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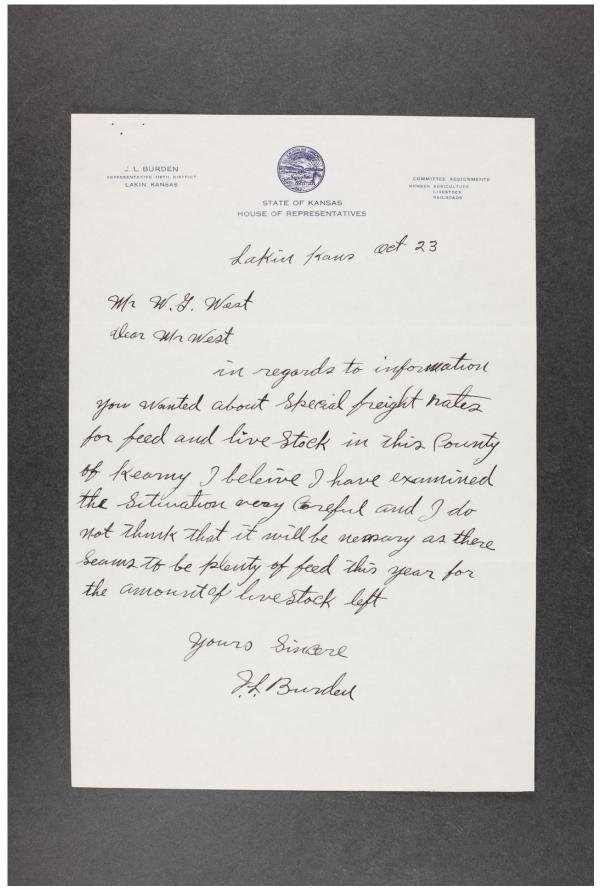
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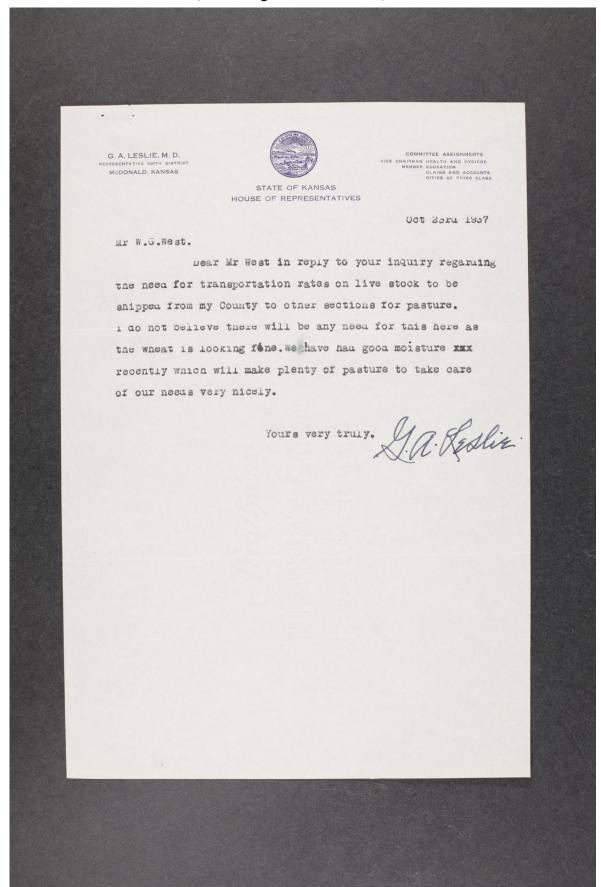
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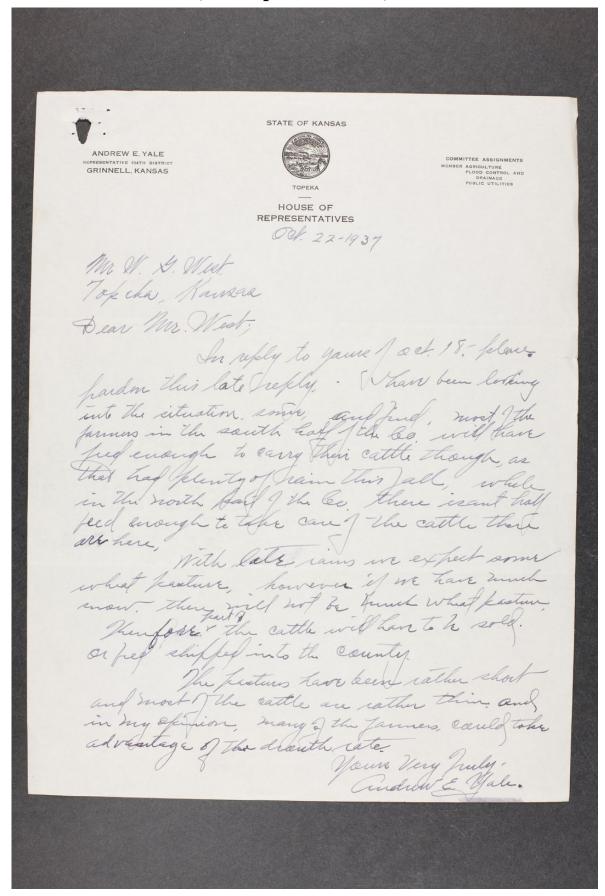




