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This collection contains correspondence regarding indemnities for cattle killed by tuberculosis, concerns over the findings of veterinary inspection, discussion of an outbreak of rabies among Kansas dogs that affected cattle, complaints of veterinary treatments killing animals, and general discussion about livestock diseases. The correspondence is mostly between the Livestock Sanitary Commissioner and various livestock owners throughout Kansas.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LEO STUHR, SECRETARY

State of Nebraska
SAMUEL R. Mc KELVIE, GOVERNOR
LINCOLN

February 17th, 1920.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter dated January 13th relative to a shipment of four cows made to one T. J. Dawe of Hiawatha, Kansas, from Lexington Nebraska, from the herd of Allen & Sons, received.

We are unable to give you the information requested until we receive a statement as to the identification of these animals. If you will give us the names and registration numbers of these animals we will then be in a position to give you a copy of the tuberculin test chart is same has been issued and we feel that it possibly has for we find a number of charts in our office on the Allen & Sons' herd, tested on the sixth and seventh.

Yours very truly,

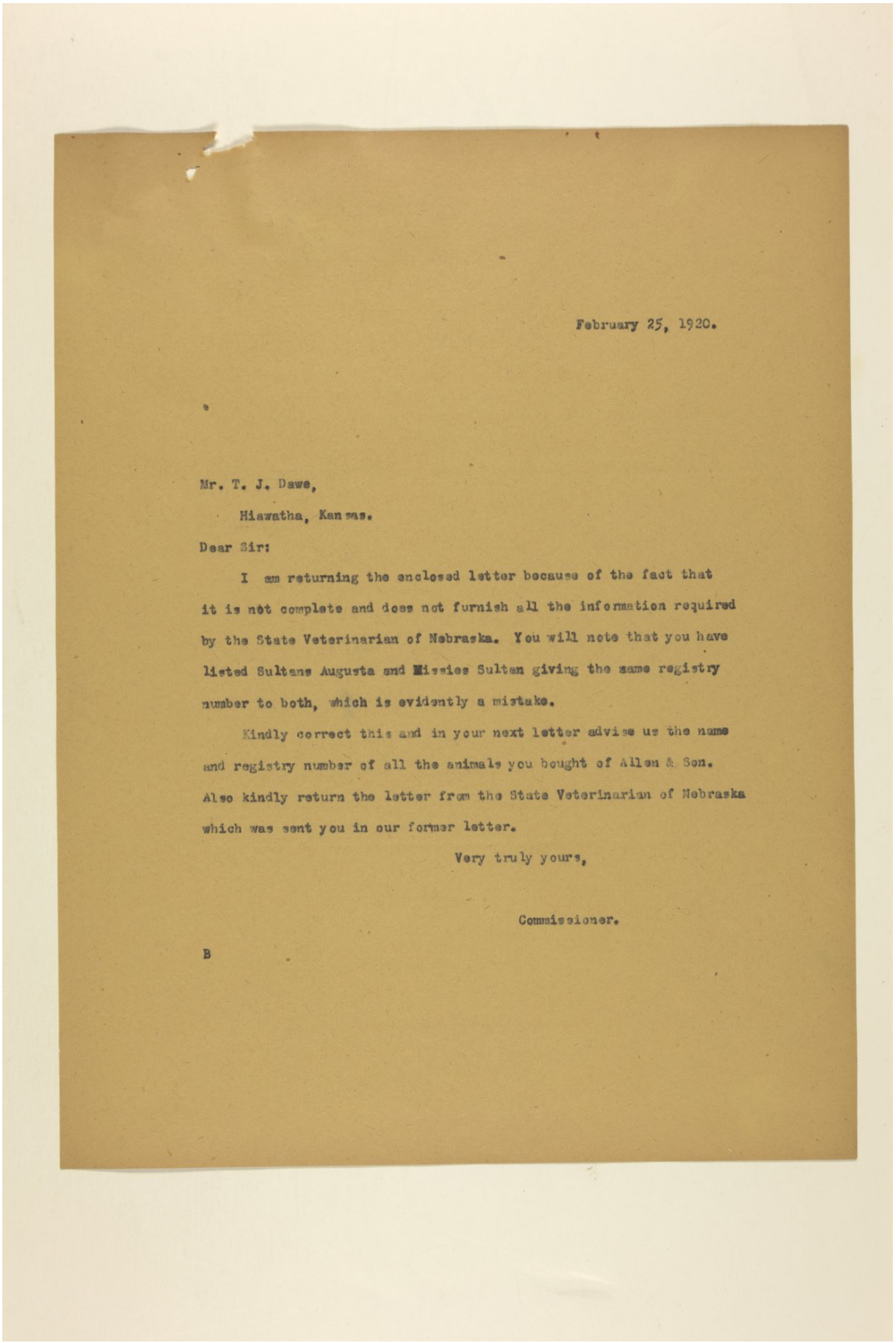
NEBRASKA BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY.

Dr. W. T. Spencer, Chief.

By W T Spencer Chief.

WTS/AB

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February 25, 1920.

Mr. T. J. Dawe,

Hiawatha, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I am returning the enclosed letter because of the fact that it is not complete and does not furnish all the information required by the State Veterinarian of Nebraska. You will note that you have listed Sultans Augusta and Missies Sultan giving the same registry number to both, which is evidently a mistake.

Kindly correct this and in your next letter advise us the name and registry number of all the animals you bought of Allen & Son. Also kindly return the letter from the State Veterinarian of Nebraska which was sent you in our former letter.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

B

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R. V. BROKAW
Commissioner First District

BROWN COUNTY, KANSAS

Hiawatha, Kansas, Feby 17th, 20

Dr.J.H.Mercer

Topeka Kas

Dear Doctor:-

Dr.Burdick was here a few days ago to see some Tubercular cattle and the one of T.J.Dawes was oneethat was purchased of Allen & Son of Neb. He sold one of this lot to a man at Sabetha and we sent word to have the Bull tested and he reacted as the one he has here.We want this matter traced

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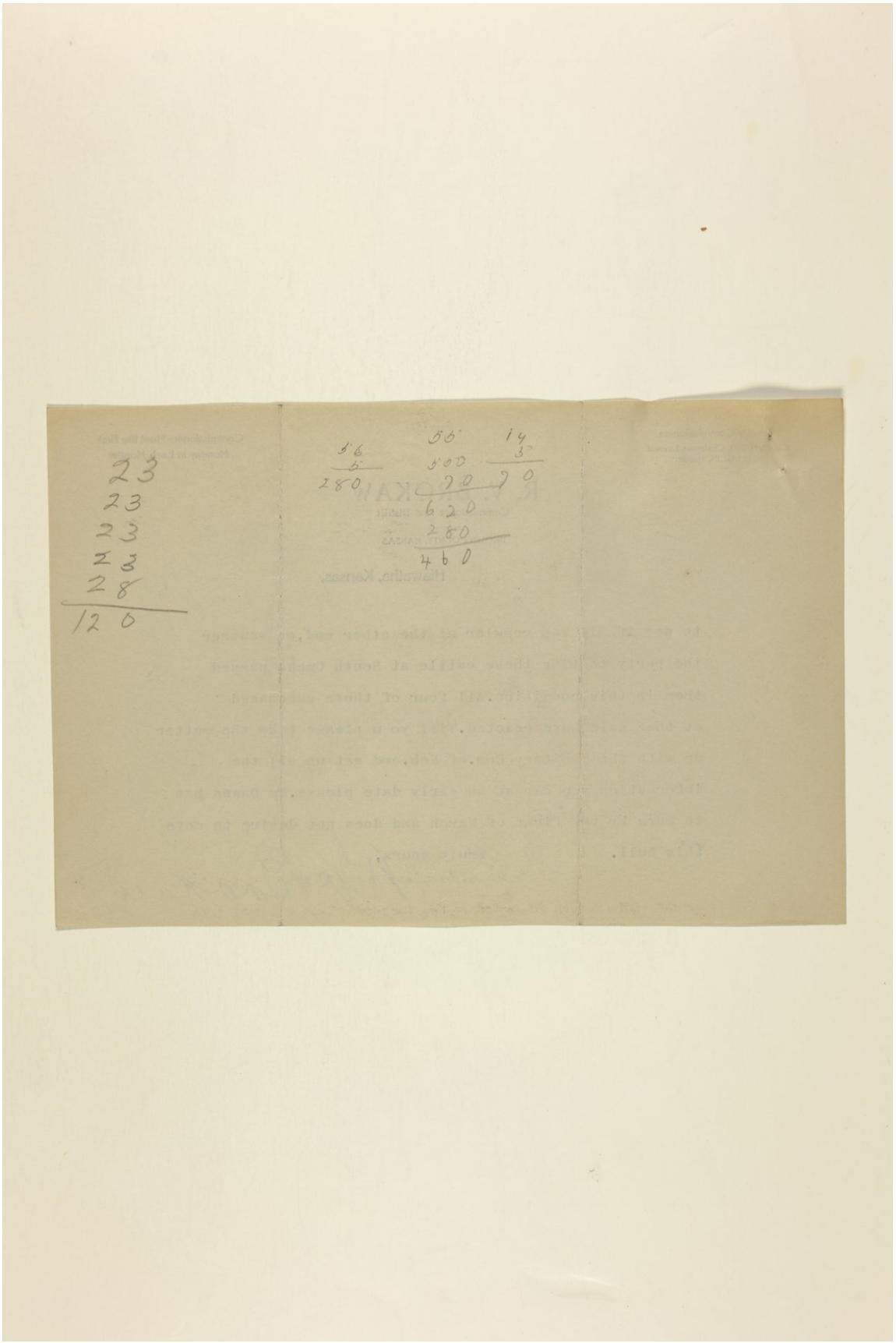
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to see if all was regular at the other end, or weather
the party testing these cattle at South Omaha passed
them in this condition. All four of those purchased
at that sale have reacted. Will yo u please take the matter
up with the Sanitary Com. of Neb. and get us all the
information you can at an early date please. Mr Dawes has
to move by the first of March and does not desire to move
this bull.

