

## Governor Edward Arn, correspondence files, box 58

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These folders contain correspondence subject files with Governor Arn, the thirty-second governor of Kansas, serving from January 8, 1951 to January 10, 1955. Some subjects included are flood, flood control and the disaster relief committee. Starting on July 13, 1951, one of the most costly floods in Kansas' history swept down the Kansas River valley into the Missouri River basin. The Kansas River valley had flooded before but not with this magnitude and damage. During the period of July 9-13, some areas in the Kansas River basin received 18.5 inches of rain. The eastern half of the basin averaged 8 inches. T

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KDRc

August 3, 1951

Mr. Chester R. Beck, Chief  
Franklin Volunteer Fire Dept.  
Franklin, Nebraska

My dear friend Beck:

Please convey to the citizens of Franklin, Nebraska, my deepest appreciation of their efforts to alleviate the suffering of many of the citizens of this state.

The spirit of friendliness and neighborliness which has prompted your two substantial contributions to their relief will never be forgotten by the people of Kansas.

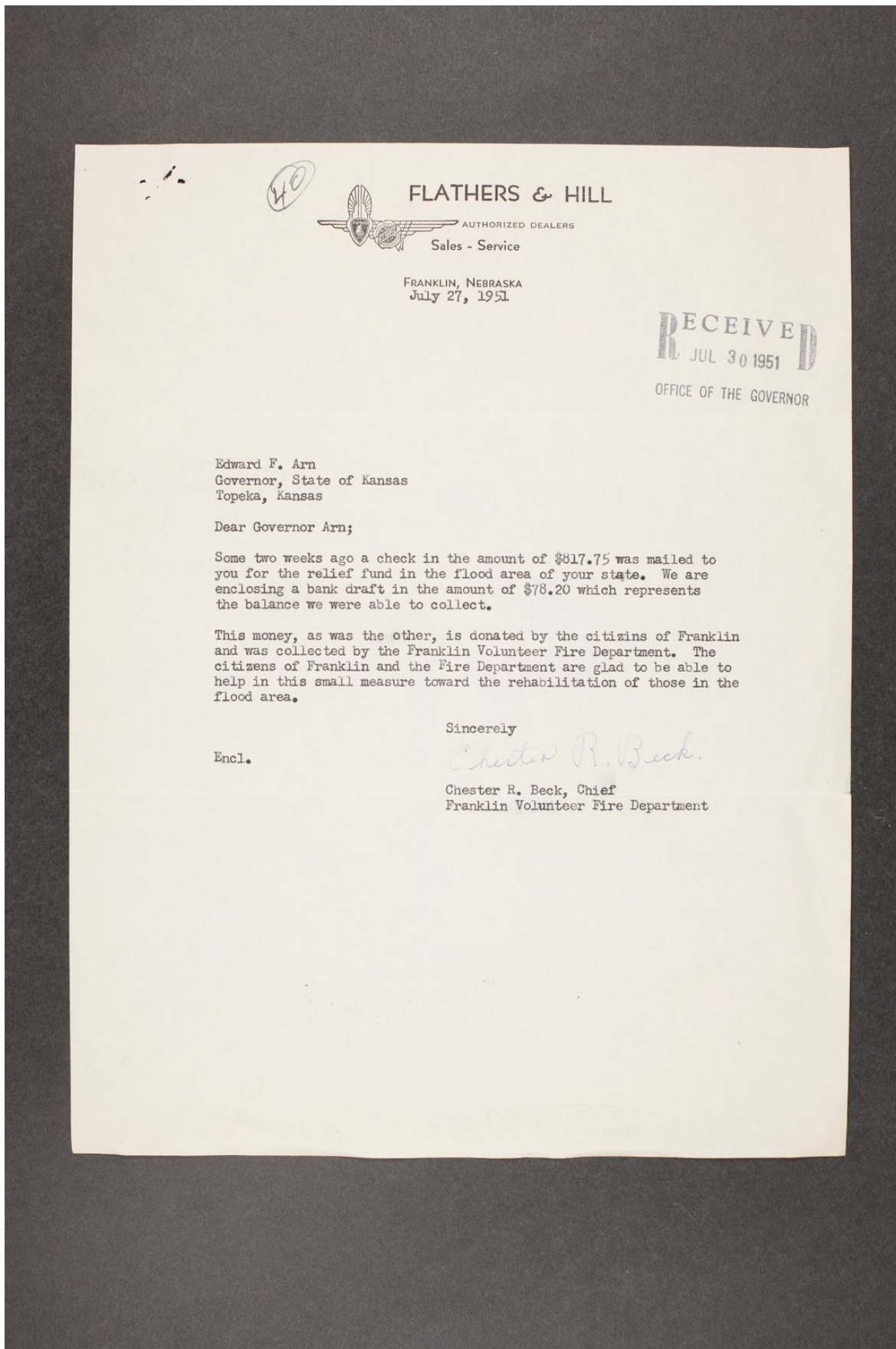
Thanking you again for your kindness and generosity, I remain,

