES	P.O. ADDRESS
Earl Turner	St Francis Kansas
Dan Rath	St Francis Kans
Henry Lauer	St Francis Kans
John A Landenberger	St Francis Kans
G. H. Palmer	Wigler Neb
Esse Burnham	St Francis
Glenn E. D. Good	St. Francis, Kan
A. H. Stevens	St. Francis Kansas
C. J. Scheller	St Francis Kan
Charlie C. Vanderford	Wigler Neb.
Sam Rath	St Francis Ks.
Henman Walter	St Francis Kans.
Carl Orth	St Francis Kans
Ed Schlittenhardt	St Francis Kansas
Pete Raile	St Francis Kansas
Philip Rimen	St Francis Kans
Aug. Zwergach	St Francis Kans
Alvman Schroeder	St Francis Kansas
Wm. Schrador	St Francis Kansas
Edwin Rath	St Francis Kansas
J. J. Landenberger	St Francis Kansas

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Andrew N. Ginslie

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NAMES	P.O. ADDRESS
Roy T. Johnson	St. Francis Kansas.
R. L. Davis	Bird City
Hugh Mitchell	St. Francis
Victor W. Dault	Bird City
Chas. H. Roberts	St. Francis Kansas
E. L. Jackson	St. Francis Ks
A. A. Bacon	St. Francis Kans
Ray A. Slyhoff	St. Francis Kans.
E. J. Sherford	St. Francis Kans
E. M. Scoby	St. Francis Kans
Clark Burnham	St. Francis Kans
Fred Rueb	" "
W. R. Roserhwaite	" "
J. A. Clinton	" "
G. M. Gilgren	St. Francis Kans
W. H. Gerchun	St. Francis Kans
P. H. Hieck	St. Francis Kans
Wad A. Childs	St. Francis Kans
W. J. Finley	St. Francis Kans
A. A. Benselman	St. Francis Kans
A. A. Gillispie	St. Francis Kansas

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                                  ) ss.  
CHEYENNE COUNTY )

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Andrew N. Ginslie

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We are advised that this matter will come before you under the compact law; if so, we respectfully request that you give it favorable consideration.

I, George Knapp, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am the circulator of the foregoing petition containing the signatures of the undersigned; that each of them whose name appears on said petition sheet personally signed said petition in the presence of affiant; that I believe that each of said signers is a qualified elector of Kansas and of the municipality wherein he resides, and that the affiant stated to every petitioner before he affixed his signature the legal effect and nature of said petition.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of February, 1934.

## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

P E T I T I O N

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>P.O. ADDRESS</u>
R. S. Thompson	St. Francis, Kansas
W. C. Hauck	St. Francis, Kansas
W. B. Gallagher	St. Francis, Kansas
Lila Mae Han	" " "
J. W. Huns	" " "
R. A. Crawford	" " "
C. Lucht	" " "
Geo. Goodale	" " "
L. K. Gordon	" " "
Frank B. Schneider	" " "
Geo. B. Schneider	" " "
W. F. Borch	" " "
Emmett Han	" " "
C. L. Lawler	" " "
Eustace Phillips	" " "
Deroy Danaher	" " "
Erie Beasly	" " "
Gas. T. Merson	" " "

STATE OF KANSAS )  
CHEYENNE COUNTY ) ss.

Geo. Zuehl, being first duly sworn,  
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petition containing 18 signatures; that each person whose  
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tition in the presence of affiant; that he believes that each  
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legal effect and nature of petition.

