

#### Livestock Sanitary Commissioner's Office, correspondence, 1924-1926

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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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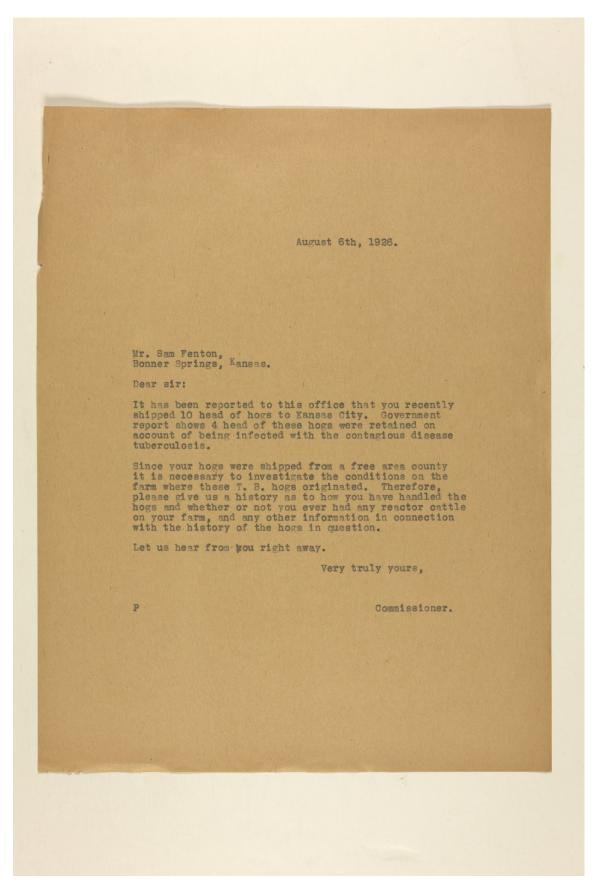
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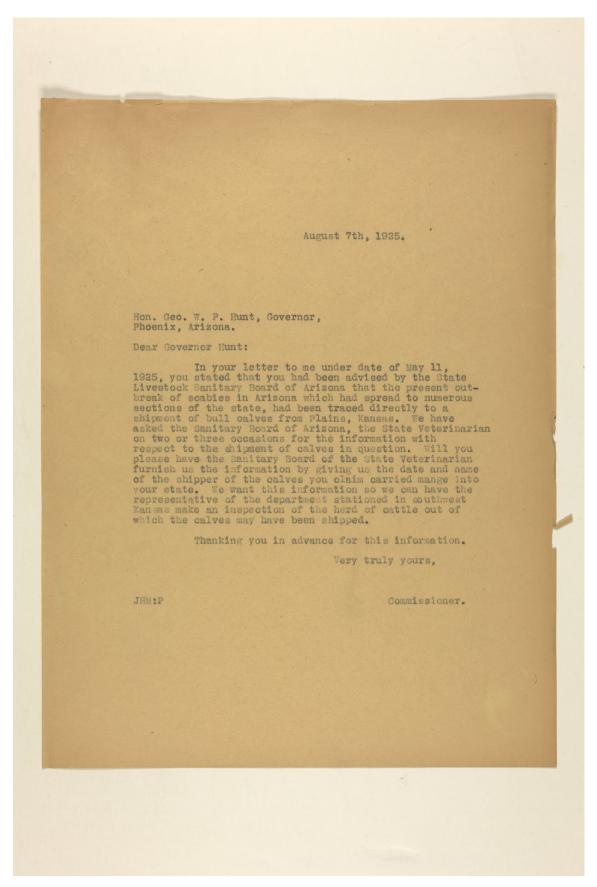
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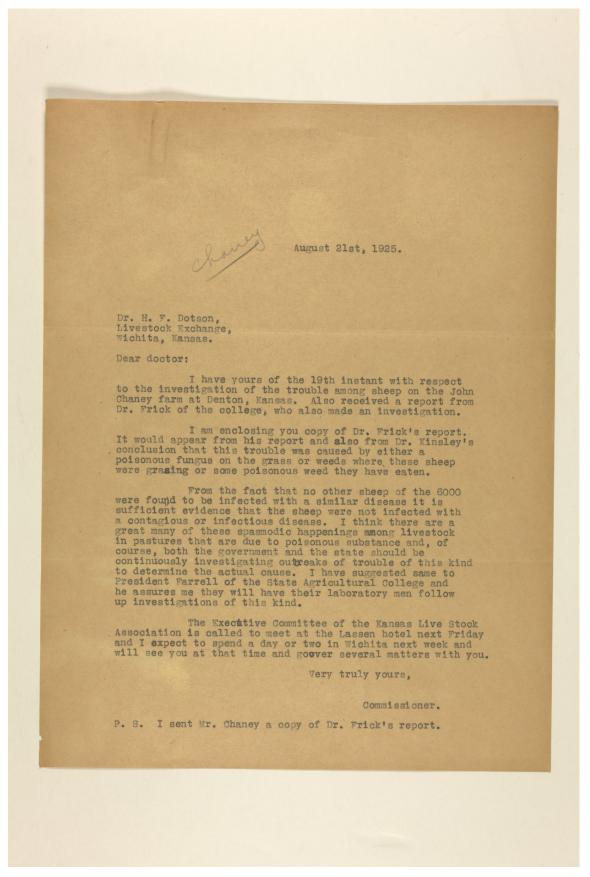