Sincerely,

GOVERNOR

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FRANKLIN, NEBRASKA  
July 27, 1951

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Edward F. Arn  
Governor, State of Kansas  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Arn;

Some two weeks ago a check in the amount of \$817.75 was mailed to you for the relief fund in the flood area of your state. We are enclosing a bank draft in the amount of \$78.20 which represents the balance we were able to collect.

This money, as was the other, is donated by the citizens of Franklin and was collected by the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department. The citizens of Franklin and the Fire Department are glad to be able to help in this small measure toward the rehabilitation of those in the flood area.

Sincerely

*Chester R. Beck*

Encl.

Chester R. Beck, Chief  
Franklin Volunteer Fire Department



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KDRC

August 3, 1951

Mr. Frank Paschal, Exec. Secy.  
Senator Frank Carlson's Office  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Frank:

Please accept my personal thanks, and those  
of the Disaster Relief Committee for your contribution  
to the fund.

Byron Gourley, acting as Executive Secretary  
for this Committee and is working in this office, is do-  
ing a splendid job.

Thanking you again for your contribution, I re-  
main,

Sincerely,

GOVERNOR

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### United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE  
AND CIVIL SERVICE

July 28, 1951

The Honorable Ed Arn  
Governor, State of Kansas  
State House  
Topeka, Kansas

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Dear Governor:

I am enclosing a check for \$10.00 for the Disaster Flood Relief Committee. I understand that you have set up a desk in your office with an executive secretary for this committee.

We have received very fine reports regarding the work your office has been doing along this line. We were very sorry to learn of the great disaster, but I know the people of Kansas will meet this emergency in the typical "Kansas way".

I am sending another check for flood disaster relief to our Lowmen Church which I understand is carrying on such a program.

With very best wishes to you and your excellent staff,  
I am

Yours sincerely,

*Frank Carlson*  
Frank Paschal  
Executive Secretary

FPa  
encl.



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August 3, 1951

Senator Frank Carlson  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Frank:

Byron Gourley has informed us of your very substantial contribution to the Kansas Disaster Relief Committee fund.

Please accept my personal thanks as well as those of the Committee for your generous donation.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Cordially,

GOVERNOR

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**United States Senate**  
COMMITTEE ON POST OFFICE  
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Mr. Byron Corley,  
State Flood Disaster Relief,  
Governor's Office,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Byron:

I want to make a contribution to assist in the  
relief program for our people in Kansas who have suffered  
so tragically.

Enclosed find check for \$500.00. Use it any way  
you care to.

Sincerely yours,

*Frank Carlson*

Frank Carlson

FC/MF  
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KDRC

August 3, 1951

Mr. and Mrs. George Behrends  
534 South 28th Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Behrends:

On behalf of the citizens of Kansas, I wish to express our deepest appreciation of your contribution to the Kansas Disaster Relief Committee which was forwarded to us by your church secretary.

You may be assured that the funds will be distributed by the Committee in such a manner as to provide the utmost in assistance where it is needed. Your aid in this time of need will never be forgotten by the citizens of our state.

Thanking you again for your contribution and interest in the welfare your friends and neighbors, I remain,