Geo. Zuehl

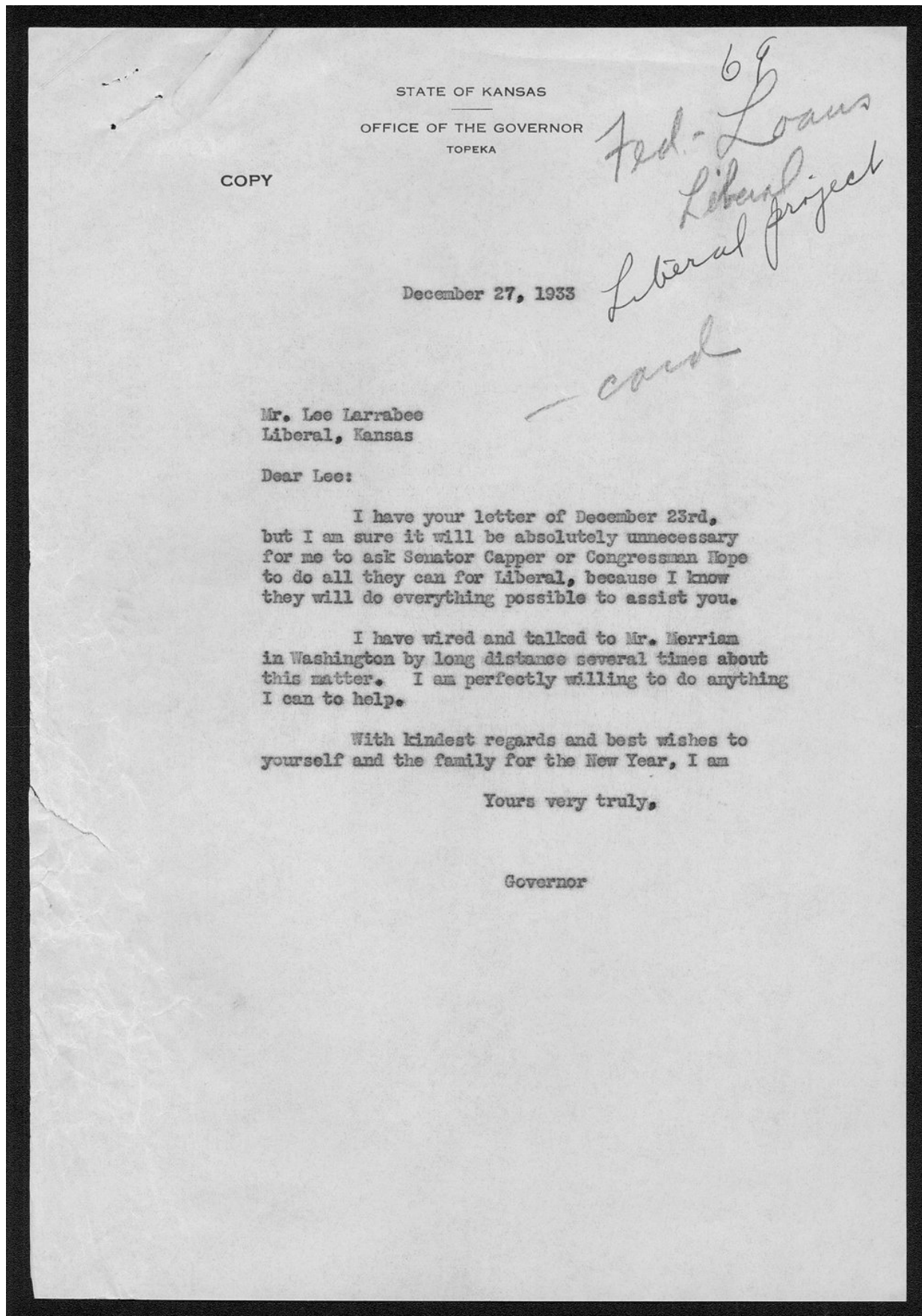
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Feb., 1934.

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E. T. GUYMON  
Vice President

LEE LARRABEE  
President

R. E. COLVIN  
Sec. and Gen. Mgr.

Retail Hardware  
Lumber, Paint  
and Fuel

### THE STAR LUMBER COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES

LIBERAL, KANSAS

Serving Kansas  
Oklahoma and  
New Mexico

December 23, 1933

Honorable Alf M. Landon, Governor  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor:

Mr. Charles M. Tucker, the local attorney for the Liberal Tornado Corporation, has written letters to Congressman Hope and Senators Capper and McGill requesting an extension of time on the legislation permitting the R.F.C. to make tornado relief loans in Liberal which time expires by limitation December 31, 1933.

The tornado occurred in May and no loans were made until about thirty days ago. Our people had become terribly discouraged but now that a few loans have been made they are becoming interested again and I feel that some material and substantial benefits may accrue for the city if a reasonable length of time may still be had to consummate pending deals. Many uncompleted applications are on file at the Kansas City office, which has been giving us wonderful cooperation lately. They, the Kansas City office, advise that the money for all loans must be out of its hands by December 31. This, I believe you will readily understand, leaves us out on a limb.