Truly yours,

R V Brokaw

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February 19, 1920.

Mr. T. J. Dawe,

Hiawatha, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory. If you will furnish me with information requested in Dr. Spencer's letter I will take the matter up further with him.

Also give me the name and registry number of the animal which was sold to the man at Sabetha and return the enclosed letter to this Department at your very earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

B Commissioner.

Dawe

February 13, 1920.

Dr. W.F. Spencer,
Deputy State Veterinarian,
Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Some time during the month of June 1919, one T. J. Dawe of Hiawatha, Kansas, bought four head of cattle from Allen & Sons of Lexington, Nebraska. According to information given us, these cattle were shipped into the state on a tuberculin health certificate issued by the sanitary authorities of the state of Nebraska.. Three of these cattle have recently been retested and all three of them reacted to the test.

Mr. Dawe is endeavoring to get Allen & Sons to take the cattle back and has made inquiry of us concerning our records covering this shipment. Upon looking the matter up we do not find any record of any shipment from Allen & Sons to T. J. Dawe on file in this office. We are making inquiry regarding this to find out whether or not the cattle were tested under some name other than Allen & Sons.

Will you please advise us regarding this matter and give us any information you may have in your office concerning the shipment? These are pure-bred cattle and I understand Mr. Dawe paid a big price for them. Therefore, it is necessary that the matter be thoroughly investigated.

Thanking you in advance for this information, I am

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

M

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The Moreland Hotel
W. H. EATON

HIAWATHA, KANSAS. Feb 4, 1920

Hon. J. H. Mercer,
Gallatin, Mo.

Dear Mr. Mercer=

The Nigus cow, for which appraisement is inclosed, is being shipped today through to Mr. Randebush to the Burlington Commission Co. St Jo. I have notified Burlington Commission Co. concerning same.

I also found (3) purebred shorthorn reactors here, property of a Mr. T. J. ~~Dave~~ Dauer. Dauer bought these cattle from Geo. Allen and sons of Lexington, Neb. in June 1919 on special health certificate, a copy of which should be in your office. Mr. Dauer is writing Mr. Allen

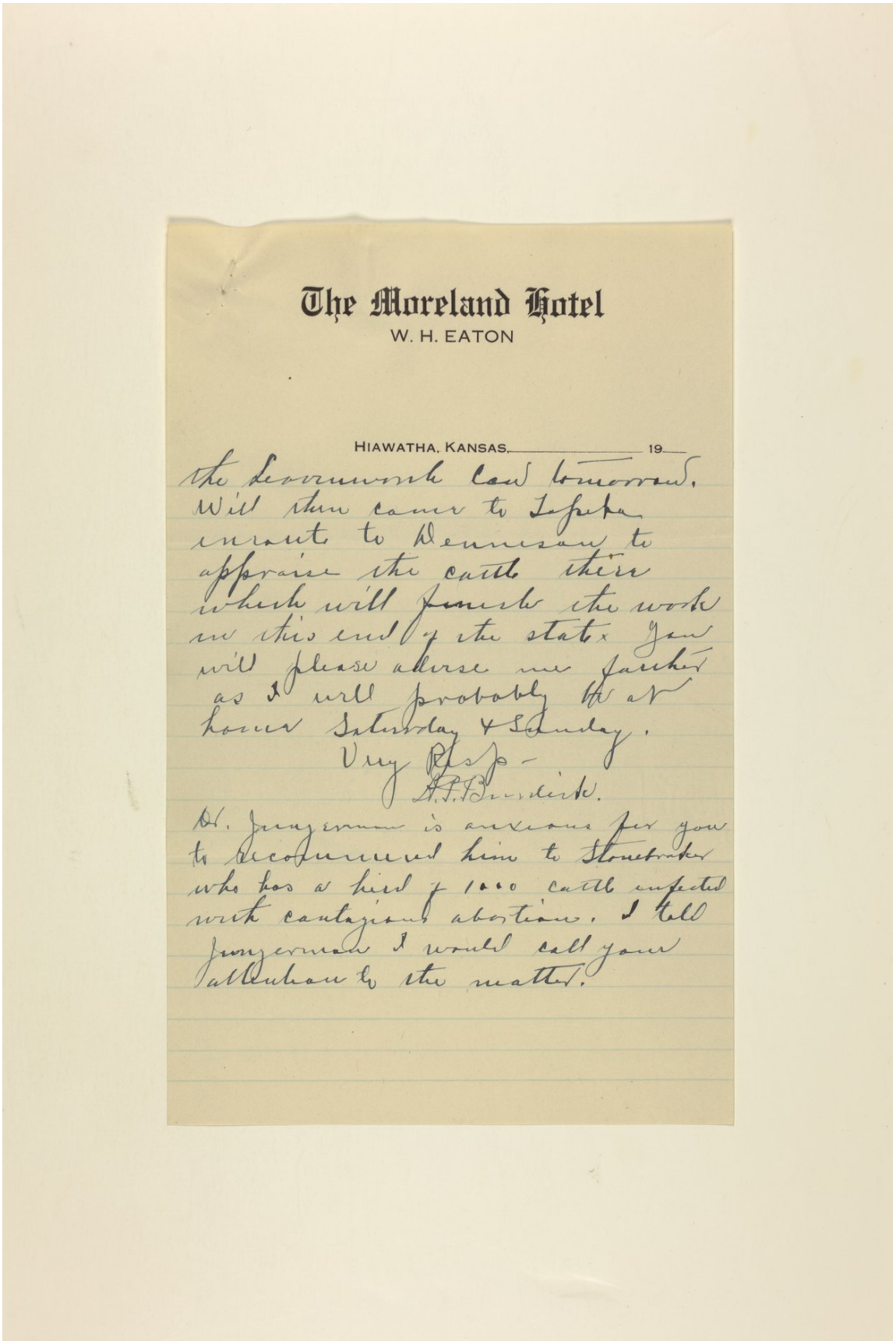
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HIAWATHA, KANSAS, _____ 19__

to take these cattle back and asks you to take the matter up with Dr. Spencer, state Vet of Neb. The cattle are being held here subject to future developments from Neb. Dawe also told I shall from this bunch to Mr. Crawford & Sons of Sabetha on Nebraska Chart. Dawe is not buying Crawford & Sons and the bull will be tested soon. Three of the four bought by Dawe from Allen of Nebraska have already reacted under Jungerman's test.

The Effingham case is to be said "subject" handled by Mr. Heffelfinger, county Commissioner of Effingham and also a Sheriff's. I expect to appraise