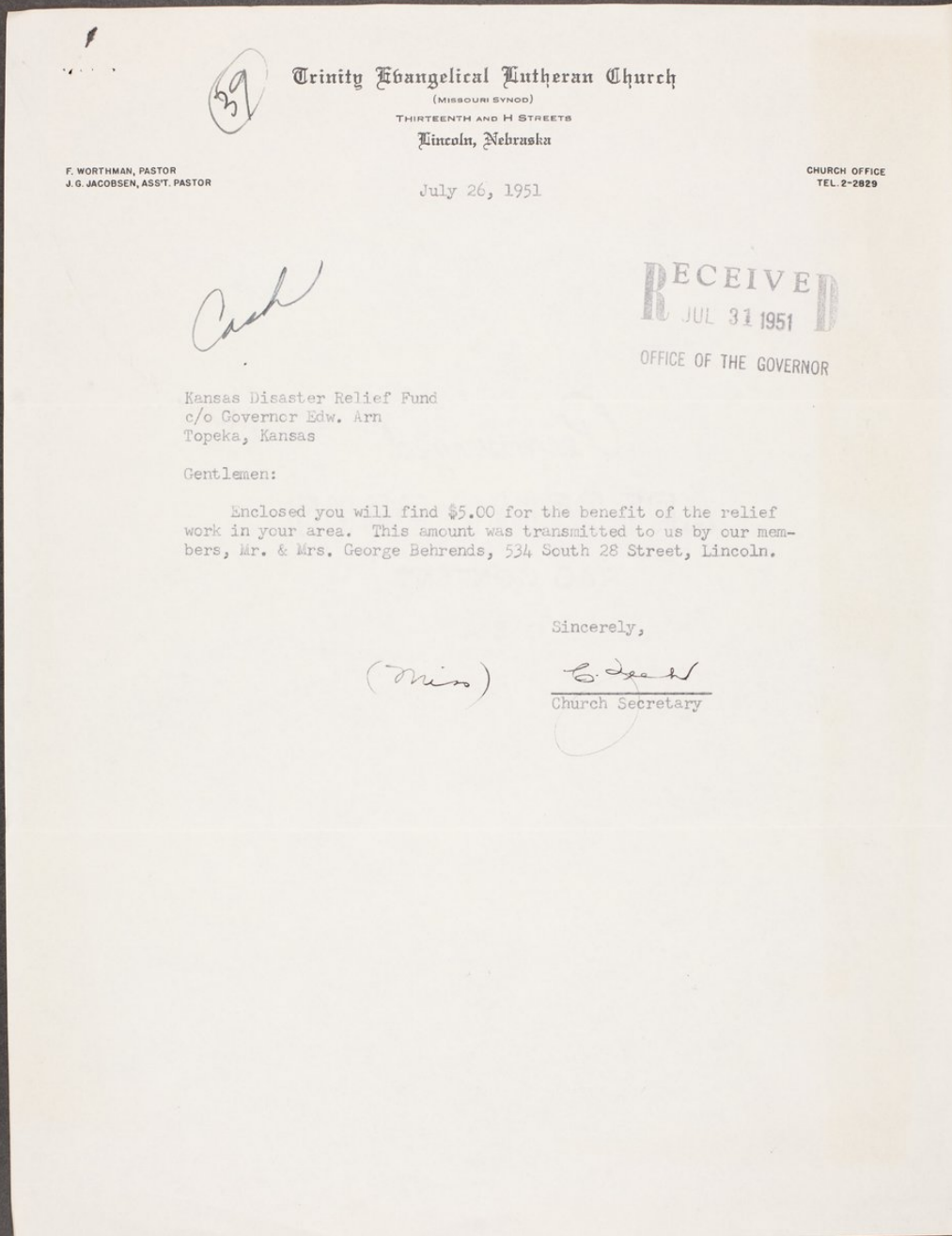
Sincerely,

GOVERNOR

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6 August 1951

Employees  
Winchester Packing Co.  
Hutchinson, Kansas

Dear friends:

I want to take this opportunity to thank all employees of the Winchester Packing Co. who contributed so generously to the Kansas Disaster Relief Committee.

In times of disaster such as we have just experienced it is indeed heartening to know that there are so many who come unselfishly to the aid of those stricken.

Thank you again, and with very best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

G O V E R N O R

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## Governor Edward Arn, correspondence files, box 58

6 August 1951

Winchester Packing Co.  
Hutchinson, Kansas

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the citizens of this state, I want to thank you for your fine contribution of \$100 to the Kansas Disaster Relief Committee.

The generosity of people all over the state and nation in this time of disaster is certainly to be commended and our flood-stricken families will not soon forget.

Again many thanks, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

GOVERNOR

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THE HUTCHINSON NEWS-HERALD  
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS  
August 6, 1951

6 August 1951

John P. Harris, Editor  
The Hutchinson News-Herald  
Hutchinson, Kansas

Dear Jack:

I want to express our gratitude, and that of the flood-stricken families of this state, for the magnificent job you have done through your newspaper in accepting contributions for the Disaster Relief Committee.

The grand total of \$6,852.00 donated through this channel will certainly go far in helping to alleviate the suffering caused by the recent floods.

Again many, many thanks and with best wishes to you, I am

Sincerely,

GOVERNOR

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THE HUTCHINSON NEWS-HERALD  
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

July 31, 1951

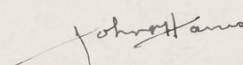
Kansas Disaster Relief Committee  
c/o Governor's Office  
State House  
Topeka

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Enclosed are checks totaling \$2,601.50, which have been collected through our paper for the use of your committee in any way you see fit. A list of the donors in triplicate is enclosed. I would appreciate your receipting one copy and returning, so we may have a record.