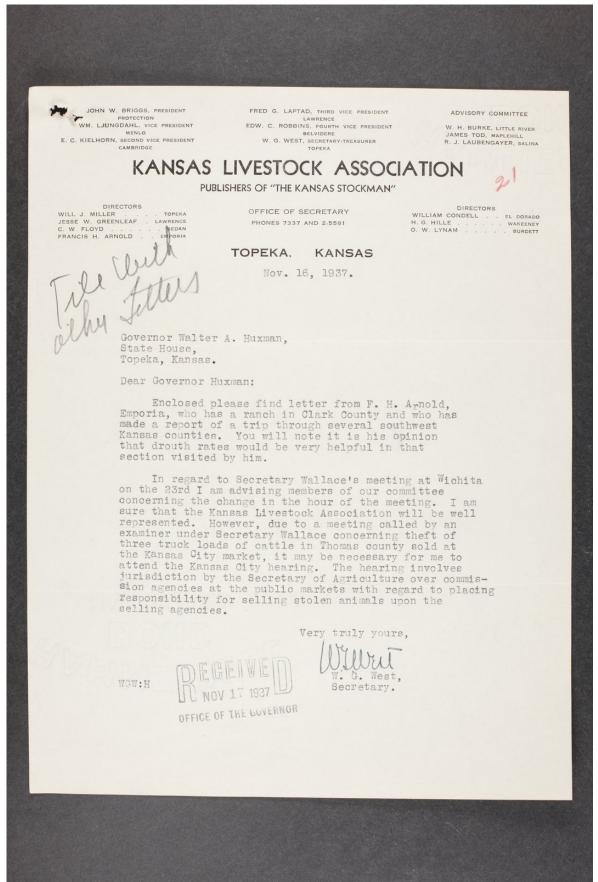




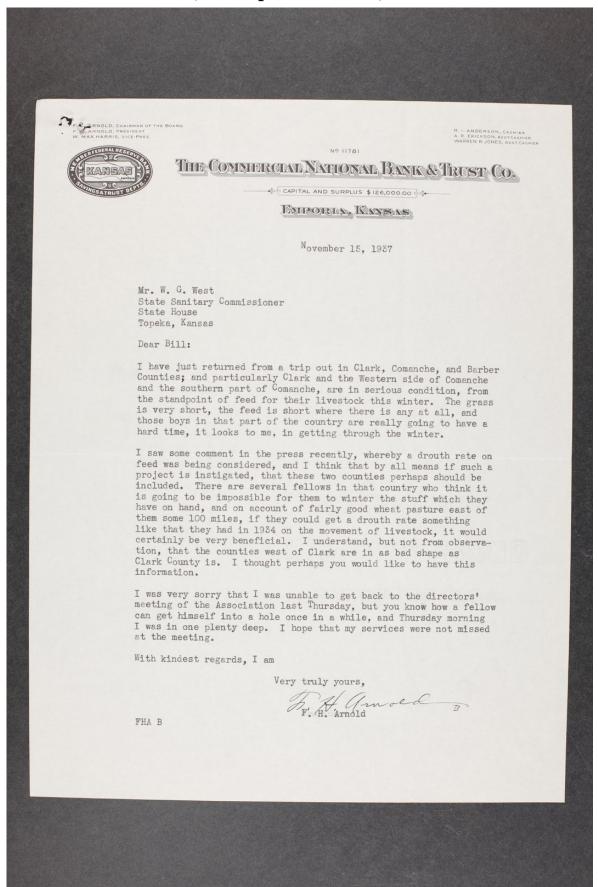




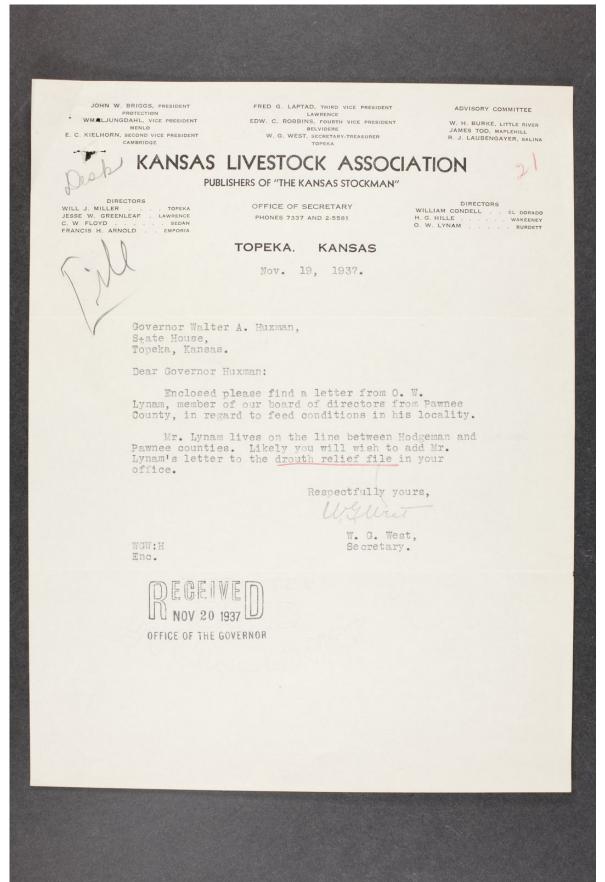




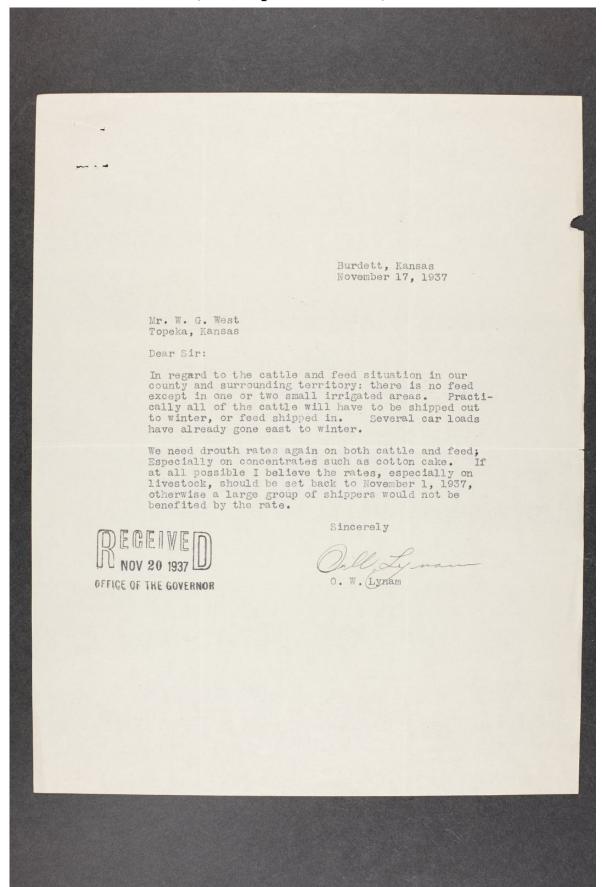




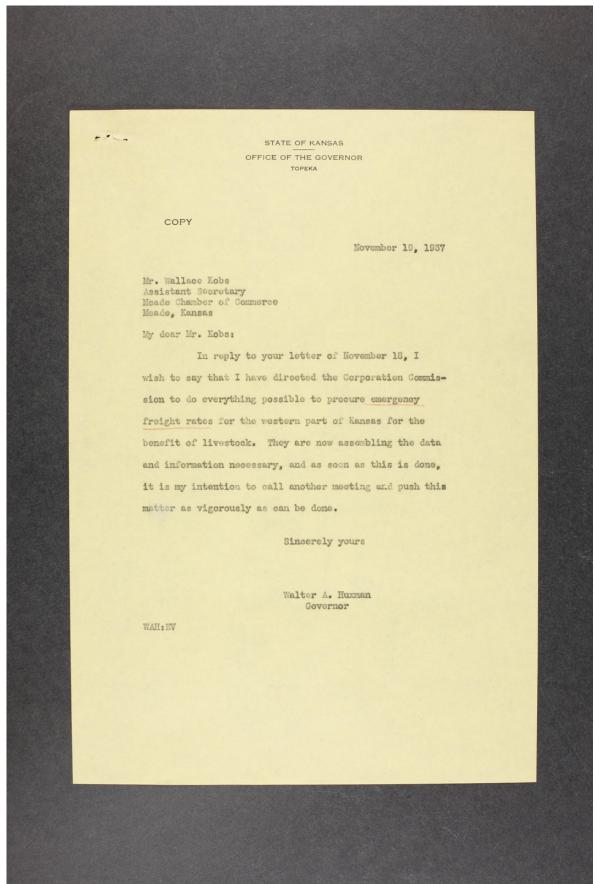




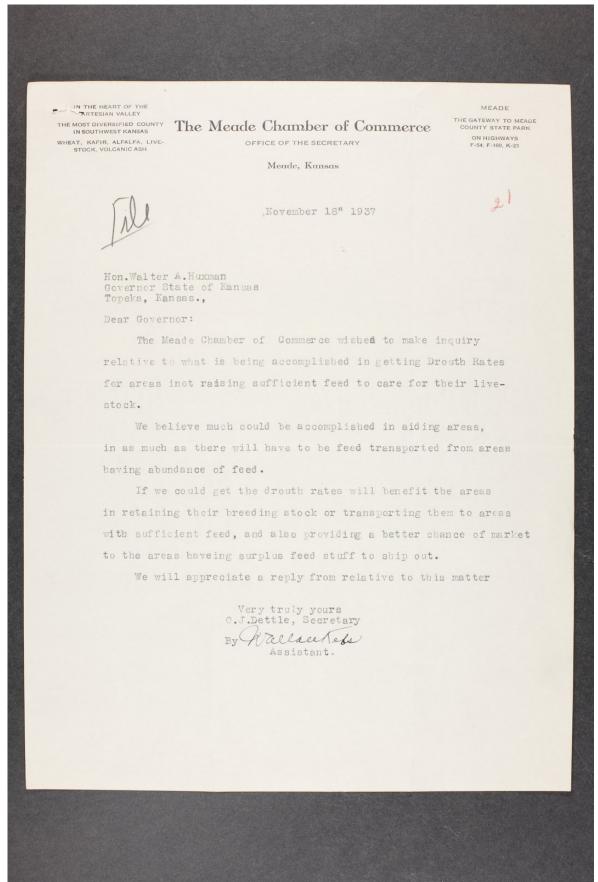




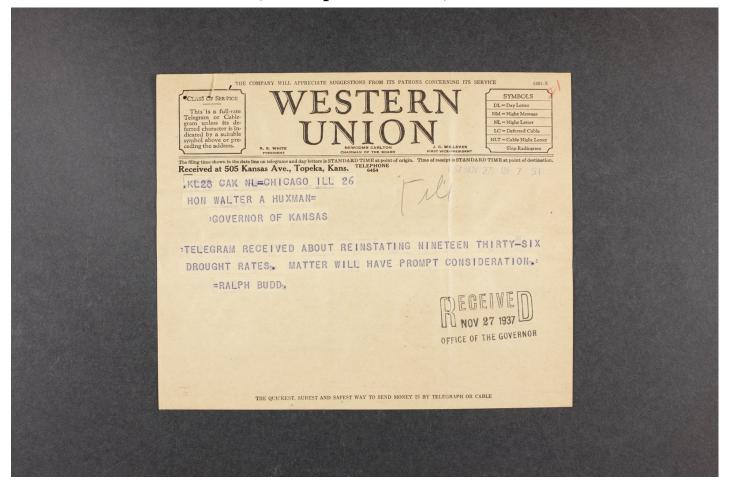




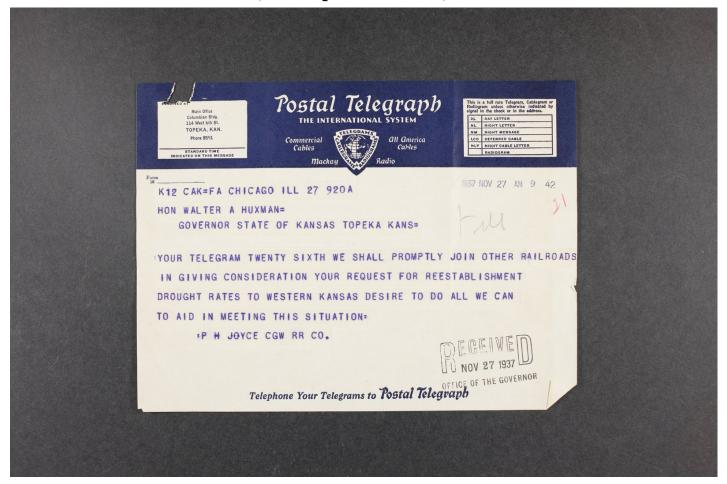




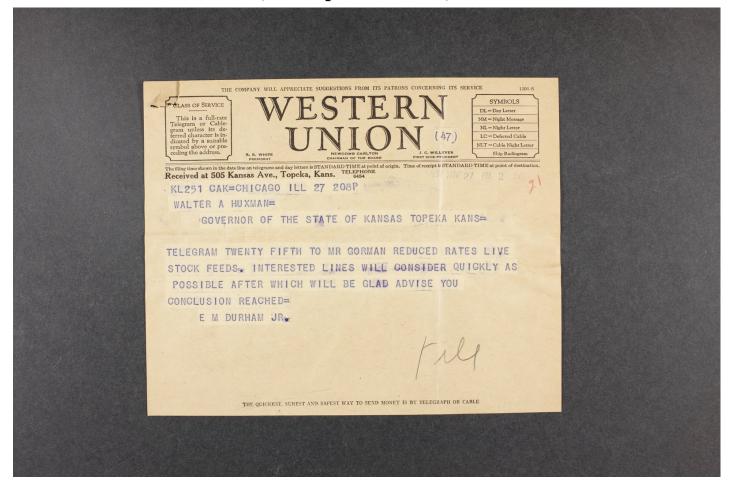




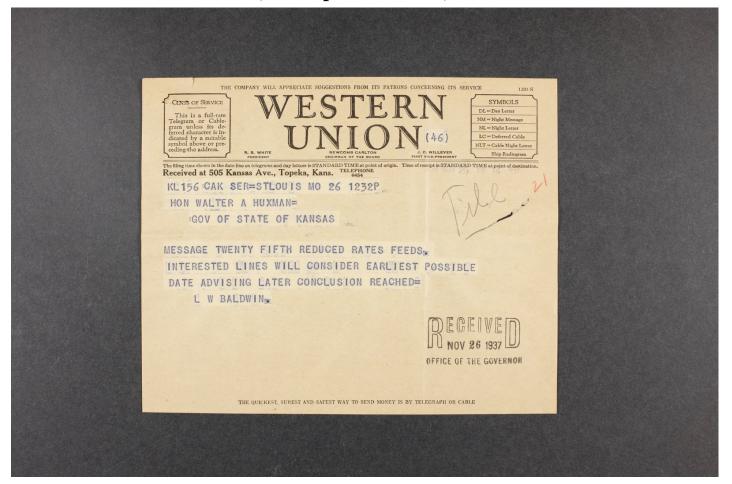




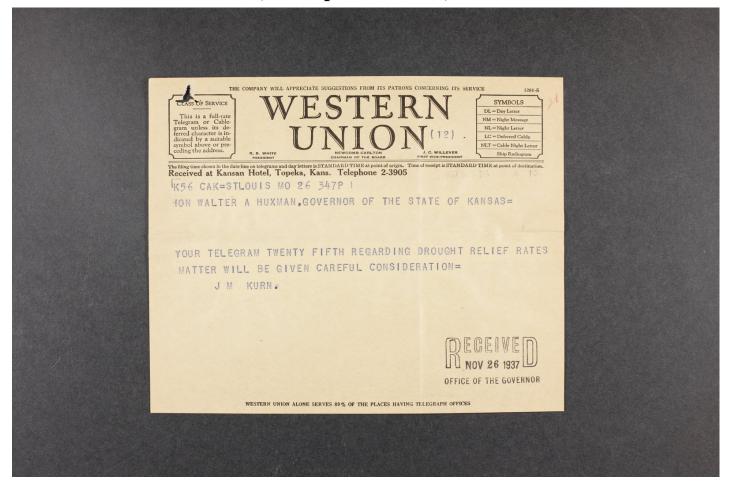




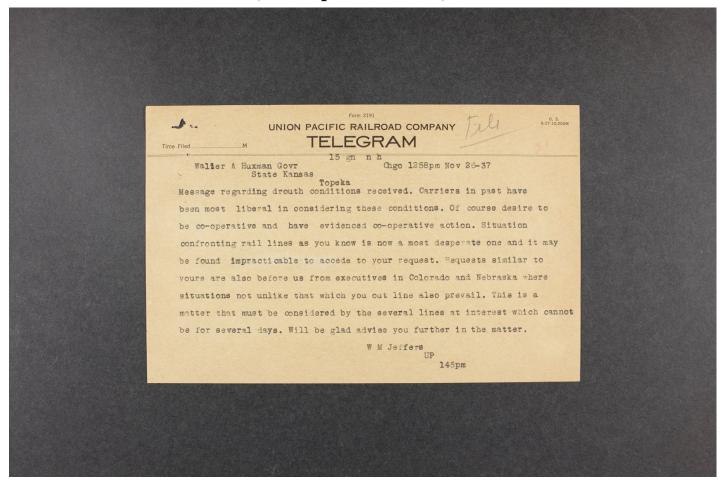




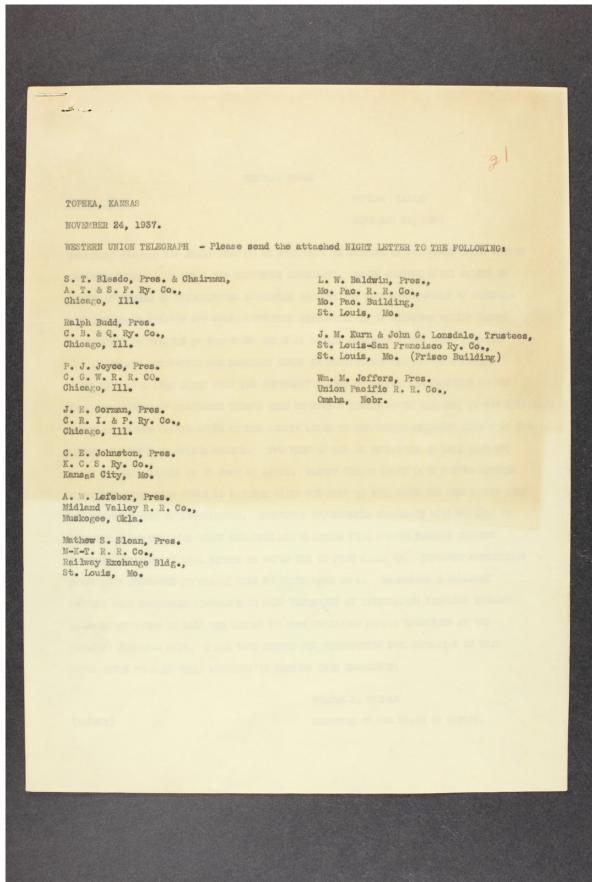














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WESTERN UNION

NIGHT LETTER

TOPEKA KANSAS NOVEMBER 24, 1937

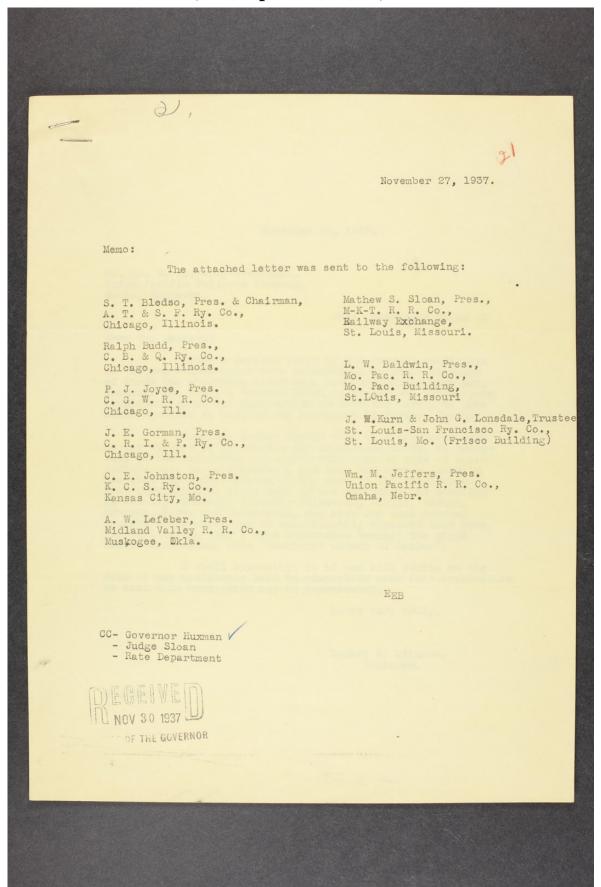
