

#### Governor Edward Arn, correspondence files, box 59

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These folders contain correspondence subject files with Governor Edward Arn. Some subjects included are flood, Big Creek Watershed Association, Strawn Dam, Toronto Dam, and the Tuttle Creek Dam. 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.

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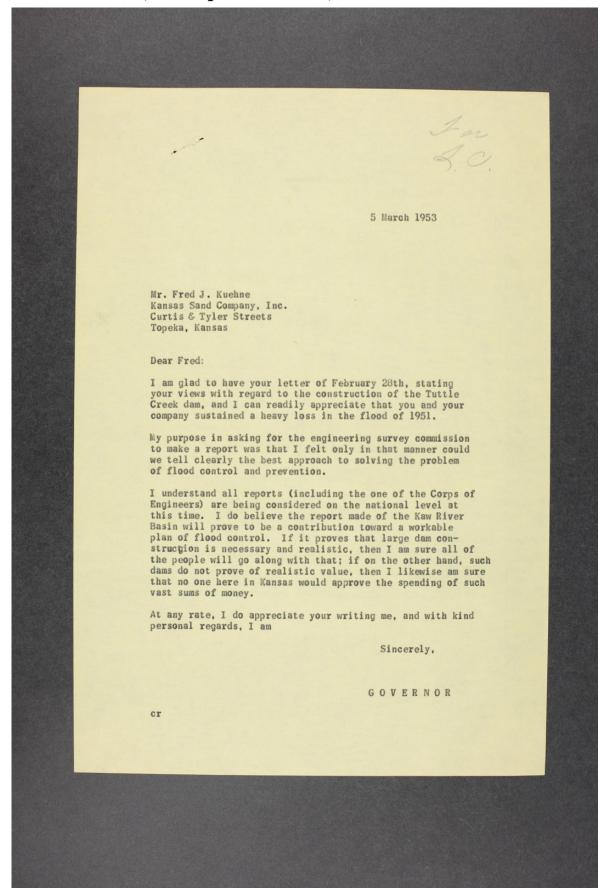
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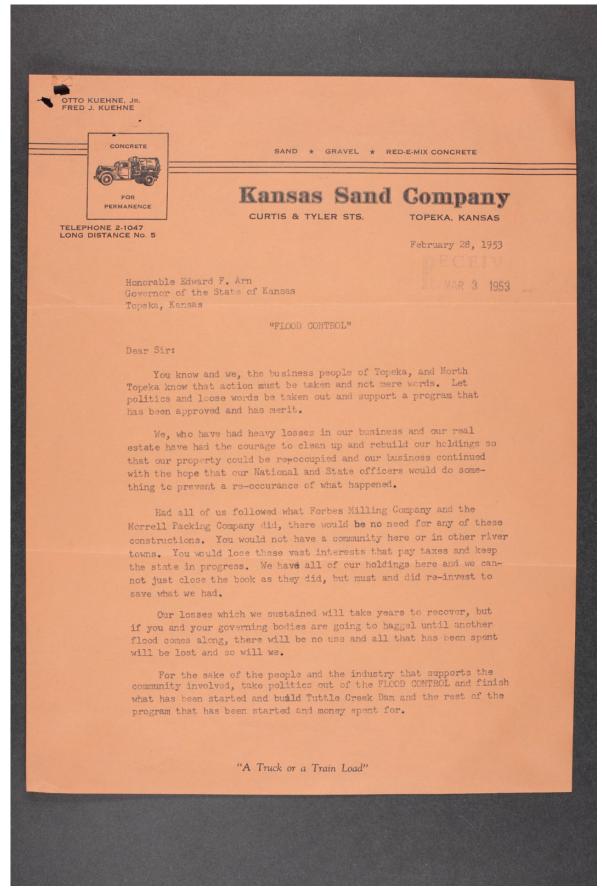
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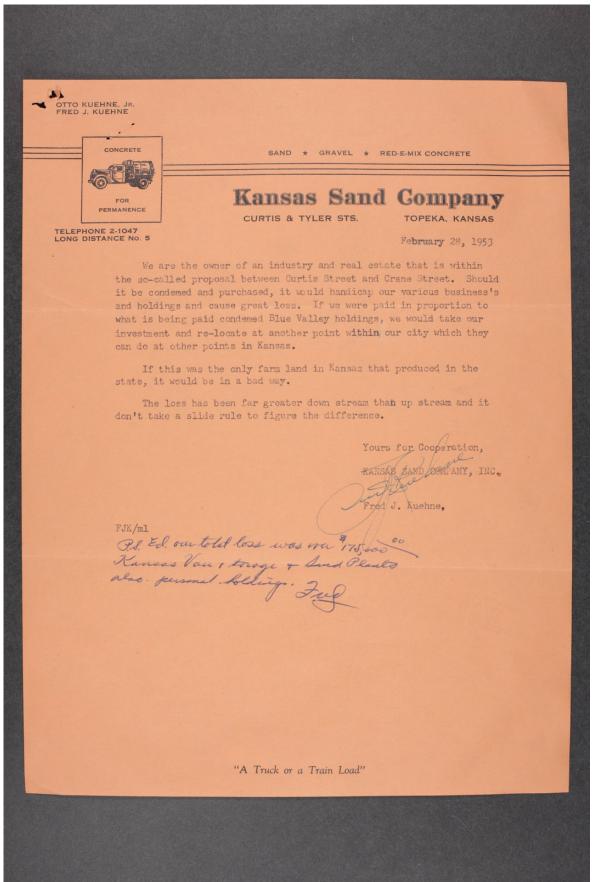