On July 25th we sent you contributions totaling \$4,250.50, making a grand total of \$6,852.00 donated through this channel, to date.

  
JOHN P. HARRIS  
Editor

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August 7, 1951

Mr. Verl R. Smith, Secy-Treas.  
LaCrosse Lions Club  
LaCrosse, Kansas

Dear Mr. Smith:

I want to tell you how grateful our Committee was to receive the check from the LaCrosse Lions Club for \$300.50.

This was very thoughtful and generous of your Club, and we appreciate it greatly. The response from every section of the country has reflected the generous and human concern for neighbors in distress when disaster comes to our people anywhere.

On behalf of our Committee I want to thank all of the members of your Club for their generous contribution.

Sincerely,

M. B. GOURLEY, Secretary  
Kansas Disaster Relief Comm.

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August 8, 1951

Dr. P. G. Porter  
Most Worshipful Grand Master  
P. O. Box 42  
Olathe, Kansas

Dear Dr. Porter:

In acknowledging the fine contribution of \$500 from Prince Hall Masons, I wish to express my deep appreciation. I have been requested by the Kansas Disaster Relief Committee to express their deep gratitude to the membership of your Grand Lodge. I also send the thanks of those who suffered in the most disastrous calamity ever to visit the state, and who will receive the benefits and encouragement made possible by the generosity of your great fraternal organization.

The floods that swept across the fertile valleys of Kansas caused enormous loss and suffering. Thousands of people were made homeless and their personal possessions washed away and destroyed. It was a tragedy the extent of which could not be measured in ordinary terms. Prosperous and peaceful cities were wrecked or destroyed and thousands of acres of rich farm lands became a desolate waste. In all the history of the state there had never before occurred such a serious affliction and so widespread destruction.

The brightest spot in the time of trouble was the prompt and generous response of all our people for the relief of those in need. This relief, an example of the true spirit of Christian service, came from all parts of the nation, regardless of creed or color. There could have been no greater manifestation of real brotherhood.

In accepting the gift of Prince Hall Grand Lodge to be used in any capacity deemed necessary, I express the sincere gratitude of myself and the entire Disaster Committee. It was a gesture of kindness and sympathy which will provide its own reward in the years to come.

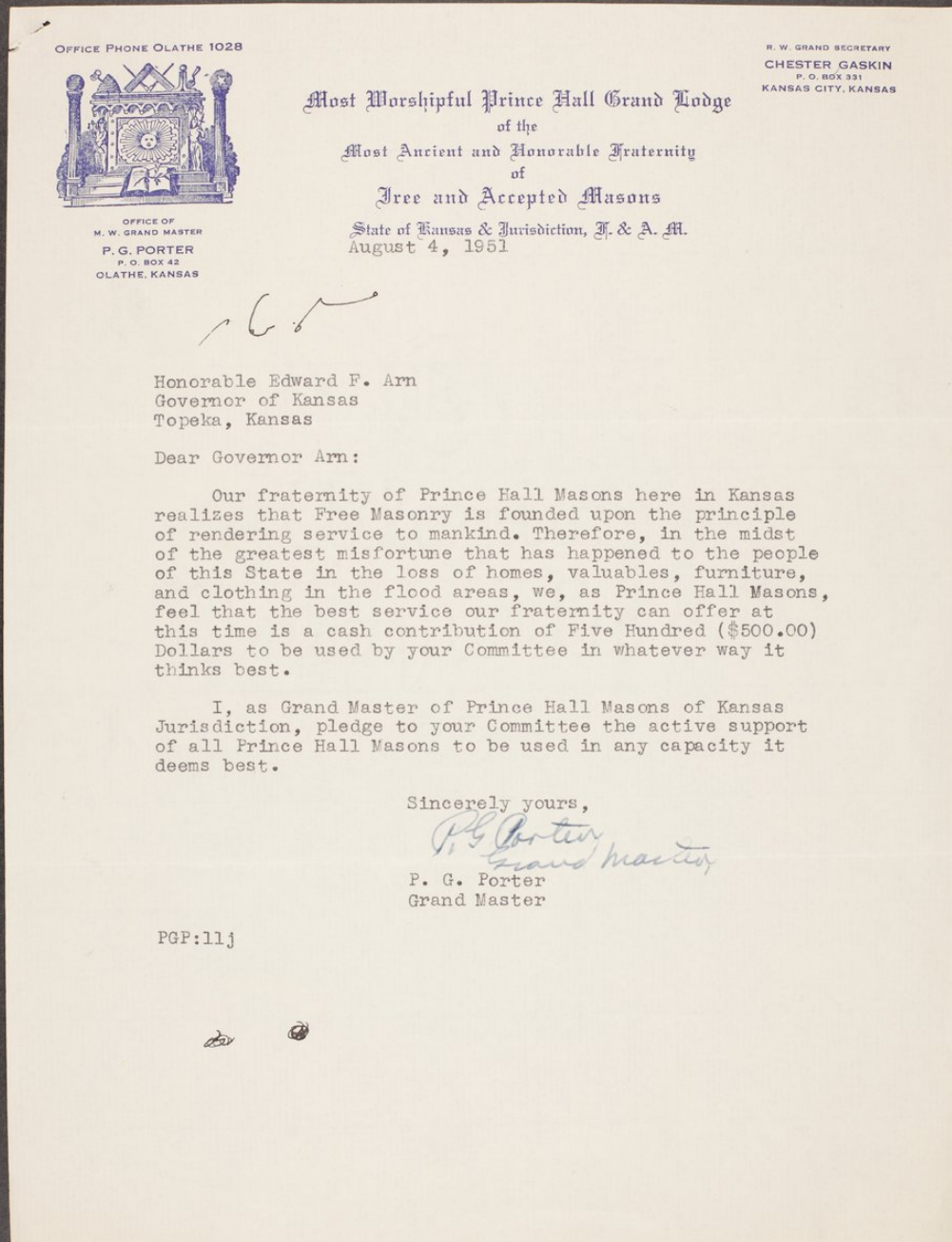
With kindest personal regards and best wishes to all Prince Hall Masons, I remain

