

Governor Alfred M. Landon relief matters correspondence

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June 29, 1933

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Hon. Harold Ickes, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Public Works
Washington, D. C.

In anticipation of Industrial Recovery Act I selected group representing industry, agriculture and labor without regard to political affiliation and requested them to gather data on which an intelligent program of public works might be prepared for Kansas Stop Committee held organization meeting three weeks ago and already have many projects which are being given study Stop Committee stands ready to cooperate with you and with state administration when named Stop Please notify me of any service which might be rendered.

Alf M. Landon

Governor

Charge 4036

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TOPEKA, KANSAS.
JUNE 30, 1933.

HAROLD L. ICKES
SECRETARY OF INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

RECOMMEND THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO DEANE ACKERS THIS CITY AS MEMBER OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION IN KANSAS STOP HE WAS NAMED AS CHAIRMAN OF RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR THIS STATE TWO YEARS AGO BY GOVERNOR WOODRING WHICH POSITION HE HAS FILLED SINCE THAT TIME STOP HIS BUSINESS BACKGROUND AND FAMILIARITY WITH UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS PARTICULARLY FIT HIM FOR THIS POSITION STOP I GIVE HIM MY UNQUALIFIED RECOMMENDATION.

ALF M. LANDON
GOVERNOR OF KANSAS.

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Bethel College
Newton, Kansas

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

June 27, 1933

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

Honorable Sir:

Persuant to your telephone message I talked the matter of self-liquidating loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for Bethel College over with some of the members of our board of directors and sent in a wire as per your suggestion to Mr. C. B. Merriam, Washington, D. C. and Mr. Roy Bone, Kansas City, not only for a loan of \$125,000.00 for a Boys' Dormitory as ~~was~~ suggested by telephone, but for an additional \$125,000.00 for a Ladies' Dormitory as well. I just thought you ought to know what we applied for. This, of course, was done with the understanding that our board can turn down the matter if the terms of the loan prove unsatisfactory to them.

Thanking you for your kind interest, I beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Ed. G. Kaufman
Ed. G. Kaufman.

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*B.S. If there are any further steps
that you would suggest we take
we shall be glad for the information.
E.G.K.*



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ME. C. B. MERRIAM,
RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

I EARNESTLY ENDORSE APPLICATIONS FOR SMALL HOUSING PROJECTS
SUBMITTED TO YOU TODAY BY TELEGRAM STOP CONSIDER THESE PROJECTS
OFFER HOPE OF PERMANENT SOLUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM IN OUR
LARGER AREAS EARNESTLY URGE THEIR APPROVAL NOT ONLY AS A MEANS
OF FURNISHING EMPLOYMENT AT THIS TIME BUT ALSO AS A CONSTRUCTIVE
STEP TOWARD PLACING FAMILIES ON A PARTIALLY SELF SUSTAINING BASIS.

ALF M. LANDON
GOVERNOR.

Charge Governor's Office
Phone 4036.

Topeka, Kansas,
June 26, 1933.

Housing project

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MR. C. B. MERRIAM,
RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

I HEARTILY ENDORSE APPLICATIONS PRESENTED BY DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES OF KANSAS FOR SELF LIQUIDATING LOANS FROM THE RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION STOP I HAVE TALKED WITH EVERY ONE OF THESE INSTITUTION HEADS AND CONSIDER THEIR PROPOSALS SOUND STOP IF APPLICATIONS ARE APPROVED DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT LATER AND IF APPROVED IT WILL MEAN WORK AND USE OF MATERIALS IN MANY KANSAS COMMUNITIES WHICH WILL BE OF INESTIMABLE BENEFIT TO ENTIRE COMMUNITIES AND TO THE STATE STOP IT WILL ALSO BE OF VERY GREAT CONSTRUCTIVE BENEFIT TO THESE EXCELLENT DENOMINATIONAL COLLEGES STOP THEY ARE ALL IN A SOUND CONDITION AND HAVE NATURALLY BEEN CONSIDERABLY HANDICAPPED BY ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THE LAST FEW YEARS STOP THEY WILL BE ABLE TO EMPLOY THROUGH THE SUMMER VACATION YOUNG MEN AS COMMON LABORERS WHO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER COLLEGE UNLESS THEY CAN EARN SOME MONEY THUS NOT ONLY BENEFITING THE COLLEGES THROUGH THE NEW CONSTRUCTION WORK BUT ALSO INCREASING ENROLLMENT AND GIVING OPPORTUNITY OF EDUCATION TO MANY DESERVING YOUNG MEN.