Our people would greatly appreciate your influence especially with Senator Capper and Congressman Hope in furnishing us the necessary extension of time.

Assuring you of my highest esteem and kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

*Lee Larrabee*

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Woman's Club  
Ninth and Poyntz  
Manhattan, Kansas  
November 10, 1933

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Kiro Dam  
Project  
protest

Mr. Alf. Landon, Governor  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

The "Woman's Club" of Manhattan  
Kansas, with a membership of 120, desires  
to enter a protest to the building of  
the "Kiro Dam".

Yours truly,

*Mrs Marcus Leonard*

Mrs Marcus Leonard

President "Woman's Club"

*Mrs E L Askren Sr.*

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TELEPHONE 5687

F. P. METZGER, PRESIDENT

ROBT. M. OWTWHAITE, VICE-PRESIDENT  
NED FLEMING, VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN E. KIRK, TREASURER  
MARK DREHMER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

*Act 69*

**The Chamber of Commerce**

**Topeka, Kansas**

October 17, 1933.

*Kiro Dam*

**DIRECTORS**

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C. O. BLEVANS  
E. B. CHAPMAN  
HARRY W. COLMERY  
C. B. CROSBY  
D. S. FARLEY  
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ROBT. M. OWTWHAITE  
J. L. PERRY  
FRANK RIPLEY  
CHAS. H. SESSIONS  
T. C. WHITEKER

Governor Alf. M. Landon,  
State Capitol,  
Topeka,  
Kansas.

My dear Governor:

By this time you have, no doubt, received a resolution that was passed at a meeting held in Salina.

This resolution was quite hurriedly prepared and I have written Mr. Merrill, Chairman of the Kaw Valley Flood Improvement Association, that I would be forced to withdraw my name.

The Kiro Dam and the lakes proposed for their region cannot be tied together as they desire to do.

The intent of the resolution may be all right, but the engineering feasibility cannot be substantiated and I should not like to be identified with a plan that is not sound and sensible.

Very truly yours,  
*F. P. Metzger*  
PRESIDENT.

FPM:RB



## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

COPY

STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

November 7, 1933.

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Projects  
Protest Kiro  
Landon*

Mr. Oliver E. Murdick,  
Tescott, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Murdick:

Your letter of November second, to Governor  
Landon, has been received.

The Governor appreciates your sending us a  
copy of the resolution. Of course the matters  
you have in mind are projects for the federal  
government to decide, but we are glad to have  
your views, and assure you that your sugges-  
tions are always welcome on questions of  
interest to Kansas.

With best personal wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor

WM/a

## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

PRES. OLIVER MURDICK

SEC'Y. J. H. PLUEGER

## “NABER”

Tescott Community  
Commerical Club

TESCOTT, KANSAS

Nov. 2, 1933

Honorable Alfred M. Landon  
Governor of Kansas  
Topeka, Kansas

Our Dear Governor:

Whereas at this time there is an unusual and extraordinary demand for relief money to be expended in conservation and improvement projects, and whereas there is an inclination to centralize these projects in a few disproportionate and unreasonable enterprises such as the Kiro Dam and similar enterprises which will mean the expenditure of millions in a few localities without adequate return to the country at large, We, the Tescott Community Commercial Club, after considerable investigation into the sense, use, and justice of such expenditure, do respectfully and emphatically protest against the building of the Kiro Dam and similar projects, and deem the spoilation of the beautiful Kaw Valley, so similar to the Nile of Egypt, as being unwarranted and inexcusable.

We also petition you to use your influence for sane, sensible, and just distribution of relief projects, and for the building of smaller dams nearer the source of the streams, which will conserve the water where needed and prevent flooding the larger streams.

As proof of our contention we want to cite the fact that within the last ten years as many as ten times have tributaries of the Kaw overflowed their banks with some resultant damage, while not once did it affect the Kaw Valley or the Missouri unless it was already at flood stage.

Very respectfully,

Oliver E. Mordick

Oliver E. Murdick

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Day Letter	
Night Message	
Night Letter	

If no class of service is designated the message will be transmitted as a full-rate telegram.