Sincerely,

G O V E R N O R

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August 9, 1951

Mr. W. R. Barrett  
421 Tyler Street  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Friend Barrett:

On behalf of the citizens of Kansas, I wish to express our deepest appreciation of your contribution to the Disaster Relief Committee.

You may be assured that the funds will be distributed by the Committee in such a manner as to provide the utmost in assistance where it is needed. Your aid in this time of need will never be forgotten by the citizens of our state.

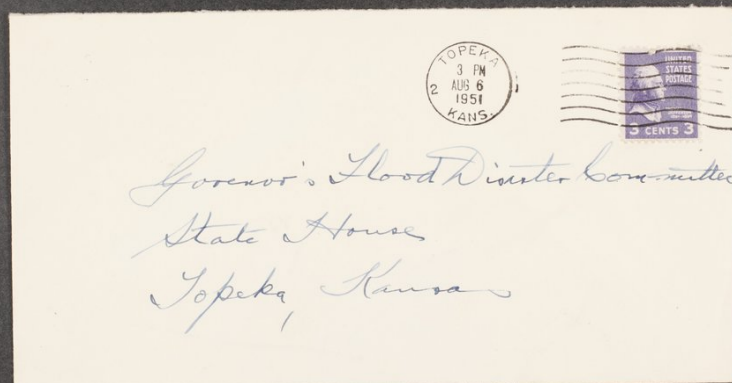
Thanking you again for your contribution and interest in the welfare of our state, I remain,

Sincerely,

GOVERNOR

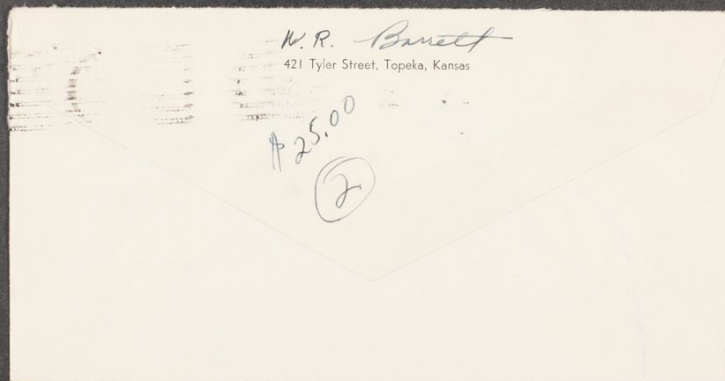
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August 9, 1951

Mr. P. E. Connor, President  
Western Auto Supply Company  
2107 Grand Avenue  
Kansas City 8, Missouri

Dear Mr. Connor:

On behalf of the Disaster Relief Committee, and myself, I wish to express our sincere appreciation of your very substantial contribution to the Committee's fund for the relief of the thousands of citizens of Kansas who suffered such tragic losses in our recent floods.

It is extremely gratifying to know at such times that our friends and neighbors are so vitally concerned. You may be assured that your generosity will be long remembered by the citizens of this state.