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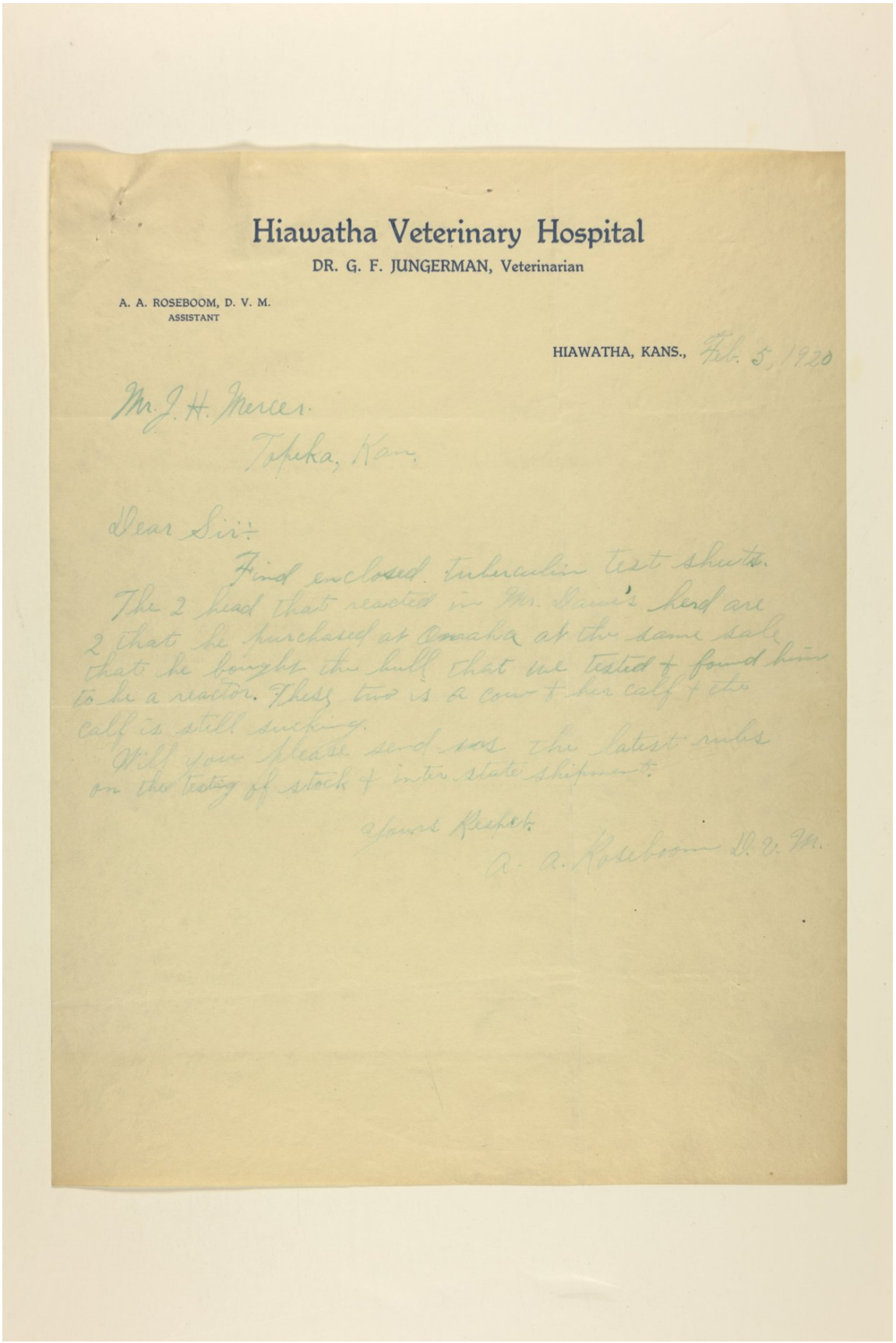
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HIAWATHA, KANSAS, _____ 19__

the Governor took tomorrow.
Will then come to Topeka
enroute to Wamego to
appraise the cattle there
which will finish the work
on this end of the state. You
will please advise me further
as I will probably be at
home Saturday & Sunday.

Very Yours -
A. F. Bundick.

Dr. Jungerman is anxious for you
to recommend him to Stonebraker
who has a herd of 1000 cattle infected
with contagious abortion. I told
Jungerman I would call your
attention to the matter.



Hiawatha Veterinary Hospital
DR. G. F. JUNGERMAN, Veterinarian

A. A. ROSEBOOM, D. V. M.
ASSISTANT

HIAWATHA, KANS., Feb. 5, 1920

Mr. J. H. Mercer.
Topeka, Kan.

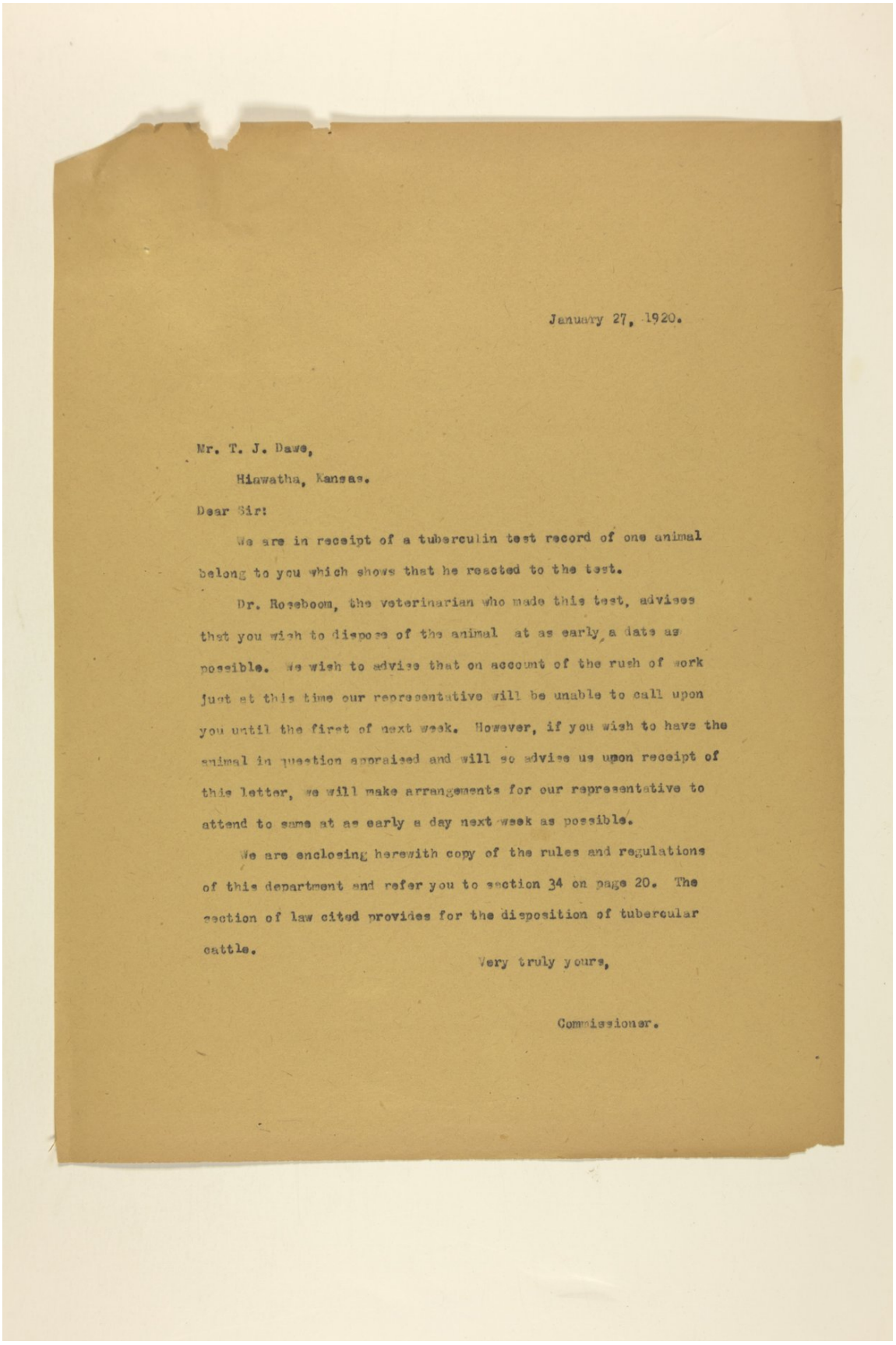
Dear Sir:-

Find enclosed tuberculin test sheets. The 2 head that reacted in Mr. Dann's herd are 2 that he purchased at Omaha at the same sale that he bought the bull that we tested & found him to be a reactor. These two is a cow & her calf & the calf is still sucking.

Will you please send us the latest rules on the testing of stock & inter state shipments.

Yours Respt.
A. A. Roseboom D. V. M.

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January 27, 1920.

Mr. T. J. Dawe,

Hiawatha, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a tuberculin test record of one animal belong to you which shows that he reacted to the test.

Dr. Roseboom, the veterinarian who made this test, advises that you wish to dispose of the animal at as early a date as possible. We wish to advise that on account of the rush of work just at this time our representative will be unable to call upon you until the first of next week. However, if you wish to have the animal in question appraised and will so advise us upon receipt of this letter, we will make arrangements for our representative to attend to same at as early a day next week as possible.

We are enclosing herewith copy of the rules and regulations of this department and refer you to section 34 on page 20. The section of law cited provides for the disposition of tubercular cattle.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.

October 15, 1920

Dr. E. L. Freeland,
Marion, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of the 13th with enclosure and note same. I am returning your statement and suggest that you put the number of miles on the charge for automobile. I think I told you before that the Auditor required the mileage in connection with items governing auto charges. Insert these mileages and return the slip and we will make out voucher for it.