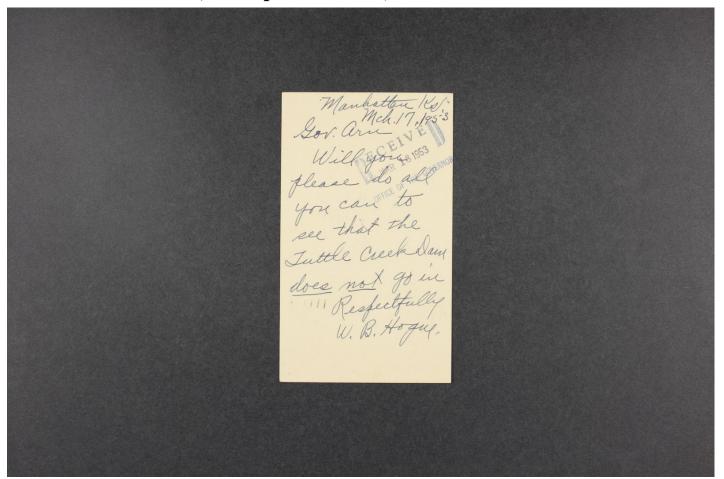




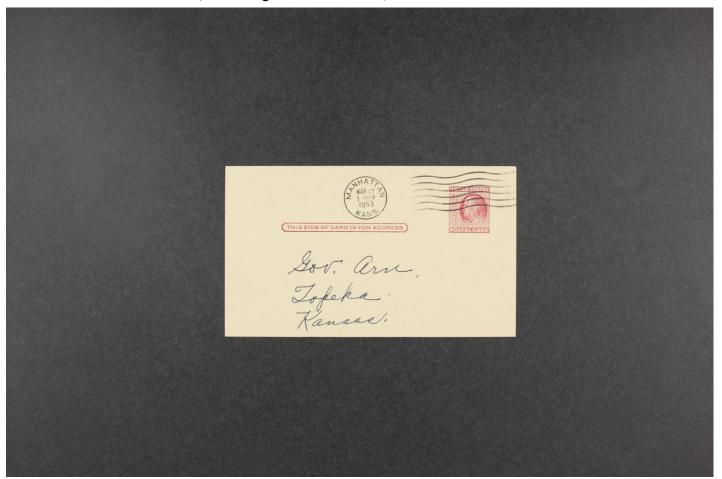




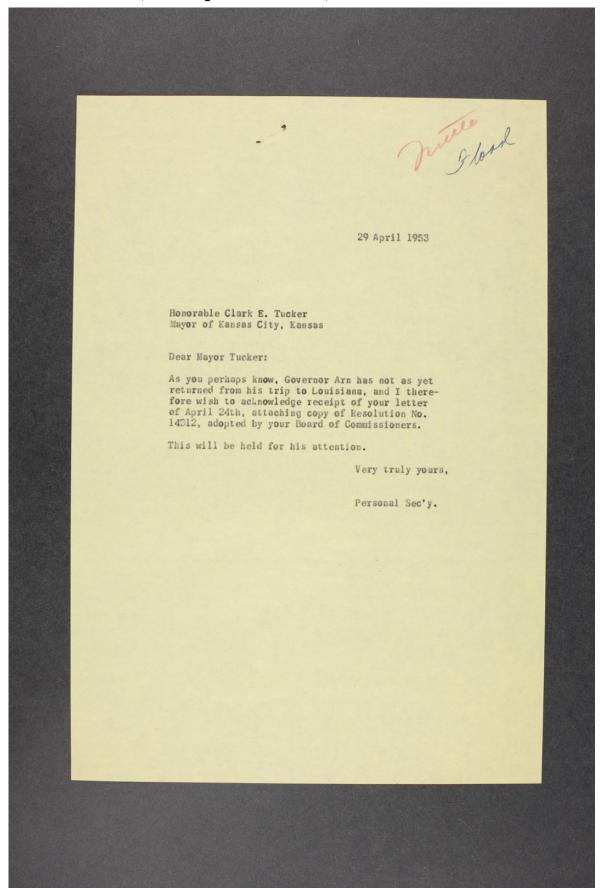




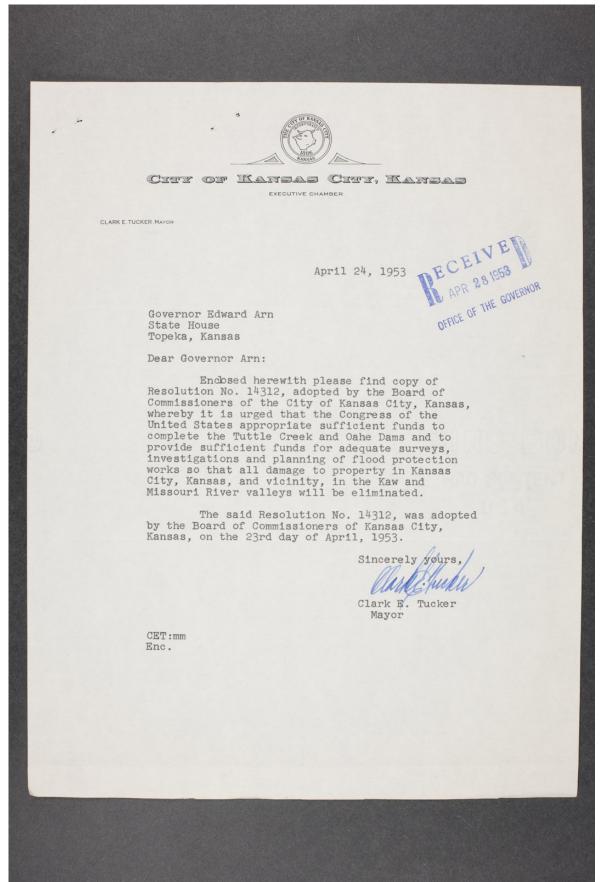














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RESOLUTION NO. 14312

WHEREAS, at many times in the past high waters of the Kansas and Missouri River caused large amounts of damage to the property in Kansas City, Kansas, and its vicinity; and

WHEREAS, the disastrous flood of 1951, caused much suffering and the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in damages to property in Kansas City, Kansas, and the vicinity thereof; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 1952, the governing body of the city of Kansas City, Kansas, adopted Resolution No. 13818, as follows:

"That it commend the President of the United States for recommending an immediate start of construction of the Tuttle Creek Reservoir, and urge the Congress of the United States to make available by appropriation the Fifteen and One-half Million Dollars which the President has requested for this purpose in his Budget Message."

and

WHEREAS, since February 21, 1952, diligent study and investigation has been made and The Board of Commissioners of the City of Kansas City, Kansas, has found and determined that such loss and damage to property in Kansas City, Kansas, and vicinity, can best be eliminated by the completion of the Tuttle Creek and Cahe Dams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS:

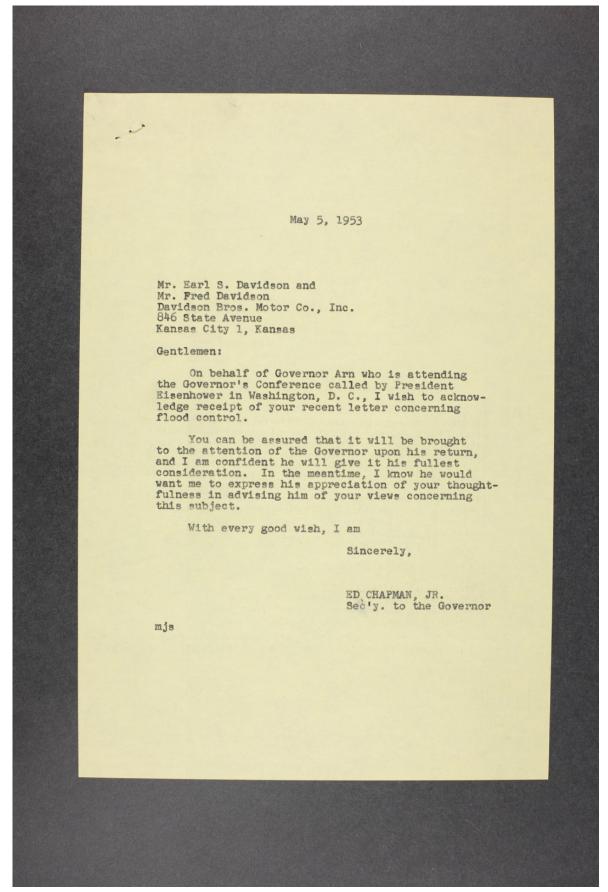
That the Congress of the United States is hereby urged to appropriate sufficient funds to complete the Tuttle Creek and Oahe Dams.