Thanking you again for your substantial contribution, and for your interest in the welfare of our state, I remain

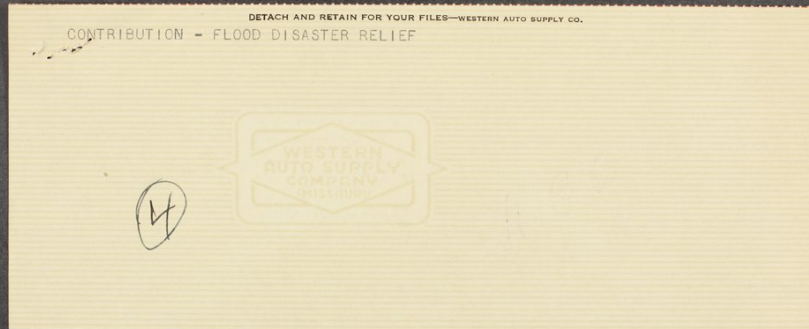
Sincerely,

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### WESTERN AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES: 2107 GRAND AVENUE  
KANSAS CITY 8, MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 3, 1951

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Kansas Disaster Relief Committee  
Topeka, Kansas

Attention: Gov. Edward Arn

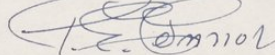
Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith our check for \$1,000 as a contribution to flood disaster relief.

Contributions are also being made at the same time to the Kansas City, Kansas Red Cross Chapter, and to the Jackson County Red Cross Chapter.

Sincerely,

WESTERN AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY



P. E. Connor, President

PEC/MM  
Enc.



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August 9, 1951

Dr. C. R. Price, President  
Shawnee County Precinct Workers Club  
1015 Grand  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Friend Price:

Please convey to the members of your organization my personal appreciation, and that of the members of the Disaster Relief Committee for your contribution for the relief of our fellow Kansans who have suffered such tragic losses in the recent floods.

Your assistance at this time is typical of the unstinting efforts made by all Kansans to aid their fellow citizens in recovering from their devastation.

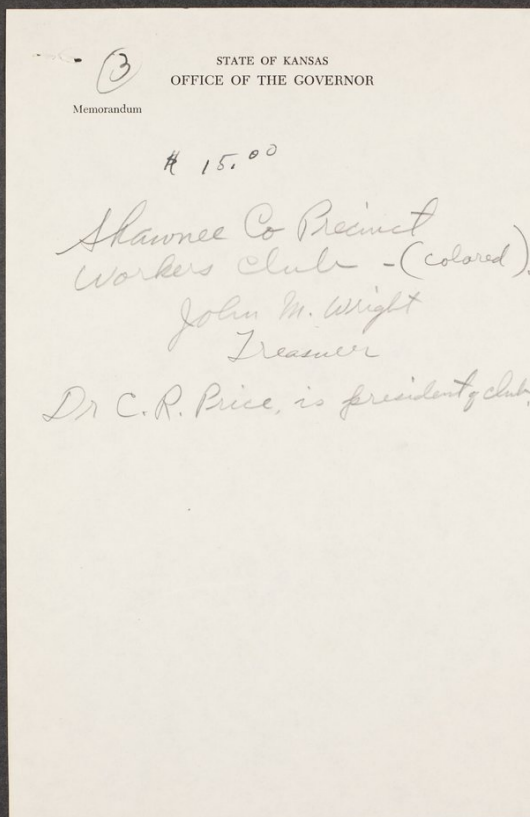
Thanking you again for your contribution, and for your interest in the welfare of our state, I remain

Sincerely,

GOVERNOR

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August 9, 1951

Mr. Sam Gorman  
Gorman's Incorporated  
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Gorman:

On behalf of the Disaster Relief Committee, and myself, I wish to express our sincere appreciation of your very substantial contribution to the Committee's fund for the relief of the thousands of citizens of Kansas who suffered such tragic losses in our recent floods.

It is extremely gratifying to know at such times that our friends and neighbors are so vitally concerned. You may be assured that your generosity will be long remembered by the citizens of this state.