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To C.B. Merriam

Street and No. Reconstruction Finance Corp.

Place Washington, D.C.

CENTRAL KANSAS HOUSING CORPORATION OF ABILENE, KANSAS HEREBY APPLIES
FOR GRANT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION
PURPOSES IN SELF LIQUIDATING PROJECT STOP ARE APPLYING FOR CHARTER AND
WILL FORWARD DETAILS LATER.

Tom Easter-Pres. Chamber of Commerce.

Abilene

Sender's address
for reference

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June 28, 1933

Mr. William J. Scott
Abilene, Kansas

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter of June 26th,
and also copy of telegram which you sent to Mr.
Merriam.

I hope something comes of it.

Regards,

Governor

AML:BK

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WILLIAM J. SCOTT
ATTORNEY AT LAW

ABILENE, KANSAS

June 26th, 1933

Gov. A. M. Landon,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor;

Enclosed please find copy of telegram sent today

at 3;P:M:

Yours respectfully,

Wm. J. Scott

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June 28, 1933

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Program
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Mr. C. C. Isley
Lumber Company
Dodge City, Kansas

Dear Isley:

When Carroll Merriam first went on the R. F. C. I had inquiries made as to whether they would consider any applications for self liquidating projects and was advised they would not.

Monday noon Mr. Merriam telephone me and said they would, so I called a number of communities in Kansas and had telegrams go in making applications for housing projects. I have also wired my approval. I have not yet heard what the result is. I have been for some time convinced that this was one of the most permanent solutions of our unemployment problems.

Regards,

Governor

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J. R. MCLAURIN, PRESIDENT

C. C. ISELY, V-PRES., GEN. MGR.

THE C. C. ISELY LUMBER COMPANY
LUMBER AND GRAIN



DODGE CITY, KANSAS

June 24, 1933.

Governor Alf M. Landon,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

I have your letter and I am pleased to note that you have appointed a committee to try to work out the housing program. They naturally would be perplexed about the financing. That can all be handled if they just know how.

I do not think it will be worth while to write a letter on it, but since we have succeeded here in getting a \$155,000.00 appropriation for the first project of this sort in the United States our ideas, at least, ought to be helpful.

I am sure if you get a committee that will think a little bit and will accept a little advice those problems can be solved and we will all be getting a lot of benefit.

Very truly yours,

CCI
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C. C. Isely.

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White
Rock Project

June 24, 1933.

Mr. E. E. Duncan,
Vice President,
State Bank of Esbon,
Esbon, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Duncan:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of June 19, relative to the White Rock project in Jewell County.

I appreciate the anxiety which the Jewell County folks have in the water situation there, and you may be assured of my fullest cooperation in assisting in the development of the water reclamation plan.

Am referring your letter to Mr. George Knapp, State Irrigation Engineer, asking him to advise you in regard to the plans drawn by the Lane Western Engineering Company two years ago. I hope you will hear from Mr. Knapp within a short time.

Assuring you of my interest in this, I am

Very truly yours,

AML:LU

Governor.

Mr. Knapp:

Will you please advise these parties in accordance with the above letter.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
W. G. WEST
STATE OF KANSAS

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

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Project

June 22, 1933

Mr. F. R. Fair
First National Bank
Mankato, Kansas

Dear Fair:

Glad to have your letter of June 16th.

I will be very happy to do anything I can along the lines that you suggest. Will be glad if you would stay in touch with me and keep me advised of what you want me to do.