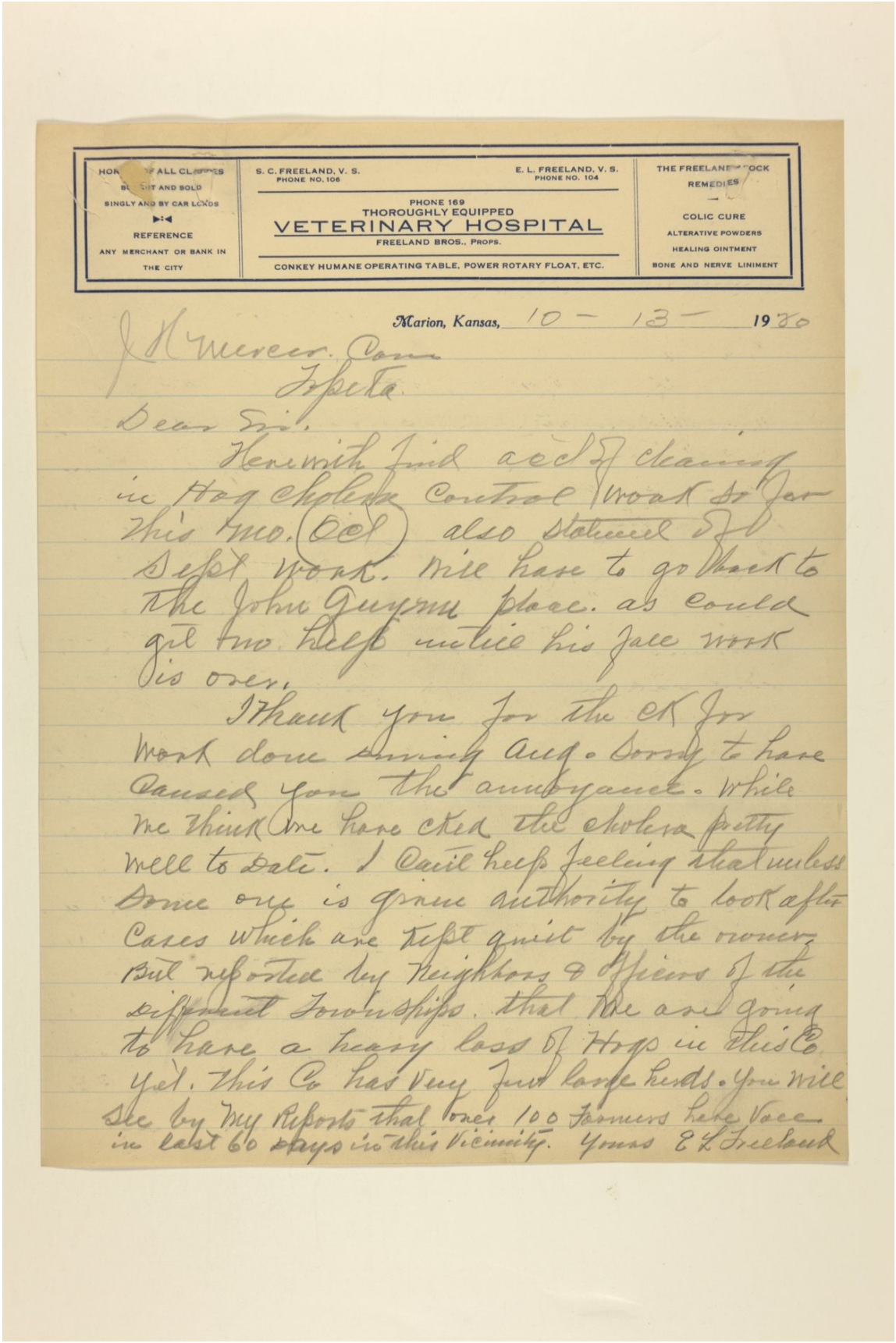
With reference to the hog cholera work in your county I believe if you would read over the plans of hog cholera control work as you will find in the biennial report heretofore sent you, you would realize that you have authority to make any investigation of reported outbreaks of hog cholera. You being a veterinarian you could go ahead and vaccinate the hogs if disease existed without waiting for the case to be diagnosed providing the owner of the hogs wanted you to do the work and would be willing to pya you in line with the rule for treating hogs in counties where the hog cholera control work was carried on.

I think you are aware that the veterinarians vaccinating hogs in hog cholera control counties are permitted to charge ½¢ per cubic centimeter for the amount of virus and serum used and in case of service of this kind you would not be allowed to charge the state for any services rendered. In fact the only charge you are permitted to make against the state is when you supervise the cleaning and disinfection of farms, or in case of a reported outbreak of disease among hogs to make an investigation. I have tried to make this plain to you so you could keep in close touch with the situation in your county. If you do not understand fully what I have explained, let me know.

Very truly yours

M-S

Commissioner.



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Marion, Kansas, 10 – 13 – 1920

J. H. Mercer. Com
Topeka.

Dear Sir.

Herewith find acct of cleaning in Hog Cholera Control work so far this Mo. (Oct) also statement of Sept work. Will have to go back to the John Guyman place. as could get no help until his Jale work is over.

Thank you for the OK for work done during Aug. Sorry to have caused you the annoyance. While we think we have ctrl the cholera pretty well to date. I still keep feeling that unless some one is given authority to look after Cases which are kept quiet by the owners But reported by neighbors & Officers of the different Townships. that We are going to have a heavy loss of Hogs in this Co. yet. This Co has very few large herds. You will see by My Reports that over 100 farmers have Case in last 60 days in this Vicinity. Yours E L Freeland

WALTER ASHTON SMITH
INVESTMENTS
TOPEKA, KANSAS
NEW ENGLAND BLDG.

October 18, 1920

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

I wish to thank you for your favor of recent date giving the name and address of cattle men. I am writing to each one and inclosing a print of the ranch which I am offering.

Mr. J. A. Snyder has left for Iowa, with the idea of selling some of our oil lease holdings. I gave him all of the Vernon lease, except 80 Acres, as I believe it would be a good plan to dispose of that much of it. Mr. Witter was in Saturday at the time Mr. Snyder was and he seemed to think that we better try to sell a pretty large block of it. I don't know how much success he will have, but we will know before long. Undoubtly this is not a good time to try to sell. Perhaps we should have crowded it earlier in the game, but things looked so good to me that it seemed best to hold on. Will let you know if anything develops.

Yours truly,

WAS/EEW

October 23, 1920

Dr. D. F. Luckey,
State Veterinarian
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Doctor Luckey:

You misunderstood my letter if you construed it to mean that I took exceptions to your letter or even meant to infer that you were writing the letter for the purpose of finding fault. I did not think of any other particular way to answer your letter at the time. I simply stated the facts covering the situation.

As stated to you when I received your letter, I felt sure that the animal you referred to had originated in the Kansas City stock yards since we were not furnishing tags to any veterinarians testing cattle anywhere else in the state and on submitting the matter to Dr. Little and Henderson at Kansas City, they explained the situation by saying that there were several cases where cattle had been tested at the yards by representatives of the state of Missouri, Kansas and the U.S.A.I. that in a short period of time had been tested, reacted and found to be infected with tuberculosis. So it was a happening that occasionally takes place yet at the same time on close examination we find that there are no irregularities and the work is well done.

I might say that in order that you can verify this statement you can follow up Missouri tag No. 92172-A that I have in mind at this time, tested at the Kansas City stock yards; and also the results of the Wimmer herd tested in 1917 by Missouri representatives which were afterward disposed of and after postmortem examination, tubercular lesions were found. I presume we could go through the records and find a number of cases, but as stated above and in my former letter, I think the work is being well done at Kansas City by all interested. I think you know me well enough to know that I am interested in doing these things right and take no exceptions whatever to your letter calling my attention to these matters, and would be glad to furnish you any information at any time that I can that will be of consequence regarding the work done.

Very truly yours

M-S

Commissioner.

D. F. LUCKEY
STATE VETERINARIAN

State of Missouri
BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
City of Jefferson

October 18, 1920

Hon. J. H. Mercer,
L. S. Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas

My dear Mr. Mercer:

In reply to yours of the 16th inst., it appears to me that you feel I have written you in a fault-finding spirit about the reacting cow which came out of the Kansas City Yards. This is certainly not the case. We are all making plenty of mistakes and it is not that I would care to find out who is making the most, but that I would certainly like for all of us to make improvement, wherever we can.

I am very anxious to know of every instance where any of my men pass cattle for sound that afterwards prove to be diseased. I wish therefore, as suggested in your letter, you would furnish me all of the data that you have on hand and always report every case of the kind to me.

I simply want to investigate every case and if these mistakes are made through carelessness or incompetence, I want to take steps to see that it does not happen the second time.

Yours respectfully,
D. F. Luckey

L:T.

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October 16, 1920

Dr. D. F. Luckey
State Veterinarian
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

On receipt of your letter of October 6th regarding the Peterson & Son's cow that reacted to the tuberculin test applied by Dr. H. M. McConnell of Independence, you are advised that I took this matter up with Dr. E. W. Little and his records show he tested this cow July 5 to 8, 1920 for the Shawnee Dairy Company of Kansas City, Kansas.