CONTINUED DROUGHT HAS AGAIN CREATED AN EMERGENCY IN WESTERN KANSAS WHERE THERE EXISTS AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FEEDS FOR WINTERING LIVESTOCK. AFTER CAREFUL STUDY COUNTY BY COUNTY BY BUREAU OF AGRICULTUREL ECONOMICS COOPERATING WITH STATE BOARD OF AGRICUL-TURE AND STATE COLLEGE AND STATE LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT IT IS APPARENT RELIEF SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO FARMERS BY PROVIDING FEEDS AT LOWEST POSSIBLE COST. FEED SUPPLIES ARE INADBQUATE FOR CATTLE AND BREEDING HERDS IN PRACTICALLY ALL KANSAS COUNTIES LYING WEST OF A LINE DRAWN FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF JEWELL THENCE SOUTH TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ELLSWORTH THENCE WEST TO BARTON THENCE SOUTH AND WEST TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PAWNEE THENCE SOUTH ON THE COUNTY LINES TO THE KANSAS-OKLAHOMA BORDER AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BARBER COUNTY. THE NEED IS NOT AS EXTENSIVE AS LAST YEAR BUT WHERE THE NEED EXISTS IT IS JUST AS ACUTE. RECENT TRYING YEARS HAVE FORCED FARMERS TO REDUCE FOUNDATION STOCK TO MINIMUM WHICH NOW MUST BE PRESERVED FOR REBUILDING MOST CONSTRUCTIVE TYPE OF AGRICULTURE. OTHERWISE EXPERIENCED STOCKMENT WILL BE LOST TO INDUSTRY AND FOUNDATION HERDS DEPLETED AND CARRIERS WILL SUFFER FURTHER REDUCED TONNAGE. MUCH STOCK WILL EITHER BE MOVED OUT OR FEED MOVED IN. INFORMED AUTHORITIES THEREFORE I URGENTLY AGREE MOST JUDICIOUS TO SUPPLY FEED TO DISTRESSED AREA. REQUEST THAT RAILROADS COOPERATE IN THIS EMERGENCY BY REINSTATING PREVIOUS DROUGHT RATES ESTABLISHED IN 1936 FOR KANSAS TO AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN EFFECTIVE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. I ASK YOUR PROMPT AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF THIS APPLICATION TO JOIN OTHER AGENCIES IN MEETING THIS EMERGENCY.