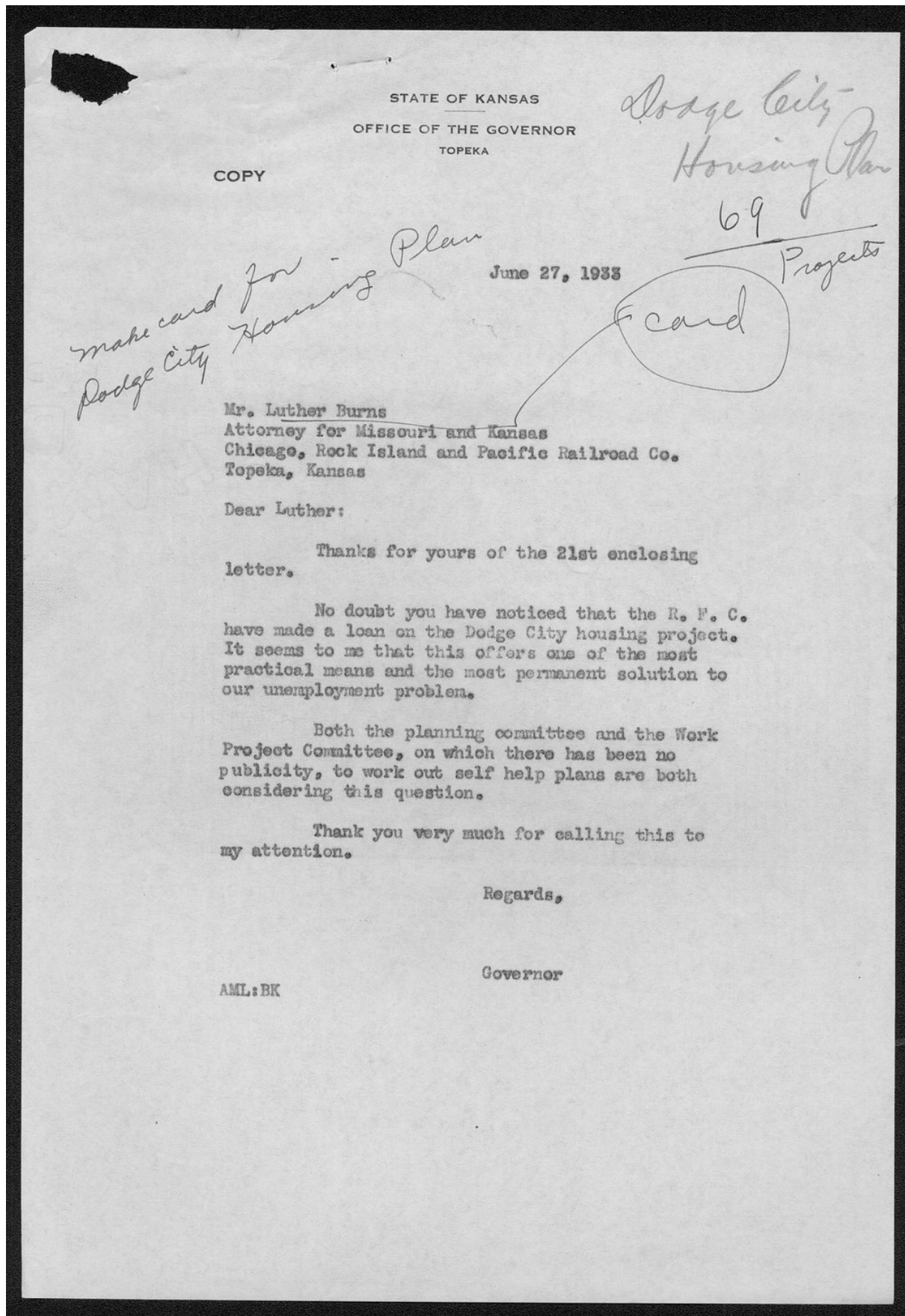
With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Governor

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THE CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

LAW DEPARTMENT

LUTHER BURNS,
ATTORNEY FOR MISSOURI AND KANSAS
JOHN E. DU MARS,
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY FOR MISSOURI AND KANSAS

TOPEKA, KANSAS,

June 21, 1933

Dear Governor Landon:

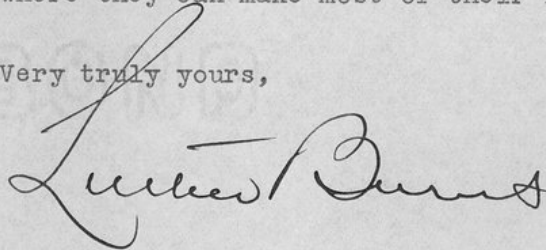
I hand you some interesting correspondence (in duplicate) from Mr. Arthur W. Large, our Agricultural Agent at Chicago, regarding a plan being put forward by Mr. C. C. Isely, of Dodge City, relative to the financing of self-sustaining small farms for unemployed people who are now a public burden.

It seems that there is room for something like one thousand of these small home farms that might be developed by irrigation a short distance from Dodge City, between Dodge City and Wilroads.