And be it further resolved, that the Congress of the United States be urged to provide sufficient funds for adequate surveys, investigations, and planning of flood protection works so that all damage to property in Kansas City, Kansas, and vicinity in the Kaw and Missouri River valleys will be eliminated.

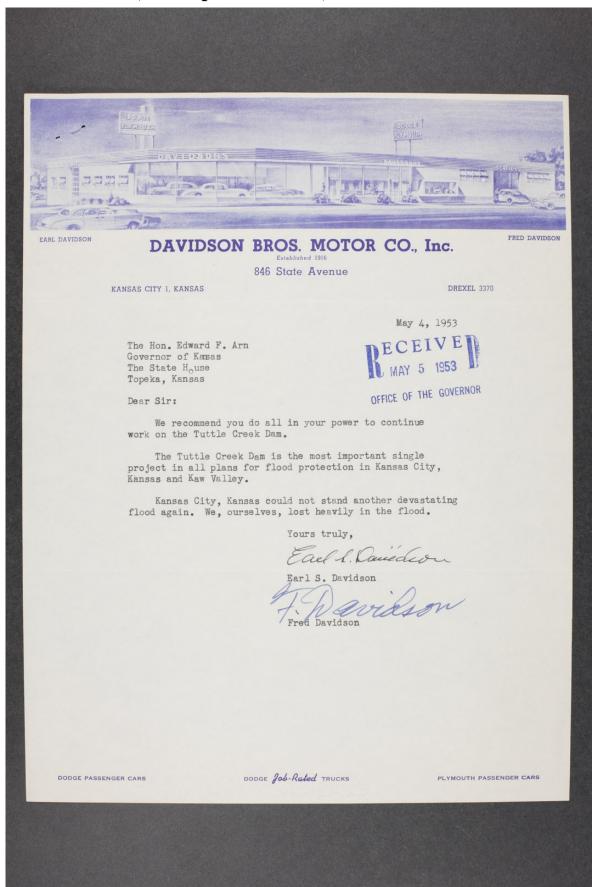
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 1953.