WALTER A. HUXMAN

(PREPAY)

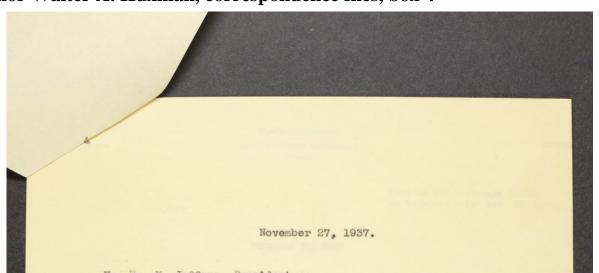
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS.







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Mr. Wm. M. Jeffers, President, Union Pacific Railroad Company, Omaha, Nebraska.

File Emergency Rates -E

Dear Mr. Jeffers:

After a careful study of the drought conditions in Western Kansas which have resulted in an acute shortage of feeds for wintering livestock, Governor Huxman sent you, November 25, 1937, a Western Union Night Letter, asking your consideration of the application therein set forth, to join other agencies in meeting the emergency in Western Kansas.

Governor Huxman stated that this emergency must be met at once if the cattle and foundation herds, so necessary to the rebuilding of a most constructive type of agriculture, are to be preserved, and this Commission joins in his plea for prompt action on the part of the carriers so that this stricken area, west of and including the counties of Jewell, Mitchell, Lincoln, Ellsworth, Barton, Pawnee, Edwards, Kiowa and Commanchee, may have the same reduced drought rates which you so considerately observed last year. You will notice that I name Commanchee County; the night letter erroneously read "Southeast corner of Barber".

I shall appreciate it if you will advise me the date of any conference held in connection with this application so that this Commission may be represented.

Yours very truly,

Ernest E. Blincoe, Chairman.

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Sent to all railroads listed on telegram dated Nov. 25, 1937.