I assume that Mr. Jess C. Denious, State Senator from the Dodge City District, is quite familiar with this project, and inasmuch as he is a member of your Federal Relief Committee for Kansas, something might be done to assist in this project if you find it as meritorious as this correspondence indicates.

Undoubtedly the salvation of many families in this country who are now practically destitute will be found in assisting them to own small farm homes, where they can make most of their living in a practical way.

Very truly yours,



LB-s
Enc.

Hon. Alf M. Landon,
Governor,
Topeka, Kansas.



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THE CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY
Passenger Traffic Dept.
723 LaSalle Street Station

Chicago, Ill., June 20, 1933.

Mr. Luther Burns,
Attorney for Missouri and Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Burns:

I am quite certain that you are acquainted with Mr. C. C. Isely, of Dodge City, Kansas, who is engaged in the grain and lumber business there, who has been a southwestern Kansas leader for years and who last year was candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

You are probably also acquainted with Mr. Isely's plan for building small self-sustaining or nearly so farms, commonly referred to as subsistence farms, for the unemployed who are now a public burden. Mr. Isely was a member of the Committee at Dodge City looking after the destitute and with the number of families exceeding 300 and likelihood of increasing, the local burden was becoming very heavy.

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They tried out the plan, building and equipping a few small farms, so as to check their cost figures, placed families on these and everything worked out just about as planned. The demand or requests for these small farms came in by the hundreds. All of this indicated that the plan would likely be a great success if put into operation and in most instances the parties placed on these small farms would pay out, not only relieving the public of the burden, but eventually giving the people in question homes of their own.

The site chosen is on our Dodge City Branch between Dodge City and Bucklin, near the shipping point known as Wilroads. It is believed by those in charge that about 1,000 small homes could be developed here. Irrigation would be provided from the Arkansas River.

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Mr. Isely is generally considered a Santa Fe man; that is, he has had close relations with the officials of that road and has appeared for them as witness in numerous rate cases. Mr. Clark Davis, Assistant General Freight Agent at Topeka and other Santa Fe officials are well acquainted with him.

I wish you would go over this matter in your usual thorough manner and you may consider it wise to use your influence to have the Governor appoint a housing committee, such as Mr. Isely suggests, or appoint Mr. Isely to some position which would cut down his expense as this is essentially public work, etc. In mentioning the Santa Fe, my idea is that they would doubtless be glad to join in any action you might consider wise to take.

Yours very truly,

ARTHUR W. LARGE

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THE FORD COUNTY HOUSING ASSOCIATION
Dodge City, Kansas

June 6, 1933.

Mr. Robert Laubengayer,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Laubengayer:

You have repeatedly expressed yourself as being interested in what Mr. Denious called "self-help" projects. I wanted to write you this letter, a carbon of which I am taking the liberty of sending to a number of other people interested.

The Wagner Bill will probably pass the Senate this week and contains provisions a little more liberal than the Reconstruction Finance Act for helping our projects of this sort and defines this type of project in a little more general terms by calling it low cost housing. It also includes all provisions of the R.F.C. act and requires the approval of the State Board.

Now the people in Kansas, interested in roads, are pressing their claims and their machinery is set up so that their presentation will be effective and they can sell that type of project to the authorities and that is all to the good.

Flood control projects are also fairly well organized because Mr. Knapp has been on the job, but it occurs to me it would be more difficult to sell this than it will be the road project.

However, I am inclined to think, if the entire share to this state is 40 million dollars, that we will not be able to get it merely through roads and dams and bridges and parks. We will get part of it for that purpose but not all.

You have been encouraging me ever since last winter to push these projects in which families of low income can get out on a small tract of land and get off the dole, become, first self-sustaining and then producers and, finally, consumers.

That particular type of project is Roosevelt's particular hobby although he hasn't had a chance to get it out for action. A good many states can not qualify for that kind of help, because they have no state law governing it. For that reason, if Kansas would organize, we could get an additional slice for these projects and, if it was properly done, the money would all be repaid and would take a big load off the taxpayers for poor relief. We would also promote more work by this than by other type of project.

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Kansas City has come alive and they are asking for three million dollars for housing.

In Kansas we have not been able to get a respectable hearing. I have had so many inquiries I know there is a great interest in it, but it is not properly directed.