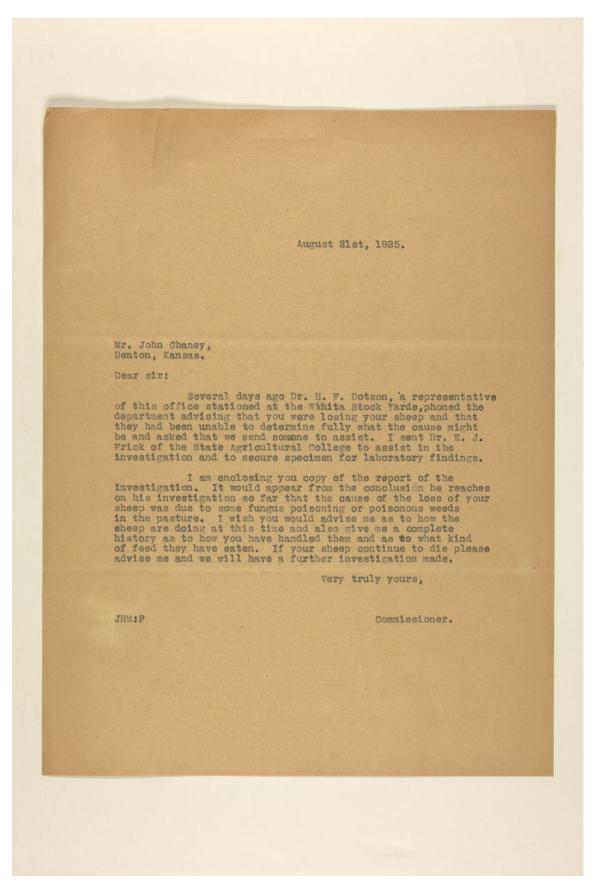




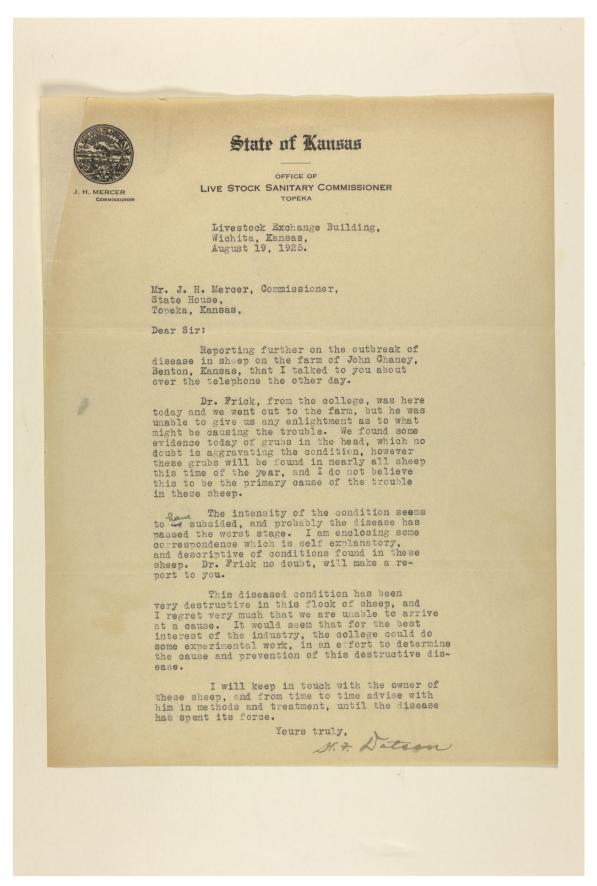




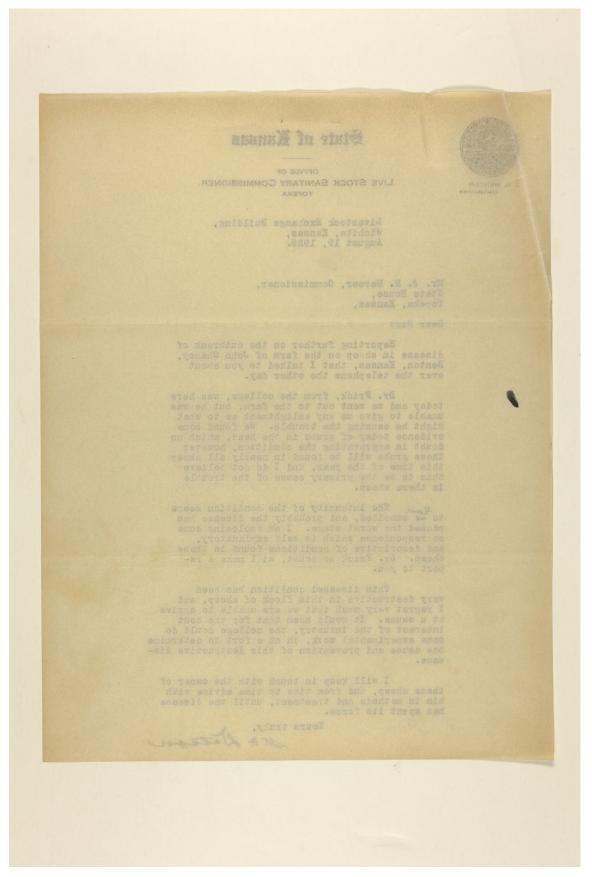