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Project Free  
Kiro Dam

### COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

COPY

Salina, Kansas  
October 31, 1933

HON HARRY H WOODRING  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR  
WASHINGTON, D C

The Salina Chamber of Commerce in behalf of the citizens of this community hereby enters a protest against the building of the federal project known as the Kiro Dam for the following reasons stop It will hamper rail and highway transportation facilities which are necessary for the continued development of the greater portion of Kansas stop This project gives us no protection from floods and does not relieve the unemployment situation in the state which is the avowed purpose of the public works program stop The Kiro Dam project is uneconomic and does not sense the best interests of the state at large stop Public opinion within a great portion of Kansas is definitely on record against this project stop We ask that the best interests of all the state be given careful consideration in the allotment of public works funds for Kansas

SALINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHAS H BREN, SECRETARY

Paid  
Chg-Chamber of Commerce

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### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OFFICE: THIRD FLOOR CITY HALL

MEMBER

KANSAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE U. S. A.

Salina, Kansas

October 31, 1933

DIRECTORS  
BRUCE BAKER  
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J. R. EPP  
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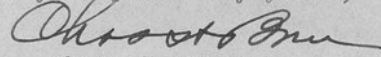
Hon. Alf M. Landon, Governor,  
of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

We are pleased to enclose you copy of a telegram forwarded to Hon. Harry H. Woodring, Assistant Secretary of War, in connection with the Kiro Dam project.

It is felt that the action taken by our Chamber of Commerce, along with the organizations of other communities, is for the best interests of the entire state.

Very respectfully yours,

  
Chas. H. Bren,  
Secretary

CHB.MTB



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STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

*Kiro Dam  
69 Projects*

COPY

November 1, 1933

Mr. C. E. Colby  
424 West Ninth St.  
Junction City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Colby:

I have your letter of October 31  
concerning the Kiro dam.

I appreciate having your views on  
this subject, and have been advocating smaller  
dams farther out in the state for some time,  
because I believe they would be of more benefit  
to the state. However, this matter is being  
discussed and taken up with Washington, and  
the decision will be made there.

Thank you for writing me. I am always  
glad to have your suggestions on these matters of  
interest to so many citizens of the state.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Governor

## Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

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Junction City, Kansas  
October 31, 1933

Hon. Alfred M. Landon,  
Governor of Kansas,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

With all the agitation about the Kiro Dam, I don't see a word about the protection of Human Life. It is all property.

Now I believe if the people of Kansas could realize the menace and danger this vast lake will be to all the residents in the Kaw Valley below the dam, that there would be such a protest against it that it would never be built. If you believe as I do that where Human Life is at stake that every precaution should be taken to safeguard those lives.

Here we have four large cities, Topeka, Lawrence and the two Kansas Citys, besides the many smaller towns and the rural population that would be placed in a danger zone if this dam is built.

Now here is the situation. It is proposed to build a dam across the Kaw Valley that will hold back the water and fill that valley with billions of tons of water. The head of the Kaw is at Junction City. But above there are four tributaries. The Republican, Solomon, Saline and the Smoky Hill Rivers. All of them pouring water into the Kaw. And during excessive rain periods, when at times they not only become bank full, but they spread out over the bottoms from bluff to bluff. Now what will happen when the streams with the addition of the Blue which is pouring in its flood at Manhattan, all pour in their flood into a valley already filled with water held back by a vast dam. That water has got to get away because for miles above, there is more water pushing it. If the dam holds, it may get away with no more damage than would have resulted if the dam had not been there. But if the dam breaks, what will the result be. It will not be a stream rising a few inches an hour, but it will be a wall of water carrying everything before it, and leaving death and desolation behind it.

It will be claimed this dam is safe. It will withstand any pressure brought against it. But other dams have been built and probably the same claim was made for them. But when the great test came, they collapsed and thousands of human lives were sacrificed. The Johnston Flood seems to have been forgotten. But I have laid awake nights thinking what might occur in the Kaw Valley if this dam is built. I have been a locomotive engineer most of my life, and before safety first became their slogan, every employee's time card had printed in very large type across every page "In case of doubt take the safe side".



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We do know the Kaw Valley will be safer to be left as the Great Creator built it, to carry away the excess rain fall. So let's take the safe side and keep all obstructions out of the Kaw Valley.