After investigating this matter, I do not consider there are any irregularities in any manner attached to the testing of this cow. Furthermore, I am quite sure you are aware there are cattle tested at Kansas City stock yards by your own representatives, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's representatives, and the Kansas representatives, that quite often react to the test later on. If you do not know of any of these transactions, I will be glad to furnish some information.

I think that you well know that the tests are not always accurate, regardless of how efficiently administered. It is quite true some tests are applied in a haphazard way but I do not believe any of the representatives, either of your force, the Bureau or our own, are inefficient at any time in administering the test. Of course they cannot get all of the reactors. they test.

Very truly yours

M-S

Commissioner.

D. F. LUCKEY
STATE VETERINARIAN

State of Missouri
BOARD OF AGRICULTURE
City of Jefferson

October 6, 1920

Hon. J. H. Mercer,

Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

On September 26, 1920 Dr. H. M. McConnell of Independence condemned a grade cow belonging to E. Peterson & Son 56 & Bennington, Kansas City, Missouri, which came from the Kansas City Yards some 90 days prior, bearing a Kansas tag, 1937. This cow was sent to slaughter and on post mortem showed lesions in the bronchial and mediastinal glands. The indications are that there is some inefficiency in making this inspection.

You will likely be able to ascertain from your records who has this particular tag and may know thereby who is responsible for passing this diseased cow.

Yours respectfully,

D. F. Luckey

L:T.

Dictated--
but not read

State of Kansas

OFFICE OF
LIVE STOCK SANITARY COMMISSIONER
TOPEKA

J. H. MERCER
COMMISSIONER

804 Live Stock Exchange,
Kansas City, Missouri,
October 13, 1920.

Mr. J. H. Mercer,
L.S.S.Commissioner,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

In reference to the letter of Dr. D. F. Luckey in regard to cow bearing Kansas tag 1937, which was classed as a reactor by Dr. McConnell, I will state that I tested this cow on July 5 to 8,1920, for the Shawnee Dairy Cattle Company,Kansas City, Kansas.

I would assume that Dr. Luckey, from his long experience, would be conversant with the shortcomings of the tuberculin test on public stock yards, and am at a loss to understand why he is so quick to criticize tests of this kind when it would be very apparent from records in his own state that the tuberculin test is by no means infallible except in that it might be so classed if it was applied by a Missouri Deputy. The records of the local B. A. I. office and Board of Health of both Kansas Cities do not bear this out and it is strange, but never-the-less true, that the Kansas Deputies are not entirely to blame, there being some prominent Missouri Deputies on the list.

I have taken at random from the list a reactor in the Interstate Dairy herd, Rosedale, Kansas, which bore tag No. Mo.92172A, black, dehorned cow, tested some time previous to Jan. 16, 1920, which was killed on the following day at Morris Packing Co., and showed on B.A.I.report tuberculosis in the cervical lymph glands. I do not pretend to know who had previously tested this cow only that it bore the Missouri passed tag referred to above. I also have in mind the condemnation of the Wimmer herd in 1916 or 1917 wherein there were recent Missouri and Kansas tests that were classed as reactors and showed lesions on post-mortem. I would not know how to class this only in Missouri language it would be inefficiency as far as the Kansas end of it is concerned, and that the test is not infallible as far as the Missouri end is concerned.

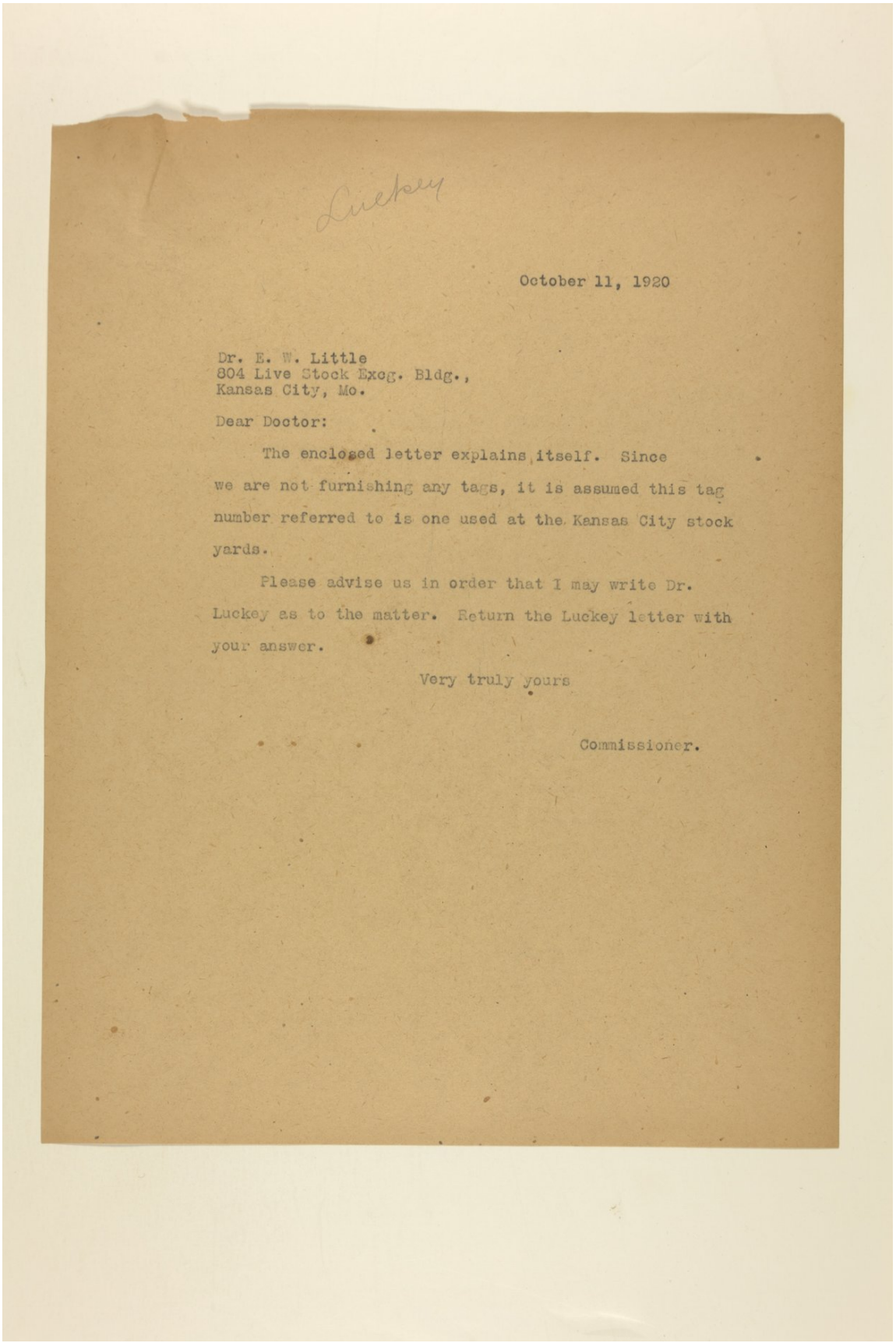
The B.A.I. officials as well as State officials do not consider the test infallible and there are sufficient records to show this, and it is a matter of only passing comment among veterinarians and others who claim to be conversant with the tuberculin test, no matter where applied when instances like this one stated in the controversy occurs.

Any other information will be gladly furnished by this office.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Little

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Luckey

October 11, 1920

Dr. E. W. Little
804 Live Stock Exeg. Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