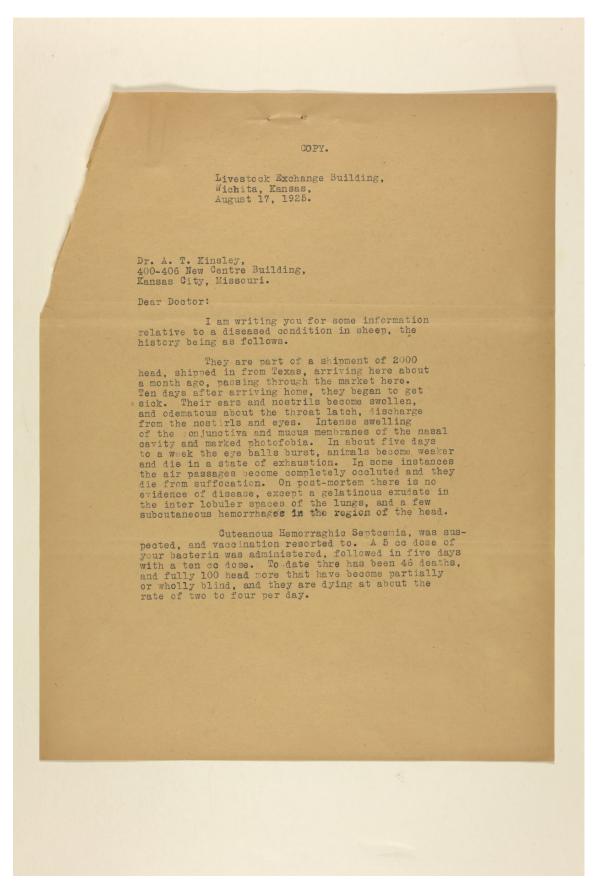




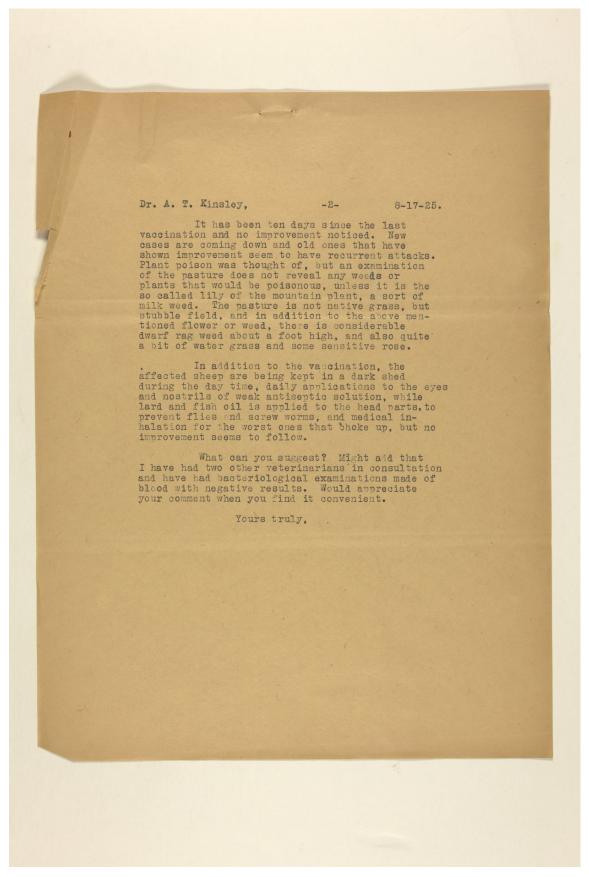




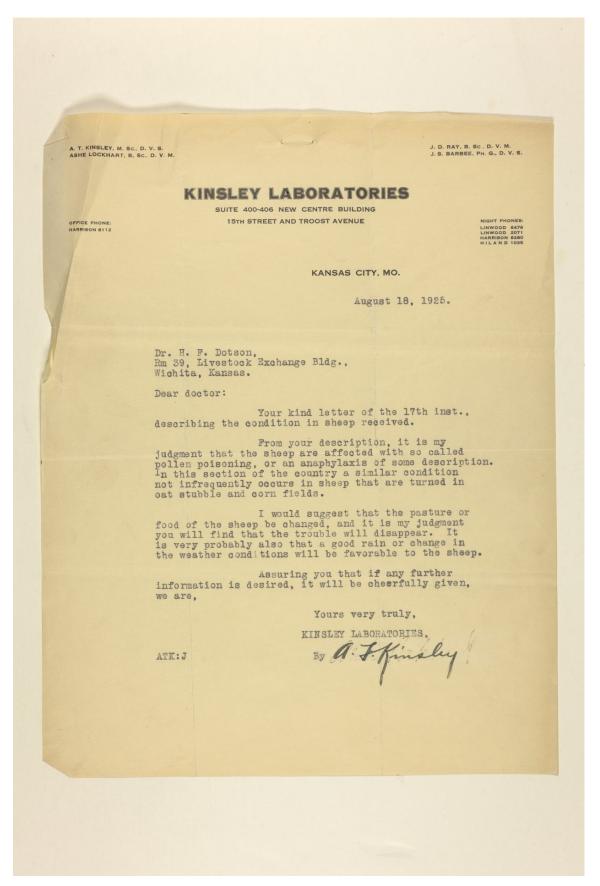






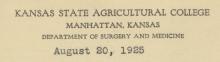








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Hon. J. H. Mercer State Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Mercer:

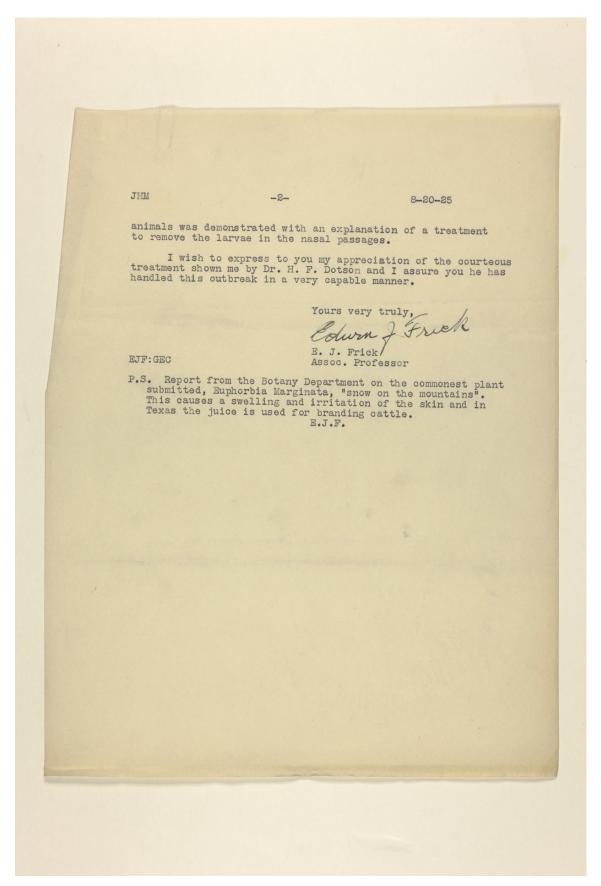
Acting on advice from your office on August 19, together with Dr. H. F. Dotson of Wichita, I visited the farm of Mr. John Chaney at Denton, Kansas.

Mr. Chaney about three weeks previous had bought some 220 head of sheep out of a lot of 6000. These sheep were in good condition and appeared healthy, About a week after they had been out on his pasture he noticed symptoms of swelling of the head with profuse discharging from the nose and eyes. At the time of my visit about 50 head had died with about 100 head visibly sick. The sick animals ran a temperature of 106°F., but most of them seemed to be markedly improving according to the report of the owner and Doctor Dotson, who had previously examined them.

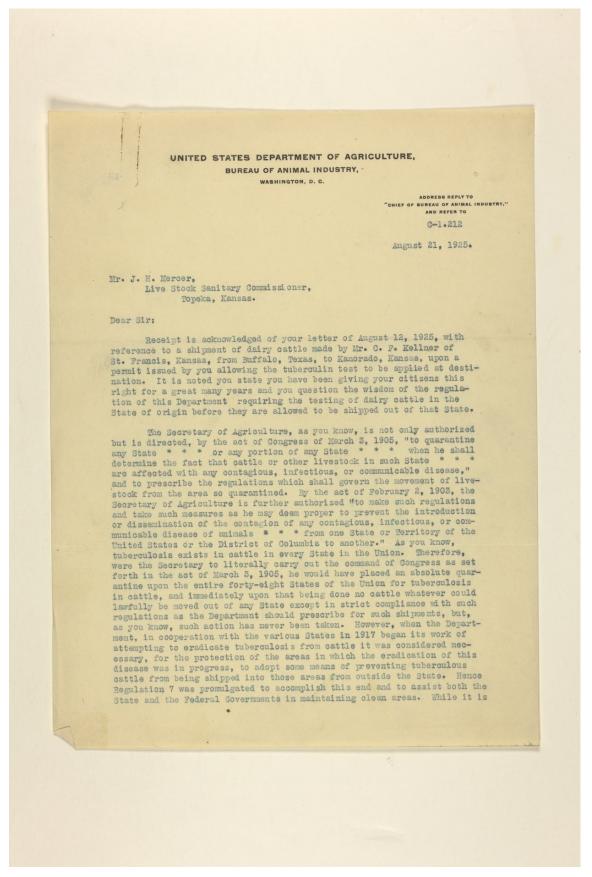
One of the sickest blind animals was autopsied, as were also two that had died the night before. The findings on these three autopsies were similar and only the first one will be described:— The organs in the abdominal and chest cavity appeared normal. There were no lesions referable to the symptoms displayed that could be traced to the intestinal or lower respiratory systems. All the lesions were in the head. The first sheep had no leds than six mature larvae of Oestrus ovis (grub in head), and the dead sheep also had these parasites. There was an intense diffuse inflammation of the lining membrane of the nose present in all cases together with a marked inflammation of the mucous membrane of the eyes. This was due to some irritant other than the Oestrus ovis.