November 27, 1937

A. W. Lefeber, Pres., Midland Valley R. R. Co., Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Lefeber:

Under date of November 25, I sent you the following Western Union Night Letter:

"CONTINUED DROUGHT HAS AGAIN CREATED AN EMERGENCY IN WESTERN KANSAS WHERE THERE EXISTS AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF FEEDS FOR WINTERING LIVESTOCK. AFTER CAREFUL STUDY COUNTY BY COUNTY BY BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS COOPERATING WITH STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE AND STATE COLLEGE AND STATE LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT IT IS APPARENT RELIEF SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO FARMERS BY PROVIDING FEEDS AT LOWEST POSSIBLE COST. FEED SUPPLIES ARE INADEQUATE FOR CATTLE AND BREEDING HERDS IN PRACTICALLY ALL KANSAS COUNTIES LYING WEST OF A LINE DRAWN FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF JEWELL THENCE SOUTH TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF ELLSWORTH THENCE WEST TO BARTON THENCE SOUTH AND WEST TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PAWNEE THENCE SOUTH ON THE COUNTY LINES TO THE KANSAS-OKLAHOMA BORDER AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BARBER COUNTY. THE NEED IS NOT AS EXTENSIVE AS LAST YEAR BUT WHERE THE NEED EXISTS IT IS JUST AS ACUTE. RECENT TRYING YEARS HAVE FORCED FARMERS TO REDUCE FOUNDATION STOCK TO MINIMUM WHICH NOW MUST BE PRESERVED FOR REBUILDING MOST CONSTRUCTIVE TYPE OF AGRICULTURE. OTHERWISE EXPERIENCED STOCKMEN WILL BE LOST TO INDUSTRY AND FOUNDATION HERDS DEPLETED AND CARRIERS WILL SUPFER FURTHER RE-DUCED TOWNAGE. MUCH STOCK WILL EITHER BE MOVED OUT OR FEED MOVED IN. INFORMED AUTHORITIES AGREE MOST JUDICIOUS TO SUPPLY FEED TO DISTRESSED AREA. THEREFORE I URGENTLY REQUEST THAT RAILROADS COOPERATE IN THE EMERGENCY BY REINSTATING PREVIOUS DROUGHT RATES ESTABLISHED IN 1936 FOR KANSAS, TO AREA DESCRIBED HEREIN



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EFFECTIVE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. I ASK YOUR PROMPT AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDER TION OF THIS APPLICATION TO JOIN OTHER AGENCIES IN MEETING THIS EMERGENCY."

A correction should be made in the above telegram wherein I described the area in which we ask for the reestablished drought rates; it should read: "practically all Kansas counties lying west of a line drawn from the northeast corner of Jewell . . . thence south on the county lines to the Kansas-Oklahoma border at the southeast corner of Comanchee County" not "Barber County."

Due to the drought conditions, already described, and the snow storms now raging in Kansas, we feel that it is absolutely necessary that all and any relief which may be accorded this stricken area should be put into effect at the earliest possible moment.

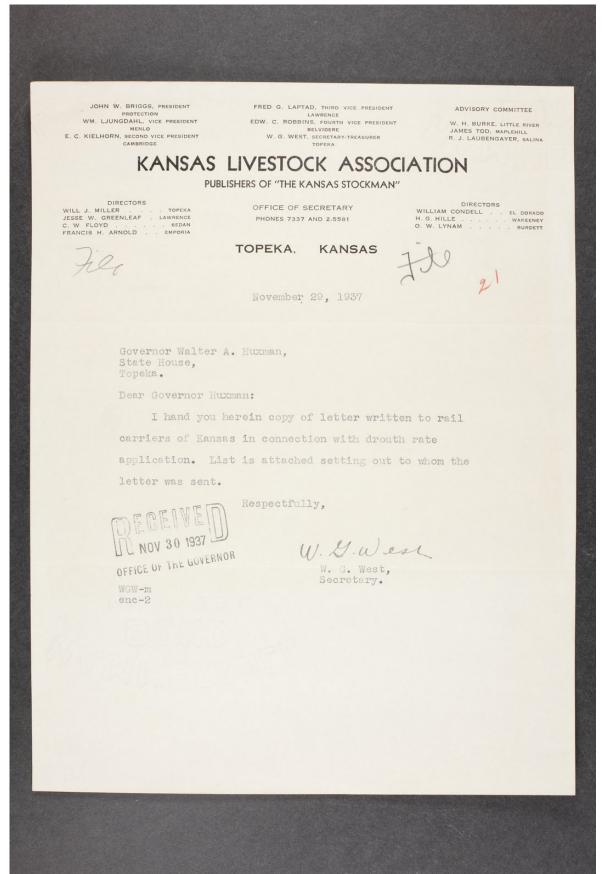
We earnestly request that the rates, which were in effect in 1936 be reinstated, for both single and joint-line, interstate and intrastate application and, if at all possible, that the intrastate rates be put into effect immediately by the four principal roads serving Kansas; namely, A. T. & S. F. Ry. Co.; C. R. I. & P. Ry. Co.; Mo. Pac. R. R. Co. and Un. Pac. R. R. Co., and both state and interstate rates be reinstated by all other Kansas railroads as soon thereafter as possible.

I would appreciate an early setting of a conference date in this matter because I really consider the situation grave and urgent.