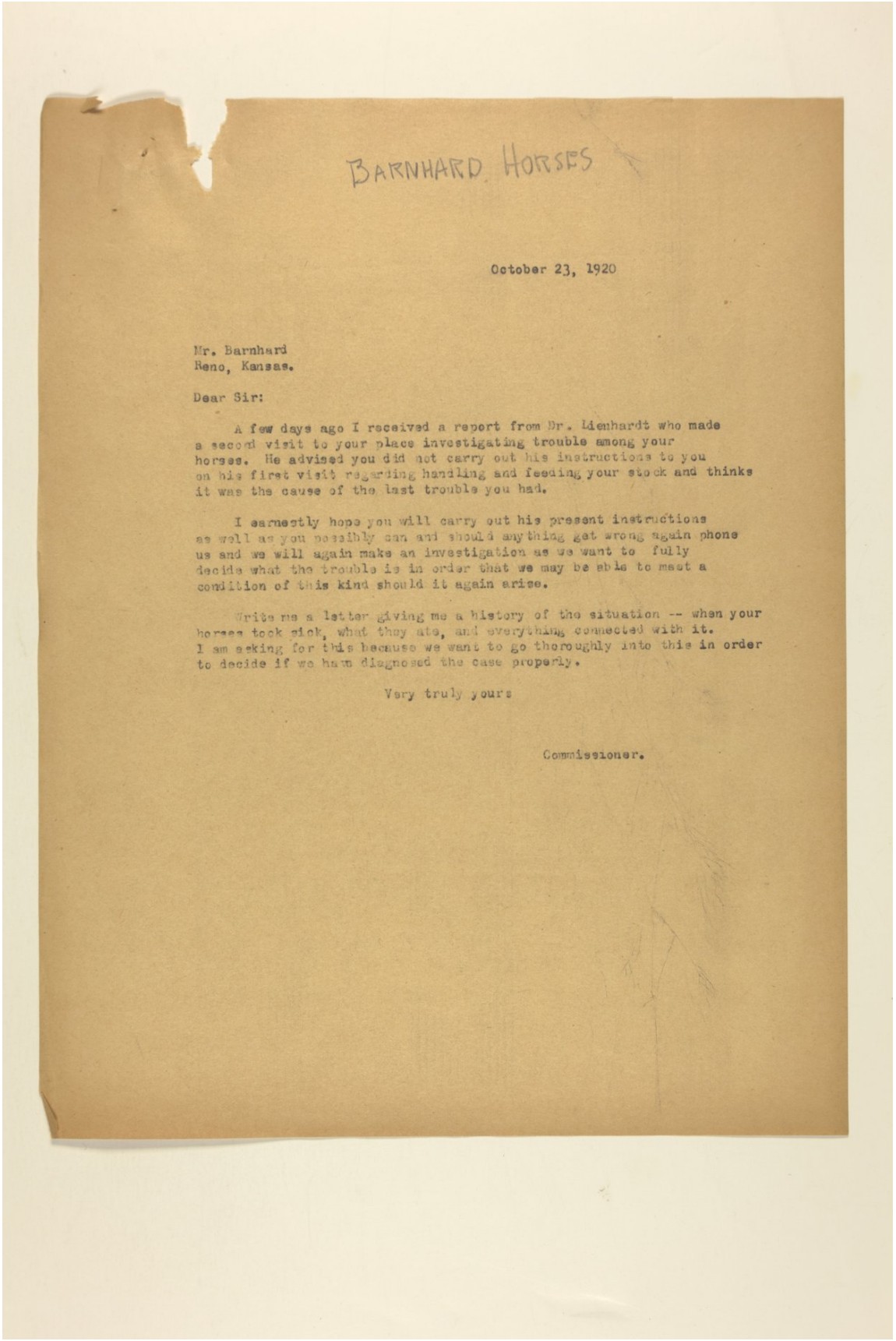
Dear Doctor:

The enclosed letter explains itself. Since we are not furnishing any tags, it is assumed this tag number referred to is one used at the Kansas City stock yards.

Please advise us in order that I may write Dr. Luckey as to the matter. Return the Luckey letter with your answer.

Very truly yours

Commissioner.



BARNHARD HORSES

October 23, 1920

Mr. Barnhard
Reno, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

A few days ago I received a report from Dr. Lienhardt who made a second visit to your place investigating trouble among your horses. He advised you did not carry out his instructions to you on his first visit regarding handling and feeding your stock and thinks it was the cause of the last trouble you had.

I earnestly hope you will carry out his present instructions as well as you possibly can and should anything get wrong again phone us and we will again make an investigation as we want to fully decide what the trouble is in order that we may be able to meet a condition of this kind should it again arise.

Write me a letter giving me a history of the situation -- when your horses took sick, what they ate, and everything connected with it. I am seeking for this because we want to go thoroughly into this in order to decide if we have diagnosed the case properly.

Very truly yours

Commissioner.

KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

DIVISION OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
R. R. DYKSTRA, DEAN

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY
H. F. LIENHARDT, PROFESSOR
J. P. SCOTT, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
C. H. KITSELMAN, INSTRUCTOR
SIVERT ERIKSEN, INSTRUCTOR

Oct. 16, 1920

Hon. J. H. Mercer
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Sir:

I am inclosing an expense voucher for a trip to Reno, Kansas, to investigate a disease in horses on the farm of Mr. Fred Barnhard. Some 2 or 3 weeks ago I visited this same farm and diagnosed the condition as cerebrospinal meningitis or cryptogamic forage poisining and advised Mr. Barnhard to discontinue the feed he was feeding until such a time as he could have his animals given a protective dose of Graham's Botulinus Antitoxin and told him that after the administration of the antitoxin he could utilize his own feed again if he would sun it for a period of 3 hours before feeding.

The horses were given the antitoxin but Mr. Barnhard failed to carry out sunning his feed before feeding time. The animal that was down when Doctor Muldoon and myself reached there was one that he had purchased some 12 days previous. The animal had been given the antitoxin and 2 days later came down. Doctor Muldoon and myself are unified as regards the diagnosis of cerebrospinal meningitis or cryptogamic forage poisining. We advised that he discontinue feeding the feed that he was for a period of about one and one-half month, and if at the end of that time no more cases develop, we will feel confident that the infection was in the feed. If, however, he uses a neighbors feed that has never produced this disease with the neighbor and his animals still continue to die, he can then go back to his own feed, as it will be conclusive evidence that the feed had no bearing on the production of the disease.

We also suggested that he give his animals another immunizing dose of the antitoxin and a quart of raw linseed oil a piece.n If Mr. Barnhard follows these suggestions we feel that his losses will cease.

Very truly yours,

H. F. Lienhardt

HFL:VW

BARNHARD HORSES

October 11, 1920

Mr. I. N. Chapman,
County Agent,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

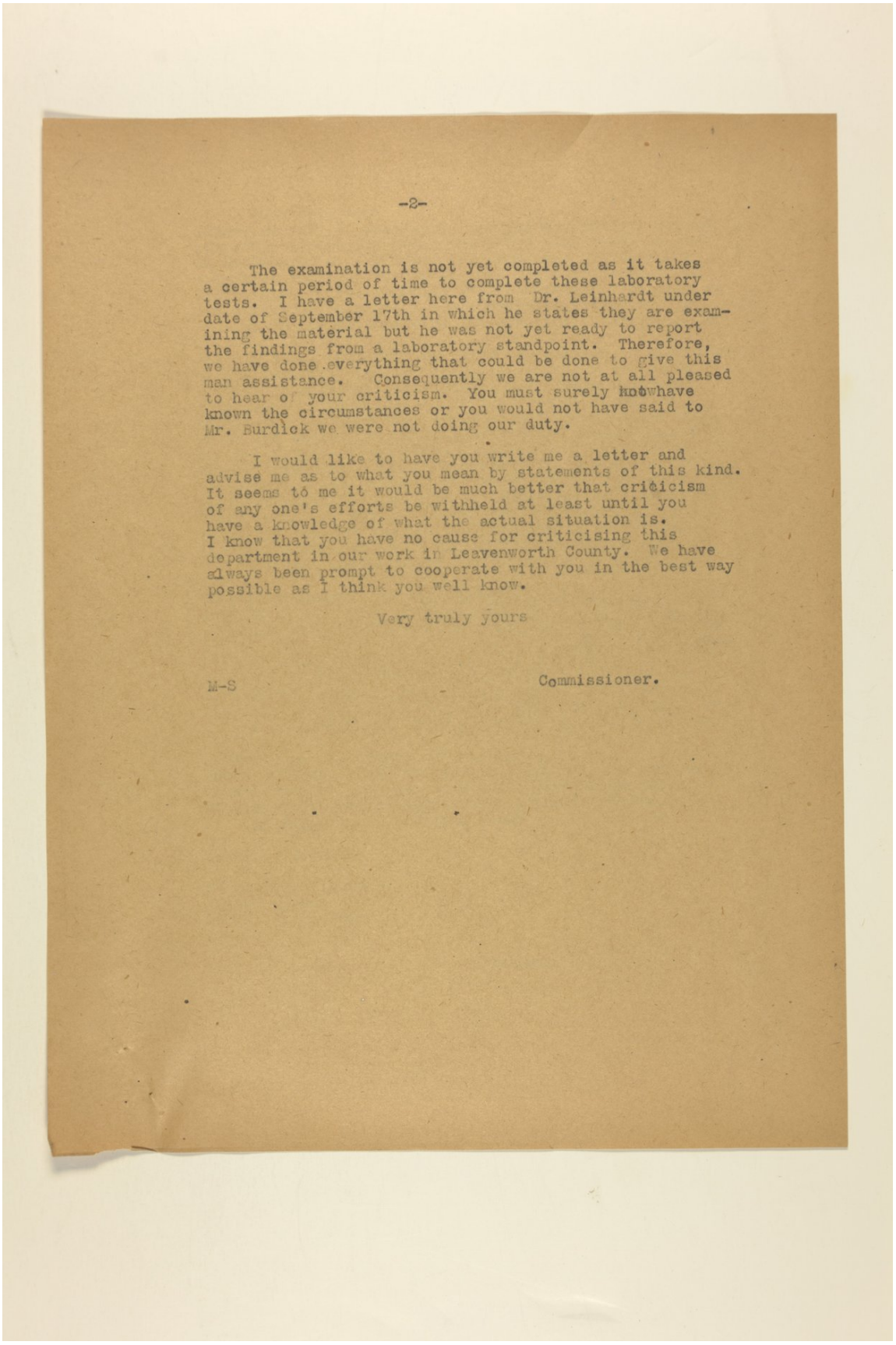
Dear Mr. Chapman:

My attention was called today to a letter Mr. Burdick wrote you concerning the Barnhard horses at Reno. I talked with Mr. Burdick regarding the matter and he advises that you seem to think that we had not looked into this matter as we should have.