A sample of the heart blood was taken, though there were no hemorrhages or evidence of a septicemia throughout the body. A number of questionable pasture plants that are thought to have an irritating action were collected for identification. Evidence tends to suggest that the trouble is most likely an irritating poisonous plant. The sheep have improved since they have been off pasture. Reports from the rest of the 6000 head have not shown any losses. A procedure for nursing the sick

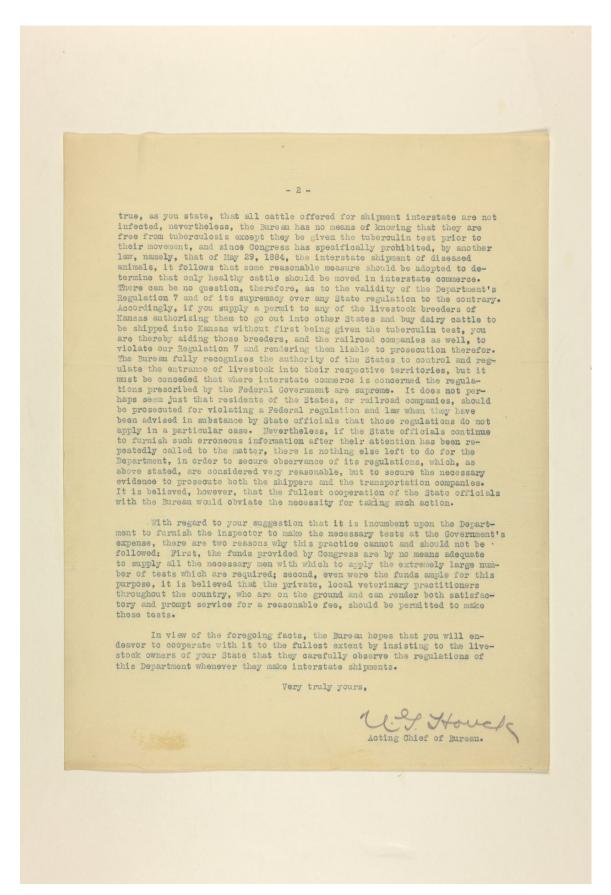