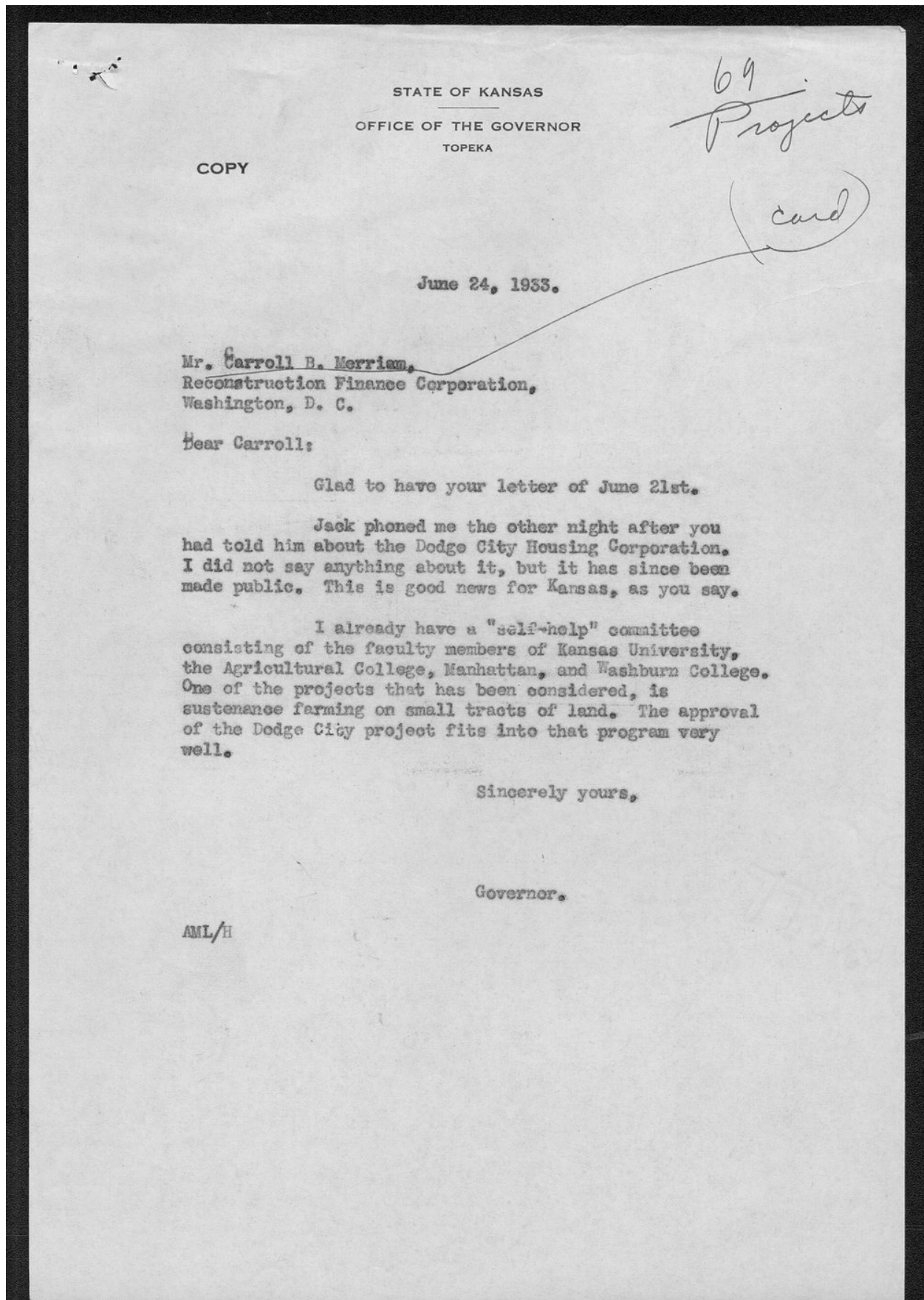
Now let us not get the idea that Washington wants a lot of little coal mining shacks built. They want something neat, attractive and sanitary, but unless our State Committee espouses the proposition promptly, or unless the Governor appoints a special committee, we will get nowhere. This type of project is not at all difficult to sell on the general principles, but there is a terrific lot of work in getting the details ironed out to satisfy the authorities in Washington, so the work should be promoted immediately so that plans can be effectively presented for practically a state-wide undertaking, with local units scattered almost everywhere.

Very truly yours,

(s) C. C. Isely



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STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TOPEKA

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June 24, 1933.

Mr. Carroll B. Merriam,
Reconstruction Finance Corporation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Carroll:

Glad to have your letter of June 21st.