Howard Payne City Clerk

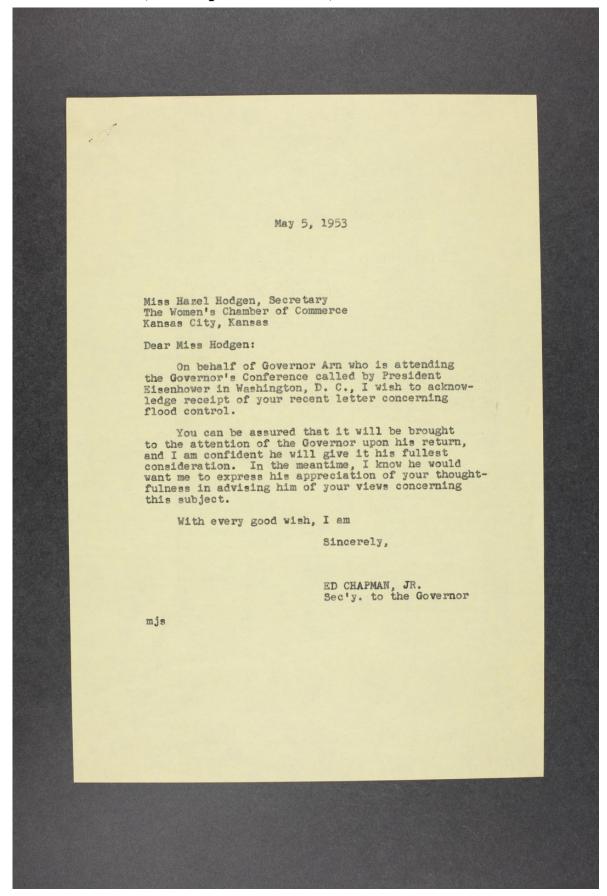




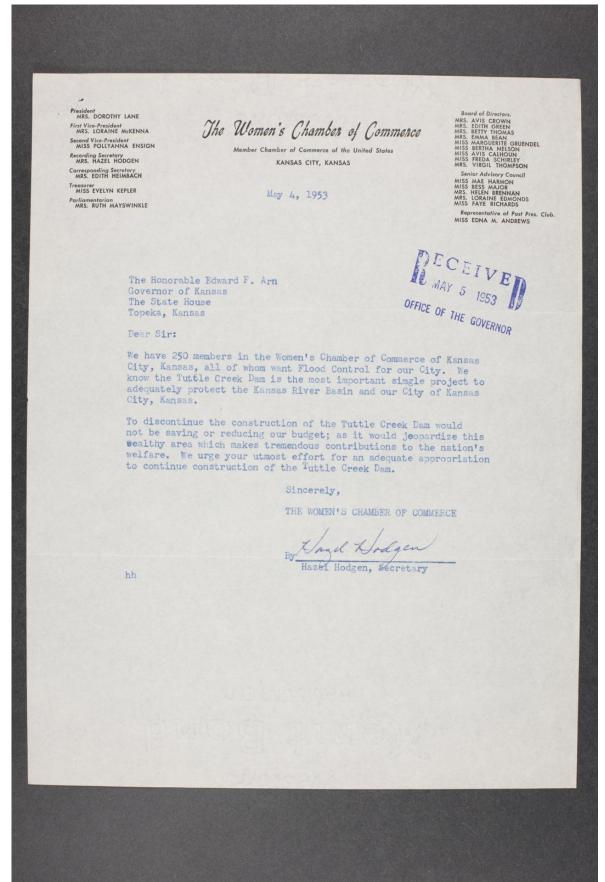




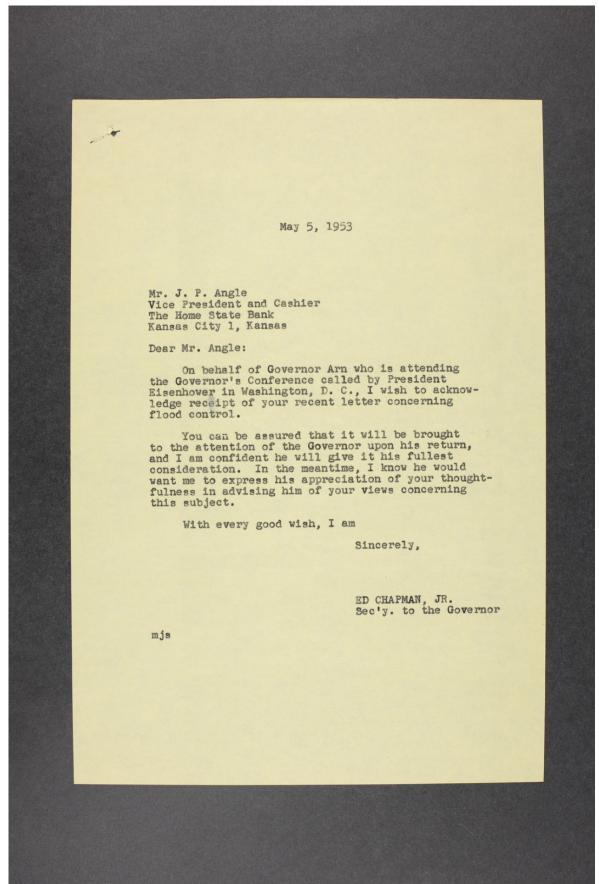




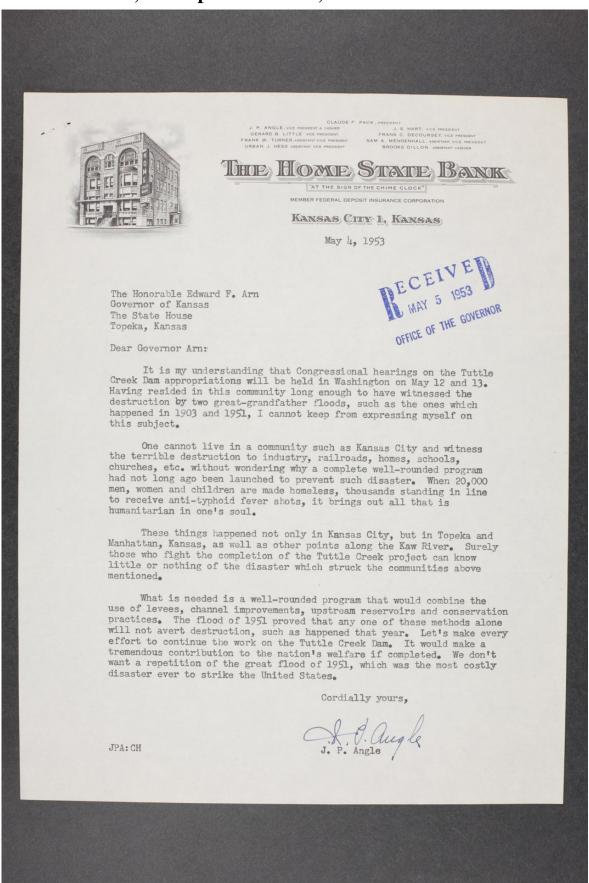




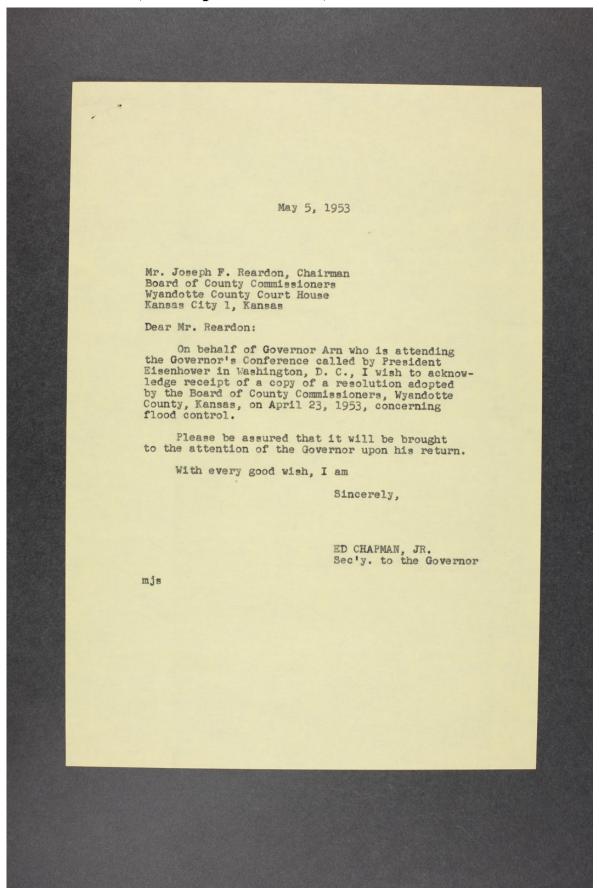




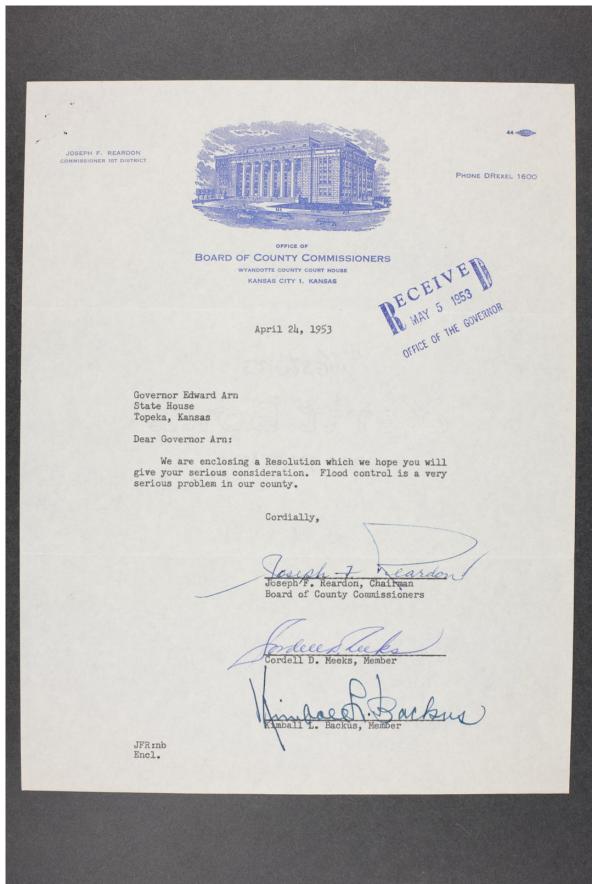














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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY, KANSAS

RESOLUTION URGING CONTINUATION OF WORK ON AND APPROFRIATIONS FOR CON-STRUCTION OF TUTTLE CREEK AND OAHE DAMS

April 23, 1953

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WHEREAS the catastrophic Kansas River flood which descended upon Wyandotte County, Kansas, on July 13, 1951, brought with it untold human misery and suffering with consequent property loss and damage amounting to millions of dollars, requiring the expenditure of many millions of dollars of private and public money for the rebuilding and rehabilitation of flood ravaged and stricken areas through-out Wyandotte County, and

WHEREAS, it is the firm and unalterable conviction of the people of Wyandotte County, Kansas, that this disaster would not have occured if a system of upstream or tributary dry dams or reservoirs, such as contemplated by the Tuttle Creek and Oahe Dams, had been constructed and in operation in accordance with the plans adopted by U.S.Corps of Engineers for the upstream and tributary flood control of the entire Kaw Basin, said plans being based upon careful, scientific studies and surveys conducted through-out the past two decades, and

WHEREAS recent surveys and studies such as the Missouri Survey Commission, Governor Arn's Report and others have been carefully considered by both individuals and public agencies in Wyandotte County, Kansas, and it is the comsensus of opinion of all persons and agencies concerned that the present plan of flood control, of which the Tuttle Creek and Cahe Dams are a basic part, is the only practicable system or plan which affords adequate, safe and dependable flood protection to the citizens of this community and every community along the entire Kansas River Valley, and

WHEREAS it is the considered judgment of this Board that incalculable dangers and losses, both financial and economic, will immediately materialize and develop if appropriations are cancelled or abandoned for this project and work stopped on the Tuttle Creek Reservoir at this critical and important stage of its construction, all of which will have a devastating and permanent effect upon the economy and the welfare and prosperity of the people of Wyandotte County.