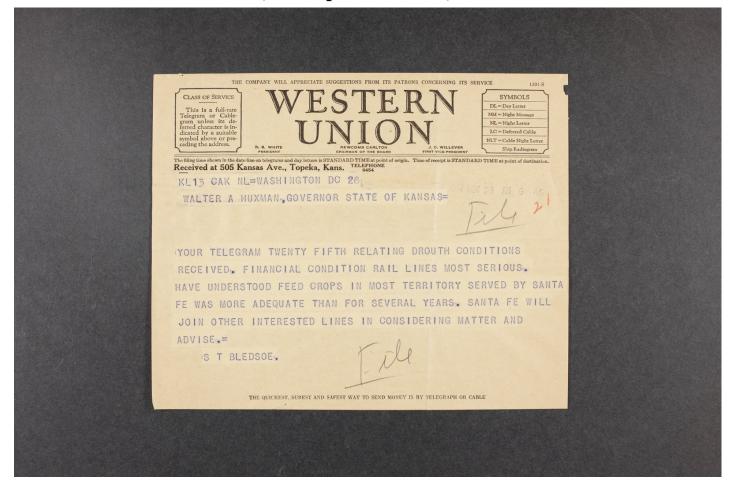
Yours truly,

Governor of the State of Kansas

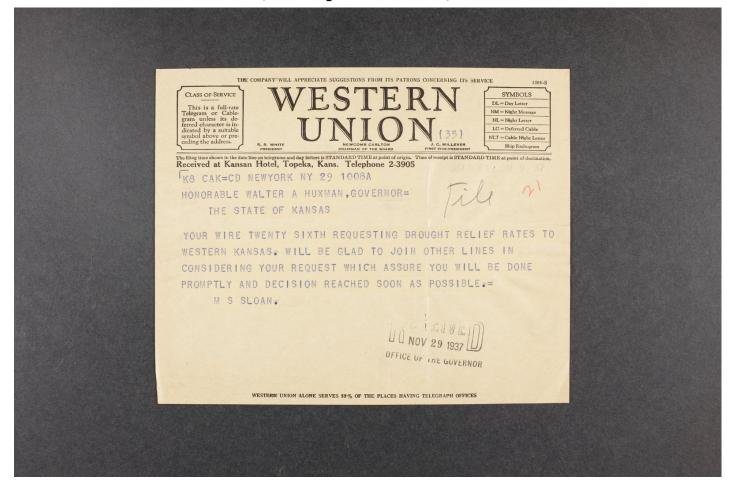




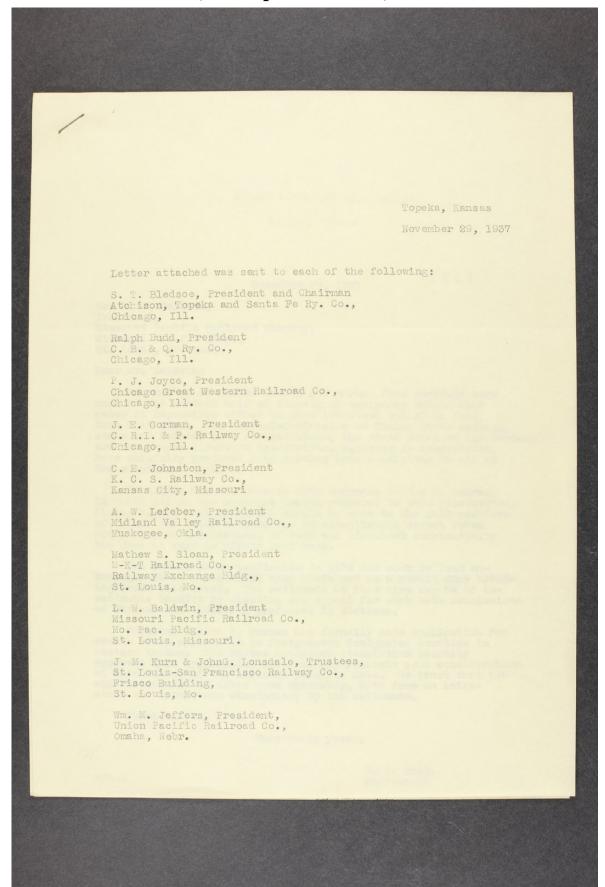














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KANSAS LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Topeka, Kansas

November 29, 1937

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Mr. L. W. Baldwin, President, Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, Missouri Pacific Bldg., St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Because of continued drouth and marked feed shortage over most of the western half of Kansas, an emergency exists that makes it imperative either to move livestock out of or feed into that area. The extension division of Kansas State College, state and federal crop statisticians, the State Board of Agriculture and the Kansas Livestock Association, agencies in cooperation, have carefully prepared data showing true conditions in all of the counties of Kansas.

Following two conferences with Governor Walter A. Huxman, in which all of the agencies herein referred to were represented, it was agreed that an appeal should be made to the rail carriers of Kansas for their cooperation in establishing drouth rates applicable to the movement of feed and livestock substantially the same as were in effect last year.

The drouth rates applicable in 1936 did much to lend encouragement to stockmen in this state and as a result many breeding herds were saved. The railroads at this time can be of inestimable benefit by granting our appeal for such rate concessions to farmers and livestock producers in distress.

Governor Walter A. Huxman has formally made application for drouth rates applicable to forty-seven designated counties in western Kansas. The Kansas Livestock Association heartily approves this application and urgently requests your consideration of this matter at the earliest possible date. We trust that the application may be acted upon favorably, both from an intrastate and interstate standpoint, by the railroads.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

WGW-M

W. G. West, Secretary.