Jack phoned me the other night after you had told him about the Dodge City Housing Corporation. I did not say anything about it, but it has since been made public. This is good news for Kansas, as you say.

I already have a "self-help" committee consisting of the faculty members of Kansas University, the Agricultural College, Manhattan, and Washburn College. One of the projects that has been considered, is sustenance farming on small tracts of land. The approval of the Dodge City project fits into that program very well.

Sincerely yours,

Governor.

AML/H

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RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON

June
Twenty-first
1933

My dear Governor:

I would rather you did not use this until the information comes from Dodge City, but I am very pleased to tell you that the R. F. C. yesterday approved a loan of \$155,000 for the Dodge City Housing Corporation.

The engineers of this Corporation went very carefully into the project, pronounce it sound, and it will provide for the Dodge City neighborhood something like one hundred small homes with three or four acres of ground to each home, the occupants of which can obtain most of their living from this little farm. This should be good news to the State of Kansas, and I do not see why other communities, where there is a demand for this type of housing and as a means of partial support to their people, should not avail themselves of the provisions similar to that to be enjoyed by Dodge City.

On Tuesday, the twenty-seventh, I am to be in New York to attend a meeting of the Santa Fe Railway Board, and at that time I hope to contact the insurance people who are already working on a fixed rate for real estate mortgages and perhaps at a slightly lower interest level than now enjoyed. If I receive sufficient encouragement that the time is ripe for you personally to interview these people, I will of course promptly advise you.

There is no denying the fact that some of the large life companies give you credit for approaching this important subject of interest rates, and they also give you full credit for the wonderfully fine manner in which our Kansas Legislature carried on last winter, so that today Kansas is outstanding in performance, has kept its feet on the ground and has maintained its credit and good name.

Sincerely hoping that everything is going well with you, and with most affectionate regards from Mrs. Merriam and I to Mrs. Landon and yourself, I am


Carroll B. Merriam

Honorable Alf M. Landon
State House
Topeka, Kansas

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CHICAGO, ILL., June 20th, 1933

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ROUTE OF THE "GOLDEN STATE LIMITED" TO CALIFORNIA
AND "ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIMITED" TO COLORADO
NO EXTRA FARE

COMFORT AND COURTESY ARE YOUR FELLOW TRAVELERS ON THE ROCK ISLAND

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That particular type of project is Roosevelt's particular hobby although he hasn't had a chance to get it out for action. A good many states can not qualify for that kind of help, because they have no state law governing it. For that reason, if Kansas would organize, we could get an additional slice for these projects and, if it was properly done, the money would all be repaid and would take a big load off the taxpayers for poor relief. We would also promote more work by this than by any other type of project.

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Kansas City has come alive and they are asking for three million dollars for housing.

In Kansas we have not been able to get a respectable hearing. I have had so many inquiries I know there is a great interest in it, but it is not properly directed.

Now let us not get the idea that Washington wants a lot of little coal mining shacks built. They want something neat, attractive and sanitary, but unless our State Committee espouses the proposition promptly, or unless the Governor appoints a special committee, we will get nowhere. This type of project is not at all difficult to sell on the general principles, but there is a terrific lot of work in getting the details ironed out to satisfy the authorities in Washington, so the work should be promoted immediately so that plans can be effectively presented for practically a statewide undertaking, with local units scattered almost everywhere.

Very truly,yours,

(s) C. C. Isely.

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June 22, 1933.

Mr. H. Pessemier,
St. Marys, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Pessemier:

This will acknowledge receipt
of your letter relative to the proposed government
dam to be located at Kiro.

We are glad to have your views
on this subject and are referring your letter to
Mr. George Knapp, member of the Kansas Work Project
Development Committee for his attention.

I am always glad to hear from you
and welcome any suggestions concerning the interests
of the people of the State.

Thanking you for your interest,
and with best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Governor.

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MANKATO, KANSAS

June 18th 1933

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

My dear Governor Landon:-

The Esbon boys tell me that they have succeeded in getting through the forestation work for the White Rock Valley. This will mean everything for our county as we were rapidly approaching the time when we would have no available water supply. At a meeting in Esbon last night I learned of the effort being made to extend the White Rock Creek Project to take in dry territory south of the White Rock. The proposal was to take in the territory from three to fourteen miles south of the main channel of the creek. I am writing urging that you use your influence toward getting the project on record as extending some 60 miles along the course of the creek and from 8 to 24 miles wide depending upon the lay of the land.