NOW, THEREFCRE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Wyandotte County, that the Executive Office of the United States Government be and it is hereby requested to restore and include in the budget for the fiscal year of 1954 sufficient monies to ensure a continuation of work on and development of the Tuttle Creek Reservoir and that the Congress of the United States be and it is hereby requested not to abandon or recede from the present plan of the U.S. Corps of Engineers for the up-stream and tributary flood control of the Kansas River Basin as now contemplated by the Tuttle Creek and Cahe Dams.

Adopted this 23rd day of April, 1953.

Chairman Board of County Commissioners

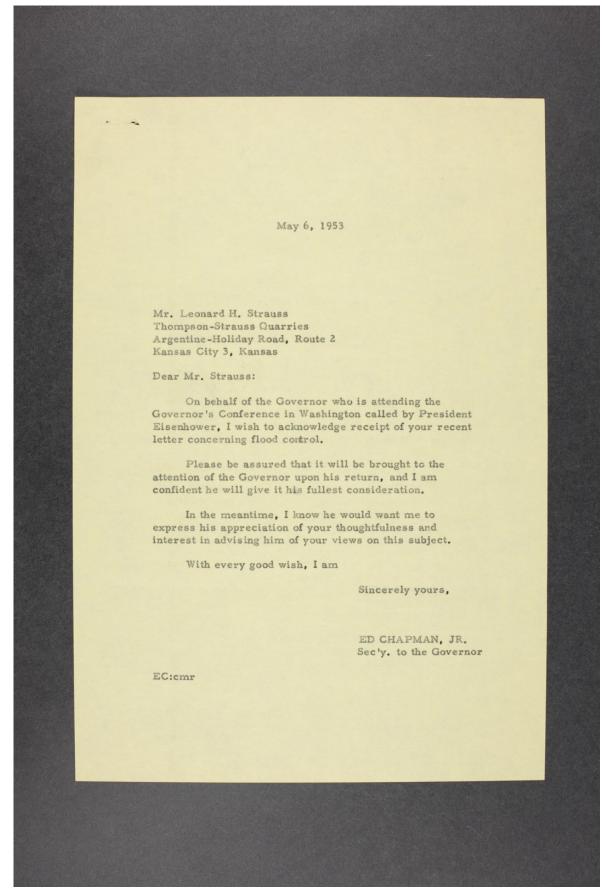
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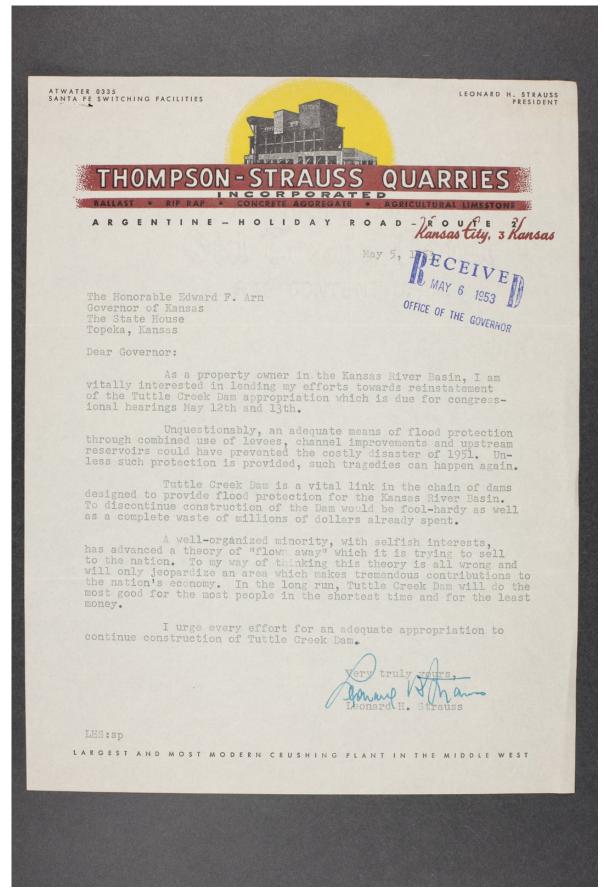
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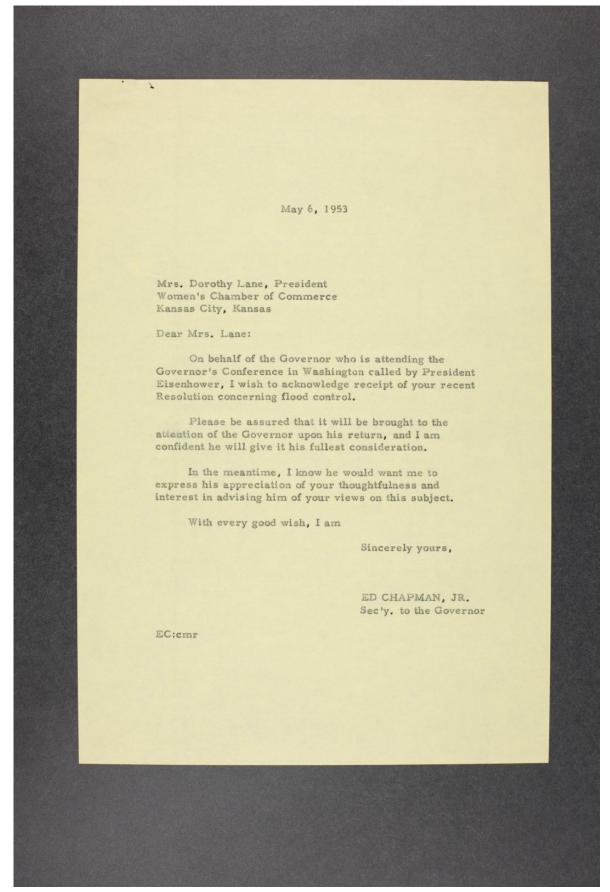