I believe in Flood Protection, and I believe a dam with a capacity of one-fifth of the Kiro Dam built on each of the five rivers above mentioned, would be far more productive in preventing flood.

As a locomotive engineer, I have run up and down all these streams for years. I know they have to carry off the surplus water of nearly one-third of the state and some of Nebraska. These five dams would hold back in flood times, as much water as the Kiro Dam. Then when the flood danger had passed, the water could gradually be released until all or nearly all had gone out and they would be ready to hold the next heavy overflow.

My reason for writing this letter is because I am interested in Human Welfare. And I know that you as Head Executive of the State, can do more to prevent the building of the Kiro Dam than any other person in the State.

Flood Prevention is better than Flood Control.

I would be pleased to receive your personal acknowledgment of this letter.

Yours respectfully,



G. E. COLBY  
Junction City, Kansas  
424 W. 9th Street



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STATE OF KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
TOPEKA

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November 6, 1933.

69  
Projects  
Wabaunsee Lake

Mr. Frank P. Frost,  
Eskridge, Kansas.

Dear Frank:

I am enclosing, herewith, the  
copies of correspondence regarding  
the Wabaunsee County Lake Project, this  
for the information of your Board of  
Directors.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Governor



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*A Country Weekly Whose Aim is to Keep a Couple of Jumps Ahead of its Town and be Worth \$2.00 a Year*

### *The Eskridge Independent*

*Frank P. Frost, Editor-Owner*

*Eskridge, Kansas*

October  
Twenty-Sixth,  
1933

Dear Governor:

Please keep in mind that our options on the 460 acres of land in the Lake Wabaunsee project expire November 15.

And please send me copies of all correspondence on the subject of the lake. You know, of course, how deeply I am interested. Besides I want to keep my board of directors posted.

We have a meeting of the board at my house Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Wish you could attend.

Sincerely

Governor Alf M. Landon,  
State House,  
Topeka, Kans.



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69 Project  
Kiro Dam

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October 24, 1933

Mrs. W. J. Tod  
Maple Hill, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Tod:

I have your letter of the 20th enclosing the clipping from the State Journal.

Whoever is putting out the report that you speak of as to my favoring the Kiro dam is doing it either maliciously or ignorantly, because I have not changed my position on this matter.

Please remember me to Jim.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

Governor



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### WITH OUR READERS

The State Journal reserves the right to limit the length of all contributions in this column. Please do not ask for the return of letters not used, and please avoid unpleasant personalities. All letters must be typewritten.

### ENTERS KIRO PROTEST

Editor State Journal:

As a resident of Maple Hill township for forty-two years, and as the owner there, along with my son, James Tod, of a considerable amount of the finest and most fertile land in the United States, I ask space in your newspaper to enter my protest against the building of the Kiro dam.

If it were the only means of protection for Topeka, Kansas City, and surrounding districts, one might be considered selfish in desiring that it should not be made, but from expert testimony, we are assured that other plans would have the desired effect, and in western Kansas many places are anxious to obtain those lakes which have been suggested for the purpose.