I am indeed very much surprised to hear this coming from you, especially so since we have been so active in this case. When you phoned me sometime ago regarding the trouble in Mr. Barnhard's horses, I got in touch with Dr. Wolf that day and in fact I talked with you two or three times. At first I had intended that he come by Leavenworth and go to the farm with you and then you advised me he lived close to Reno and it was nearer to come by Lawrence, and arrangements were made accordingly.

Dr. Wolf visited this farm, made an investigation and recommended to the owner how he should handle and treat his horses, and Dr. Wolf advised me he did not think there was any trouble of any contagious or infectious nature in the herd of horses and he was of the opinion that the trouble was caused by the food they were eating, creating a forage poisoning of some kind. Later on Mr. Barnhard called again advising he had another horse die acting in the same way as the others, and in order that we might have a laboratory examination, we directed a veterinarian to go from the Agricultural College to make an investigation and secure specimens of the feed this man was feeding his horses and water and any other material that might be subject to analysis.

Dr. H. F. Leinhardt of the Veterinary Department of the Agricultural College made this investigation. On his arrival at the Barnhard farm on or about the 15th of September he found the horse down but still alive, and on suggestion of the owner the horse was killed and a thorough examination made, specimens were taken of the animal as well as feed, etc., to the college for laboratory investigation.



The examination is not yet completed as it takes a certain period of time to complete these laboratory tests. I have a letter here from Dr. Leinhardt under date of September 17th in which he states they are examining the material but he was not yet ready to report the findings from a laboratory standpoint. Therefore, we have done everything that could be done to give this man assistance. Consequently we are not at all pleased to hear of your criticism. You must surely know the circumstances or you would not have said to Mr. Burdick we were not doing our duty.

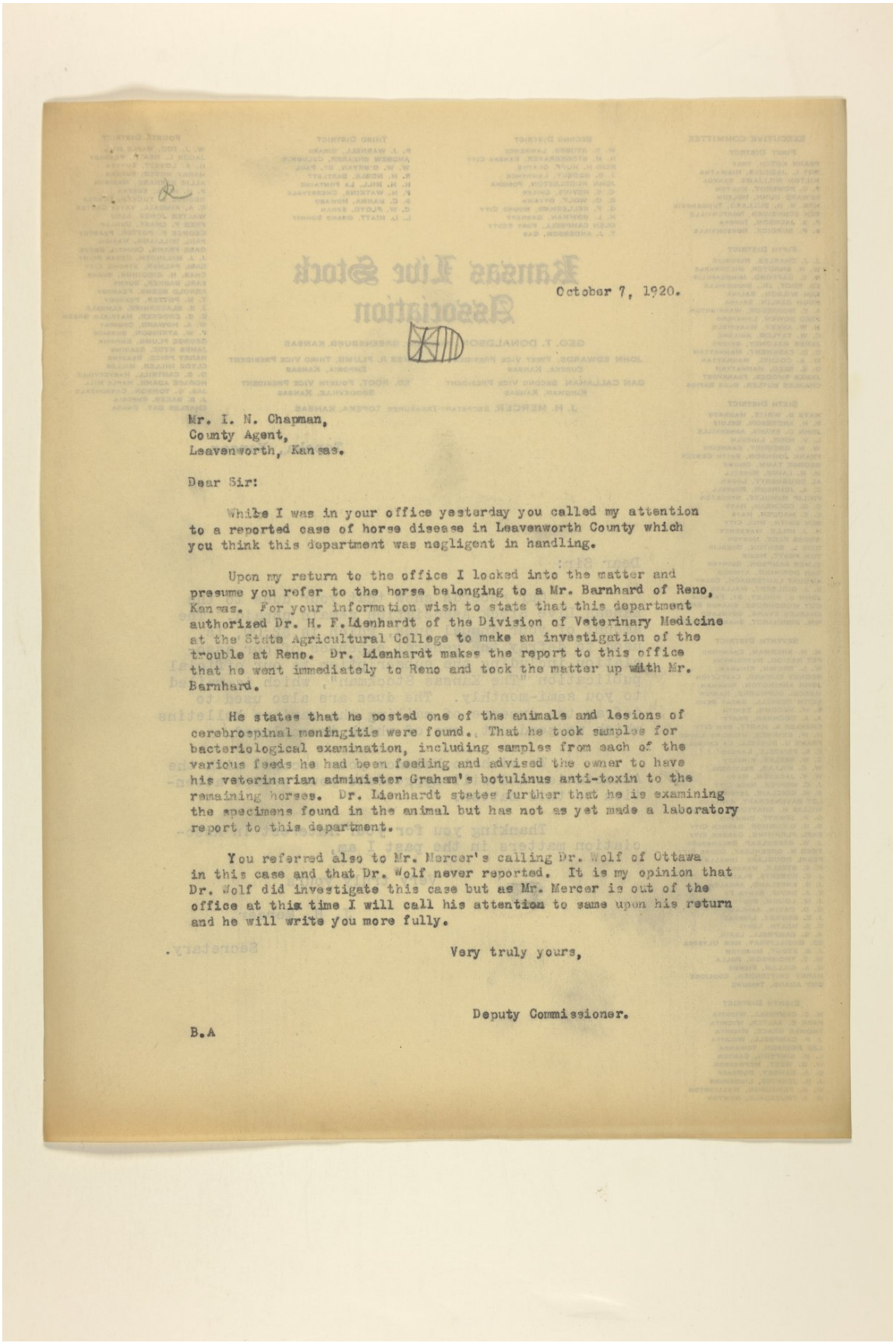
I would like to have you write me a letter and advise me as to what you mean by statements of this kind. It seems to me it would be much better that criticism of any one's efforts be withheld at least until you have a knowledge of what the actual situation is. I know that you have no cause for criticising this department in our work in Leavenworth County. We have always been prompt to cooperate with you in the best way possible as I think you well know.

Very truly yours

M-S

Commissioner.

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October 7, 1920.

Mr. I. N. Chapman,
County Agent,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

While I was in your office yesterday you called my attention to a reported case of horse disease in Leavenworth County which you think this department was negligent in handling.

Upon my return to the office I looked into the matter and presume you refer to the horse belonging to a Mr. Barnhard of Reno, Kansas. For your information wish to state that this department authorized Dr. H. F. Lienhardt of the Division of Veterinary Medicine at the State Agricultural College to make an investigation of the trouble at Reno. Dr. Lienhardt makes the report to this office that he went immediately to Reno and took the matter up with Mr. Barnhard.

He states that he posted one of the animals and lesions of cerebrospinal meningitis were found. That he took samples for bacteriological examination, including samples from each of the various feeds he had been feeding and advised the owner to have his veterinarian administer Graham's botulinus anti-toxin to the remaining horses. Dr. Lienhardt states further that he is examining the specimens found in the animal but has not as yet made a laboratory report to this department.

You referred also to Mr. Mercer's calling Dr. Wolf of Ottawa in this case and that Dr. Wolf never reported. It is my opinion that Dr. Wolf did investigate this case but as Mr. Mercer is out of the office at this time I will call his attention to same upon his return and he will write you more fully.

Very truly yours,

Deputy Commissioner.

B.A

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Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Our records show that your dues to the Kansas Live Stock Association remain unpaid. The amount of your annual dues, which is $2.00, is used to defray the general expenses of our association including the subscription to our official publication "The Kansas Stockman", which is mailed to you semi-monthly. The dues are also used to defray the expense of mailing the various bulletins which we send out, one of which is enclosed.