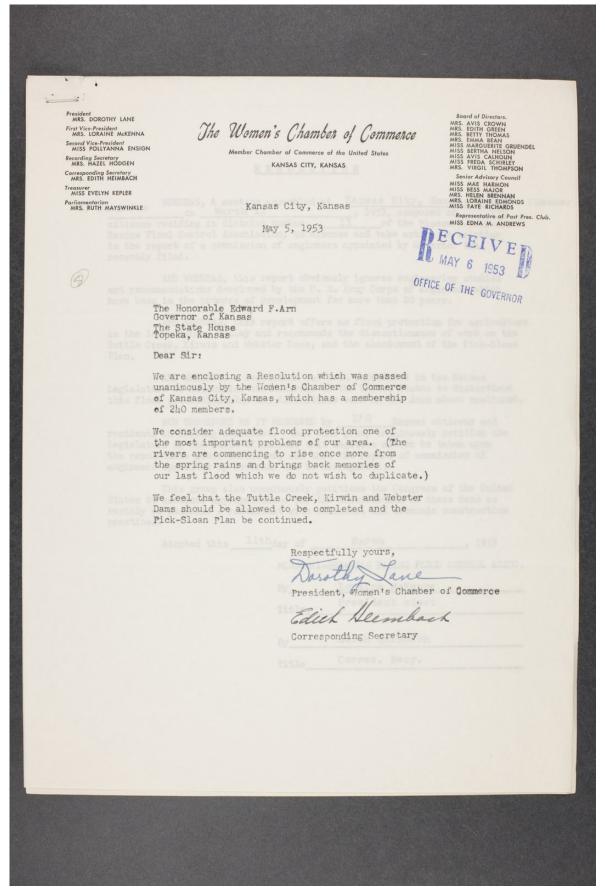














RESOLUTION						
of Commerce WHEREAS, A meeting assembled at Kansas City, Kansas Women's Chamber on March 11 , 1953, composed of 170 citizens residing in district number 11 of the Missouri-Arkansas Basins Flood Control Association, to discuss and take action in relation to the report of a commission of engineers appointed by Governor Arn recently filed.  AND WHEREAS, this report obviously ignores engineering studies						
	and recommendations developed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers which have been in the process of development for more than 20 years.					
	AND WHEREAS, this report offers no flood protection for agriculture in the lower Kansas valley and recommends the discontinuance of work on the Tuttle Creek, Kirwin and Webster Dams, and the abandonment of the Pick-Sloan Plan.					
	AND WHEREAS, a resolution has been introduced in the Kansas Legislature to memorialize the Congress of the United States to discontinue this flood protection plan and discontinue work on the dams above mentioned.					
	NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by					
	This group also unanimously petitions the Congress of the United States to continue appropriations for the construction of these dams as rapidly as possible - consistent with efficient and economic construction practices.					
	Adopted thisllth	day of	March	, 1953		
	MISSOURI-ARKANSAS BASINS FLOOD CONTROL ASSOC.					
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