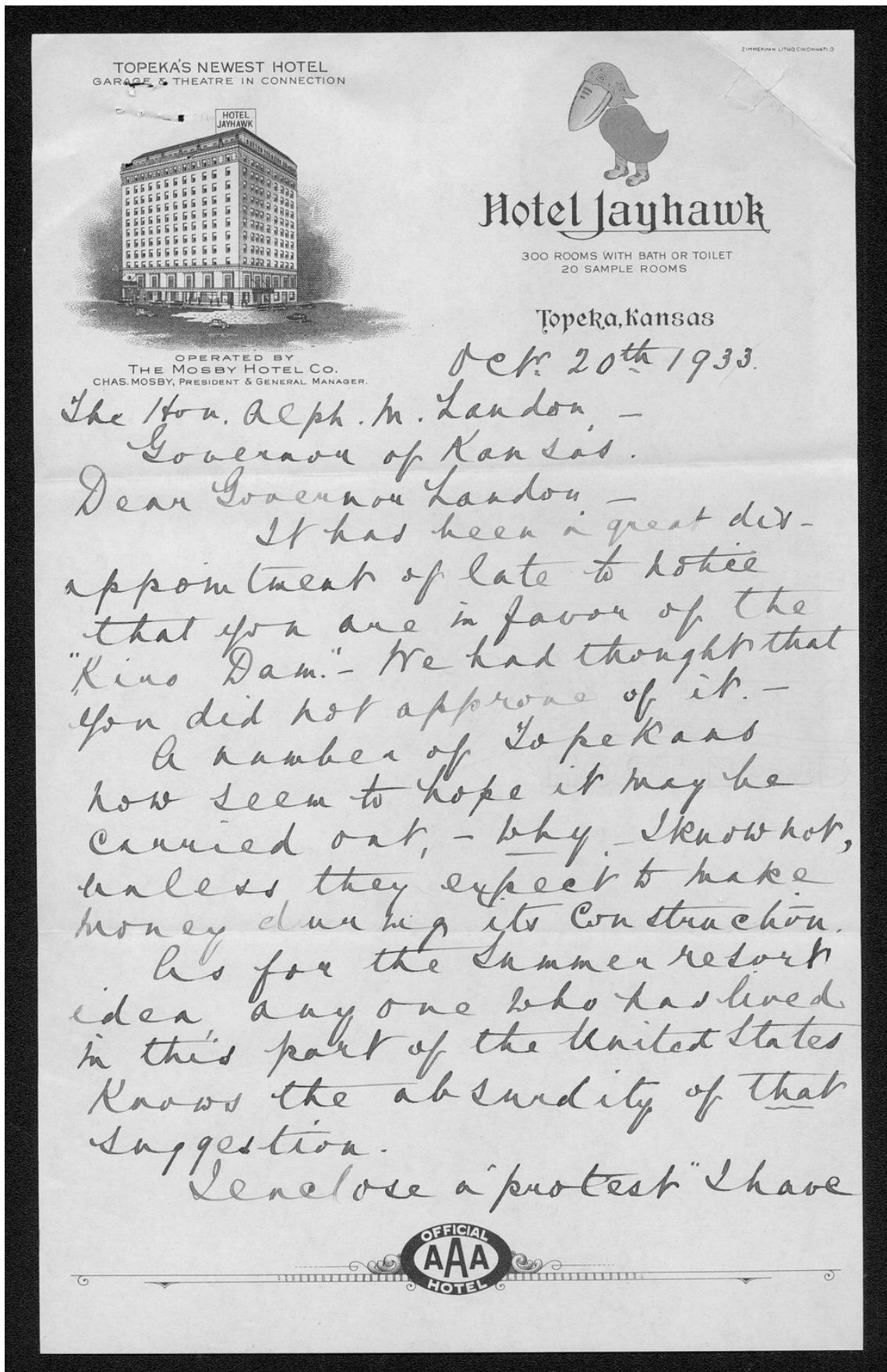
Here at Maple Hill, a large majority of the residents are against the erection of the dam—people who have been brought up from childhood in the community, whose fathers were early settlers, and whose dear ones are laid to rest in our beautiful cemetery, as well as homeowners and store keepers and other business men.

Meetings have been held and letters and petitions sent to Washington, but those opposed to the protestors are endeavoring to prove themselves masters of the situation—a condition which does not exist.

MRS. W. J. TOD,  
Maple Hill, Kan.




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*Sent to some of the news-  
papers.*

*Yours very sincerely,  
Margaret Ladd.*

*(M. M. L.)*

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*69 Projects  
King  
Dam*

THE RANCH  
MAPLEHILL, KANSAS

October 25<sup>th</sup> 1933.

The Hon. Alf. M. Landon -  
Governor of Kansas -

My dear Governor Landon -

Many thanks for  
your kind reply to my  
letter.

I am glad to learn you  
have not changed your  
position regarding the  
King Dam for your influence  
will be a great help.