We wish to balance your account with the Association and will appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

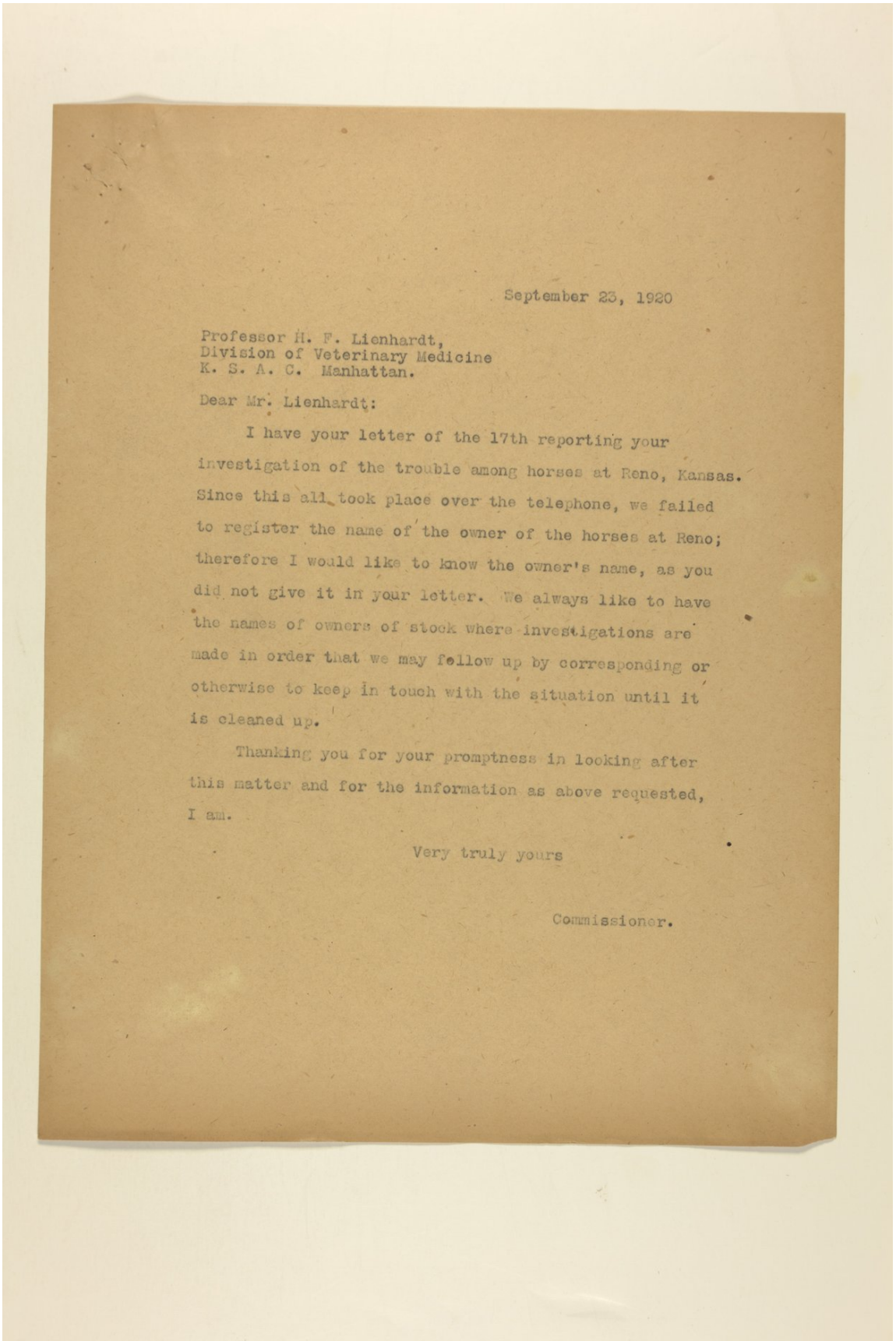
Thanking you for your interest in Association matters in the past I am,

Very truly yours,

J. H. Mercer,

Secretary.

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September 23, 1920

Professor H. F. Lienhardt,
Division of Veterinary Medicine
K. S. A. C. Manhattan.

Dear Mr. Lienhardt:

I have your letter of the 17th reporting your investigation of the trouble among horses at Reno, Kansas. Since this all took place over the telephone, we failed to register the name of the owner of the horses at Reno; therefore I would like to know the owner's name, as you did not give it in your letter. We always like to have the names of owners of stock where investigations are made in order that we may follow up by corresponding or otherwise to keep in touch with the situation until it is cleaned up.

Thanking you for your promptness in looking after this matter and for the information as above requested, I am.

Very truly yours

Commissioner.

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September 17, 1920.

Hon. J. H. Mercer,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Mercer:

Inclosed please find expense receipts for the trip which I took to Reno, Kansas, for the purpose of investigating an outbreak of disease in horses.

When I arrived there was one horse down. This horse had been down for three days, and showed no evidence of ever being able to get up. The owner was of the same opinion, and desired that we kill the horse and hold a post mortem. This was done and the lesions found were typical of cerebrospinal meningitis, or forage poisoning.

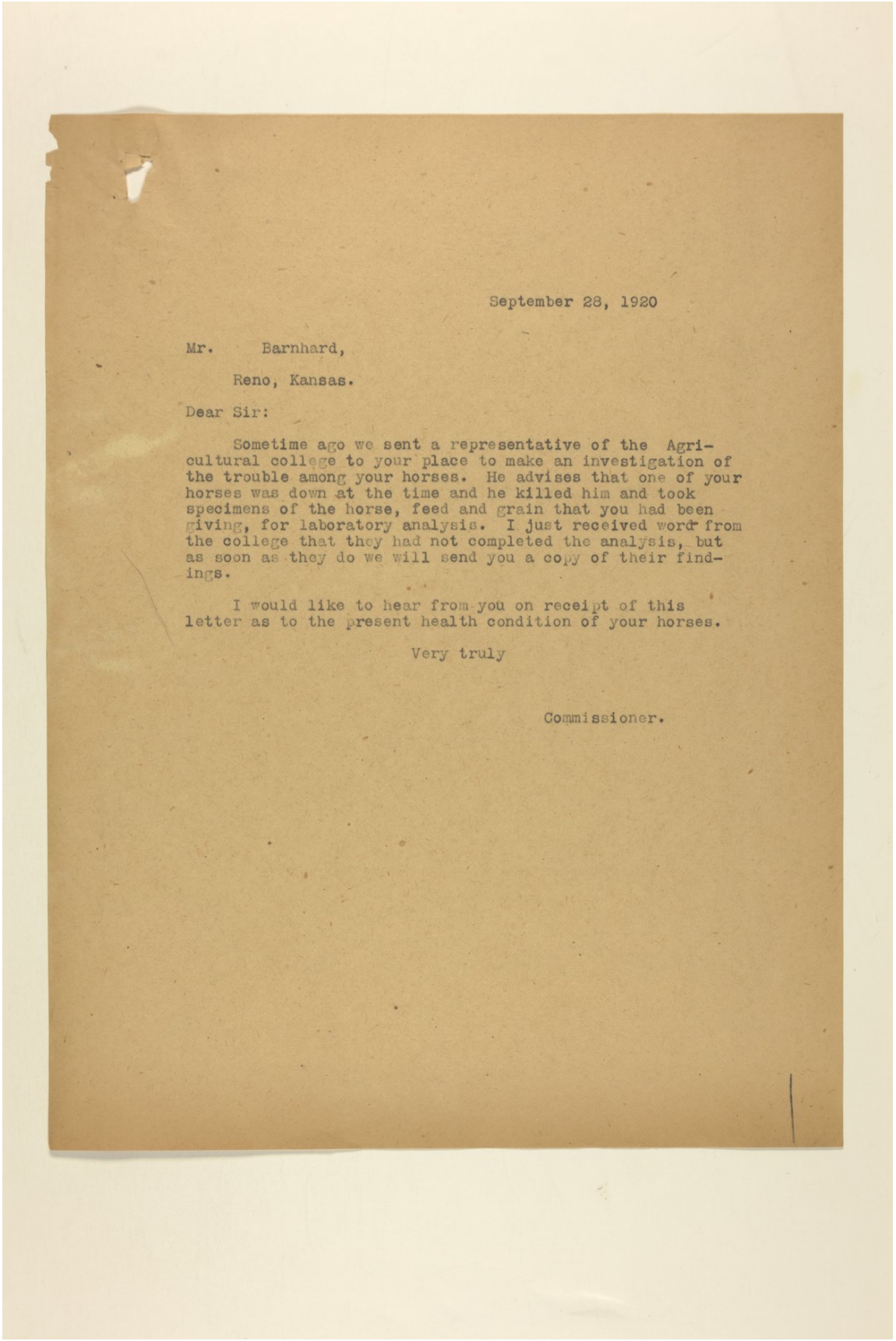
I collected samples for bacteriological examination, including samples from each of the various feeds he had been feeding, and advised him to have his veterinarian procure and administer Graham's botulinus anti-toxin to the remaining horses that he had on his farm, and also advised that he discontinue using the feed that he had and that he should buy some new feed, enough at least to last him for a week and a half or two weeks or until I could advise him further.

We are examining this material that I brought back with me at the present time and I am not ready as yet to report the findings from the laboratory standpoint. As soon as our findings are completed I will report them to you at once.

Very truly yours,

H. F. Lienhardt

HFL/NL



September 28, 1920

Mr. Barnhard,

Reno, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago we sent a representative of the Agricultural college to your place to make an investigation of the trouble among your horses. He advises that one of your horses was down at the time and he killed him and took specimens of the horse, feed and grain that you had been giving, for laboratory analysis. I just received word from the college that they had not completed the analysis, but as soon as they do we will send you a copy of their findings.

I would like to hear from you on receipt of this letter as to the present health condition of your horses.

Very truly

Commissioner.