We people in Mankato and neighboring towns feel very friendly toward the people of the Esbon Community. We learn that they are going to ask for some public works for their section. They want to augment their water supply by going to the White Rock and they also want a gravel road. When their proposal reached you, I will personally appreciate learning that you have been able to get them what they want. We have many friends out in that country, and we are interested in a number of farms out there.

With kindest personal regards, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

F. R. Fair.

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COMMITTEE ON SELF-HELP PROJECTS IN KANSAS

Meeting held in the Governor's Office, State House, Topeka, at 9 A. M.,
June 17, 1933

Present: Governor Landon; Ray Willette, Kansas City; Loren Crawford, Winfield; George Weeks, Pittsburg; Charles Bren, Salina; C. E. Agnew, Fredonia; Roy Gwinn, Girard; S. Wilson, C. Strain, W. H. Robinson, W. A. Irwin, Topeka; W. E. Grimes, L. C. Williams, H. J. Umberger, Manhattan; R. A. Schwegler, George Hedrick, and F. T. Stockton, Lawrence.

Dean Irwin selected as chairman; F. T. Stockton, as secretary.

A summary of the ideas developed at the meeting on June 10th was presented. Discussion was given, first to Section B, dealing with self-help from subsistence and complementary income cultivation of small tracts of land.

Mr. Williams presented a classification of small-tract undertakings. Mr. Robinson explained the Topeka gardening plan and suggested the wisdom of starting subsistence tract cultivation in the fertile Kaw Valley rather than in less productive areas. He stated that about 50% of the Topeka unemployed have had farm experience.

Mr. Gwinn and Mr. Weeks explained the gardening developments in the coal counties. The need for readjustment to small tract farming as a long-term plan was pointed out. Mr. Weeks emphasized the need for competent direction of tract operators.

Mr. Grimes, Mr. Bren and Mr. Hedrick agreed that the size of subsistence tracts would necessarily vary for different sections of the state. Mr. Grimes pointed out the likelihood of the Farm Relief Act resulting in the reduction in the number of tenant farmers. The secretary suggested the need for classifying tracts under the heads of subsistence- and complementary- income, with such subdivisions as seemed pertinent. The probable effect of the trade association act was discussed by several members.

Motion adopted that a committee be appointed to submit a specific program of small-tract cultivation. Committee: Williams, Weeks, Wilson, Stockton.

Mr. Schwegler spoke of the school situation as affected by unemployment. Motion adopted that Mr. Schwegler select a committee to work with him in a study of the New York State Emergency Educational Program.

Barter exchange was then considered. Mr. Agnew reported on the barter organization among the unemployed of Fredonia and Neodesha. Motion adopted to appoint a committee to canvass the barter exchange situation in the state and to bring in recommendations. Committee: Williams, Agnew, Stockton.

Regional products exchange was discussed by Mr. Weeks and others. Voted to ask Mr. Umberger to select a committee to study more intensively the possibilities involved in the exchange of regional products on a barter basis.

Voted, further, to provide a committee consisting of Bren, Hedrick, and Robinson to analyze the possibilities of farm renovizing programs and to bring in recommendations.

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Also voted to ask Mr. John S. Glass, extension engineer at Kansas State College, to head a committee to examine into farm and city improvements, other than those concerned with dwellings and business buildings.

At various times during the meeting Governor Landon made suggestions and comments pertinent to the committee's problems.

Committee adjourned to meet Saturday, June 24th, 9 A. M. in the Governor's Office.

Frank T. Stockton
Secretary



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June 22, 1933.

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Mr. C. O. Hendrickson,
Esbon, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Hendrickson:

Your letter - concerning the White Rock Creek project in Jewell County, received.

The undertaking, you mentioned in your letter, seems to have an extensive scope, and I am asking the Kansas Public Works Committee to consider your recommendations. However, I would suggest that if possible that you work out plans and furnish Mr. George Knapp, Commissioner of Irrigation, or Mr. Sam Wilson, Secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce, as much detailed information as possible.

I trust that if Mr. Knapp has not already been with you, that he will find it possible to give you some help.

I am deeply concerned with the Kansas recommendations for Public Works, and I am doing my utmost in the most extensive and helpful undertakings.

Thank you for calling this matter to my attention, I am

Very truly yours,

Governor.

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