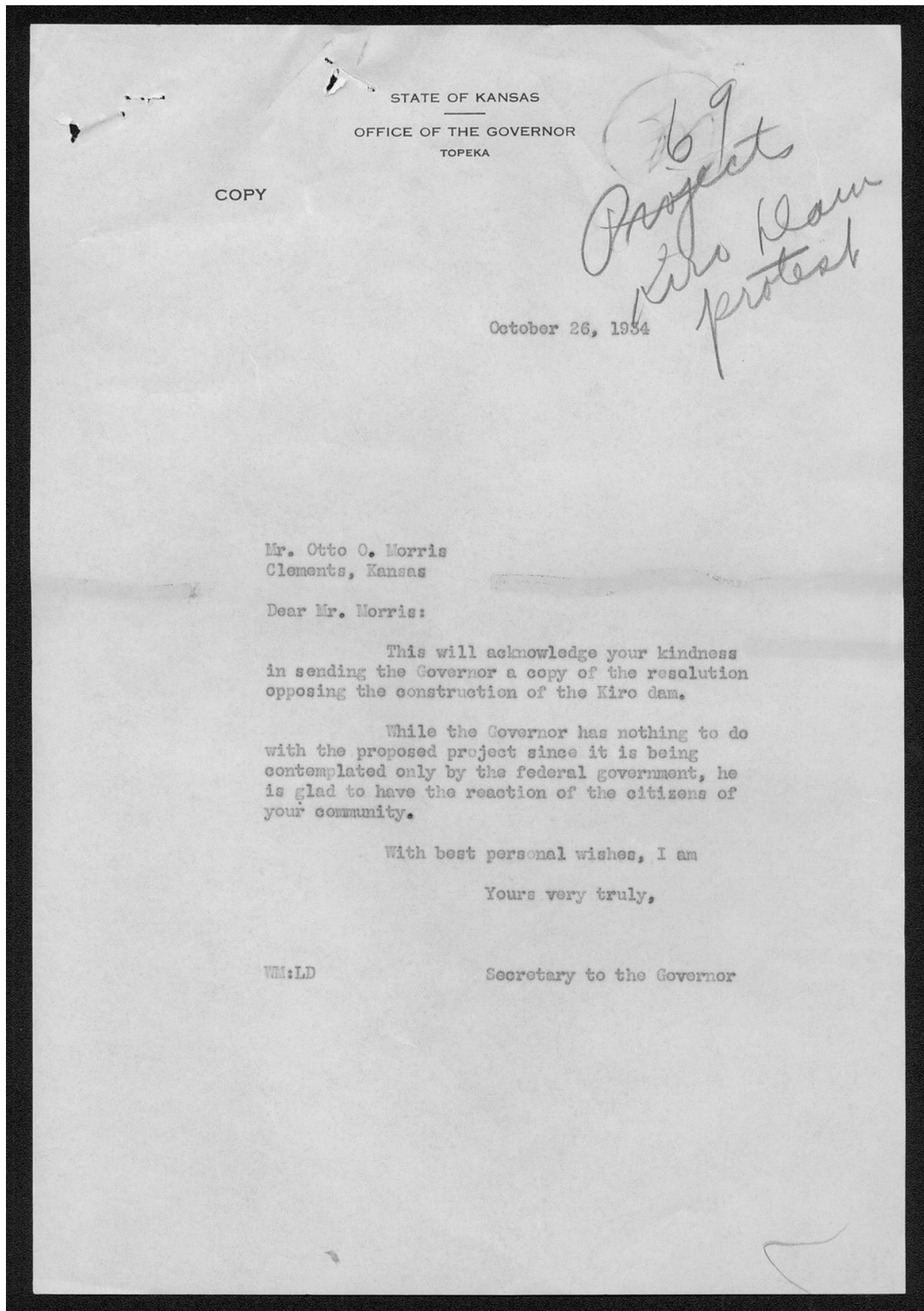
With kind regards in  
which I'm bound to be with  
me

Yrs Sincerely

*Marjaret Rod*



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Clements Plan  
10-18-1934

Gov. Landon

Dear Sir.

I am enclosing a Protest  
against the proposed  
Kiro-Dam, I understand  
you are against the building  
of the Dam so am  
sending it to you.

I have 106 signers and  
can easily get another  
one with as many signers  
if you think it will  
be of any benefit.

Yours truly  
Otto O Morris



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We, the undersigned tax-payers of Kansas, believing the proposed Kiro-Dam project to be a wasteful extravagance of hard earned dollars and destroying the most productive land in the state, and that the loss to the state of this fertile land would far out weigh any benefits that might be derived from it, wish to enter a vigorous protest to the proposed dam,

Otto O Morris Clements Kan  
Geo Bond. " " "  
J. H. North  
J. J. Barber  
Margaret Lalkington  
James Mackey  
H. B. Robinson  
James Beedle  
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