Thanking you again for your substantial contribution, and for your interest in the welfare of our state, I remain,

Sincerely,

GOVERNOR

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CC: Thelma Hubbard, Secy  
% Roy A. Roberts Office  
The Kansas City Star  
Kansas City, Missouri

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NAME <u>Governors Disaster Relief</u>		GORMAN'S, INC. Kansas City, Kansas			DATE _____	
MEMO	ENTRY DATE	AMOUNT OF INVOICE	CLAIMS AND RETURNS	DISCOUNT	PREVIOUS BALANCE	BALANCE PAYABLE
CONTRIBUTION TO FLOOD RELIEF FUND	AUG 1, 1951	1,500.00				1,500.00 <sup>38</sup>
DETACH HERE BEFORE DEPOSITING						



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THE KANSAS CITY STAR

August 3, 1951

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Governor's Disaster Relief  
State of Kansas  
Executive Offices of Governor  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Arn:

Enclosed is a check from Gorman's, Inc. of  
Kansas City, Kansas in the amount of \$1,500.00 for  
your Disaster Relief Fund. We are forwarding it to  
you at the request of Mr. Sam Gorman.

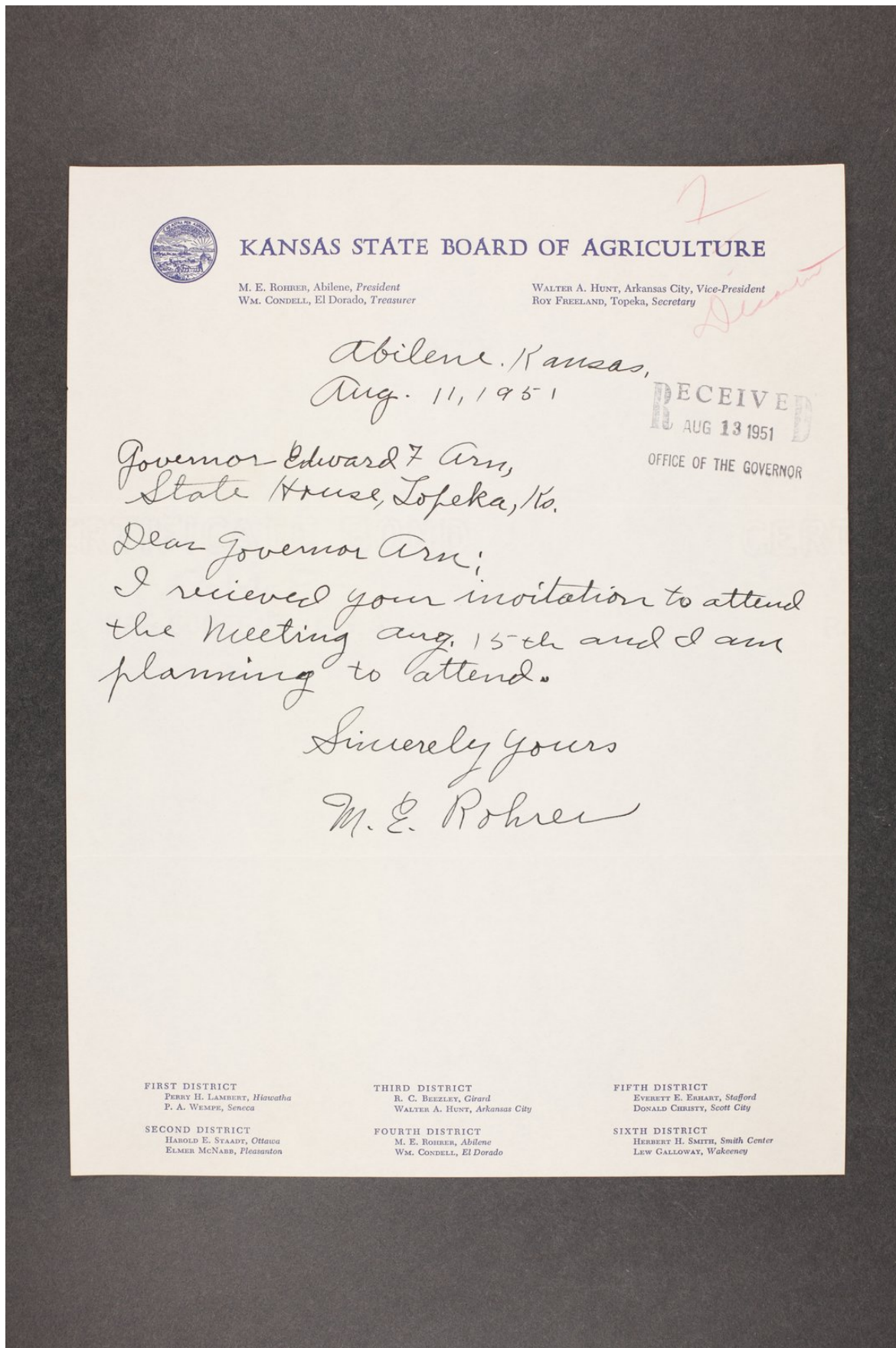
Sincerely,

*Thelma Hubbard*

Thelma Hubbard  
Secretary to Roy A. Roberts

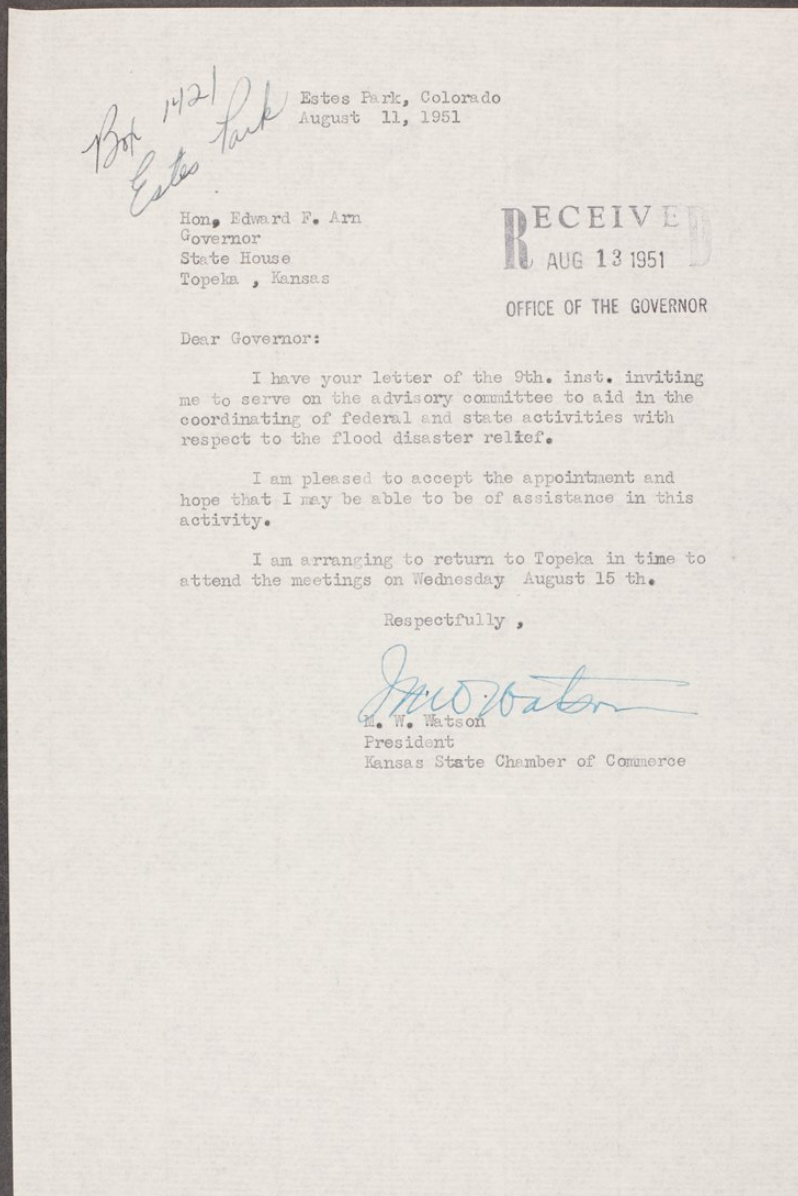
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MEMBER

**KANSAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION**  
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*Chanute Kans.*  
*8-11-51*

*Mr. Edward F. Arn, Governor  
Topeka, Kans.*

*My Dear Governor: My wife received word from your Sec. Mr. Chapman, & I received your letter of the 8th inst. regarding serving as a member on the advisory committee in the coordination of state & federal activities with respect to flood disaster relief. I will be willing to serve & do what I can & will be at the meeting Wed.-Aug. 15, 10:00 A.M. State Senate Chamber.*

*Will be seeing you.  
Yours truly,  
Ed Brinkmeyer.*

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STATE OF KANSAS  
BANKING DEPARTMENT  
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ELMER T. BECK  
BANK COMMISSIONER

August 11, 1951

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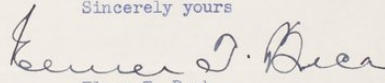
Honorable Edward F. Arn  
Governor  
State of Kansas  
BUILDING

Dear Ed:

I am pleased to accept the appointment as a member of the advisory committee in the coordination of state and federal activities with respect to flood disaster relief.

I shall arrange to be in the State Senate chamber on Wednesday, August 15, at 10:00 a.m., and am happy to accept the invitation for lunch at the Mansion extended by you.

Sincerely yours



Elmer T. Beck  
Bank Commissioner

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