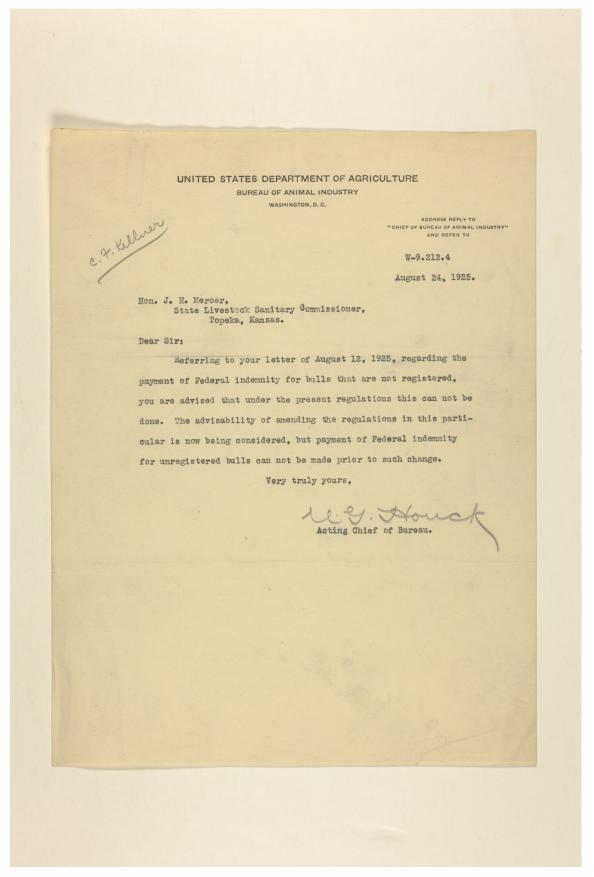




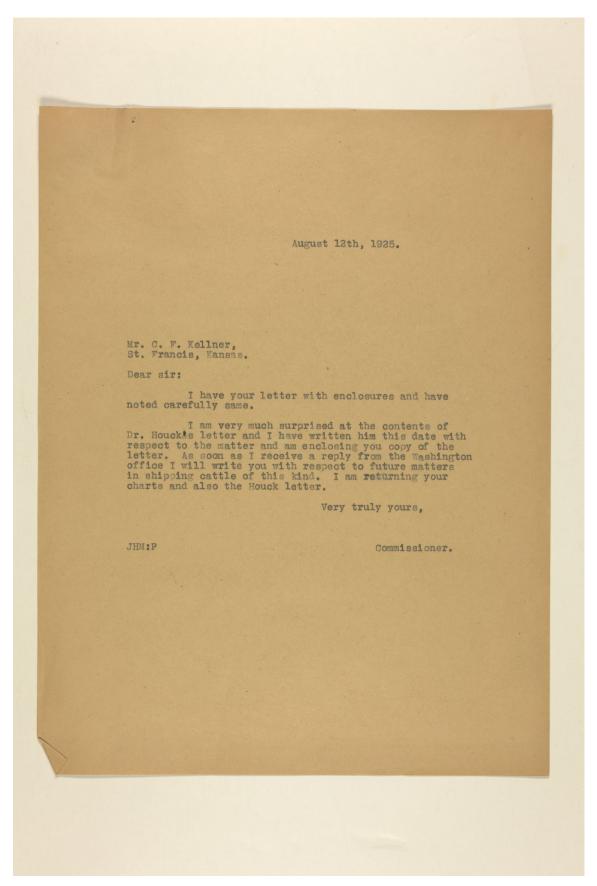




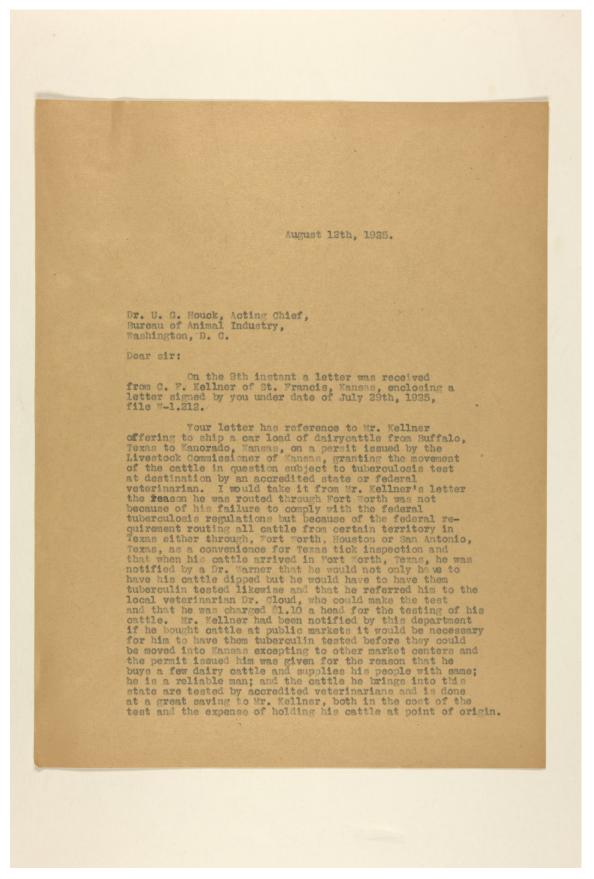




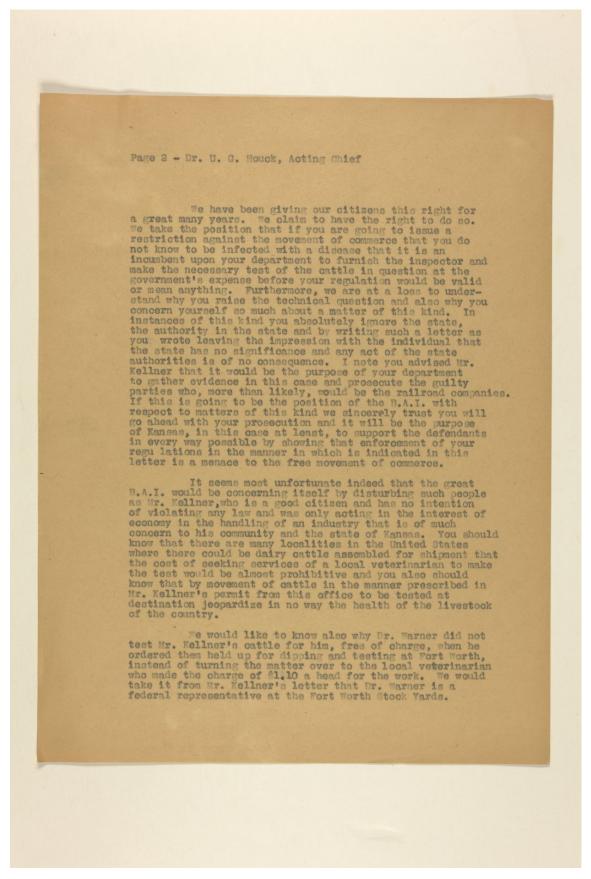




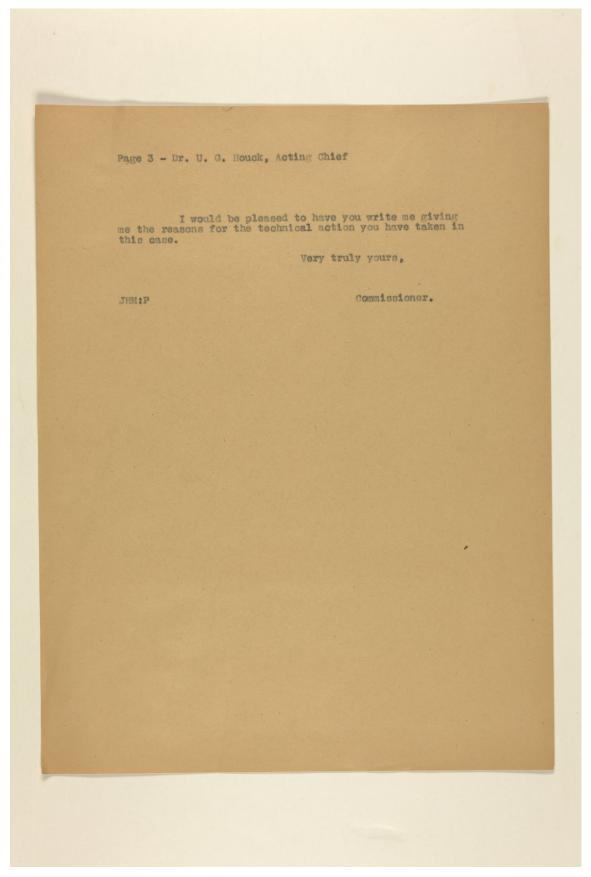




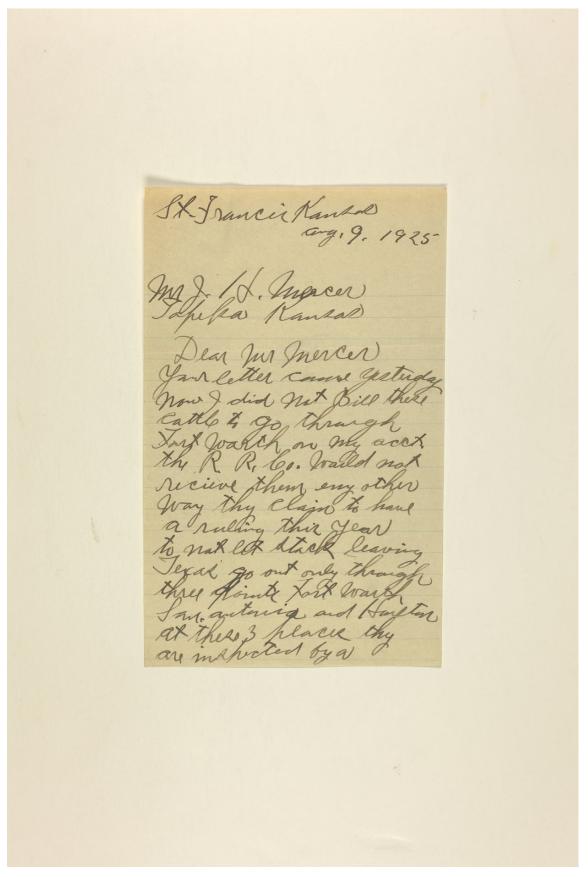




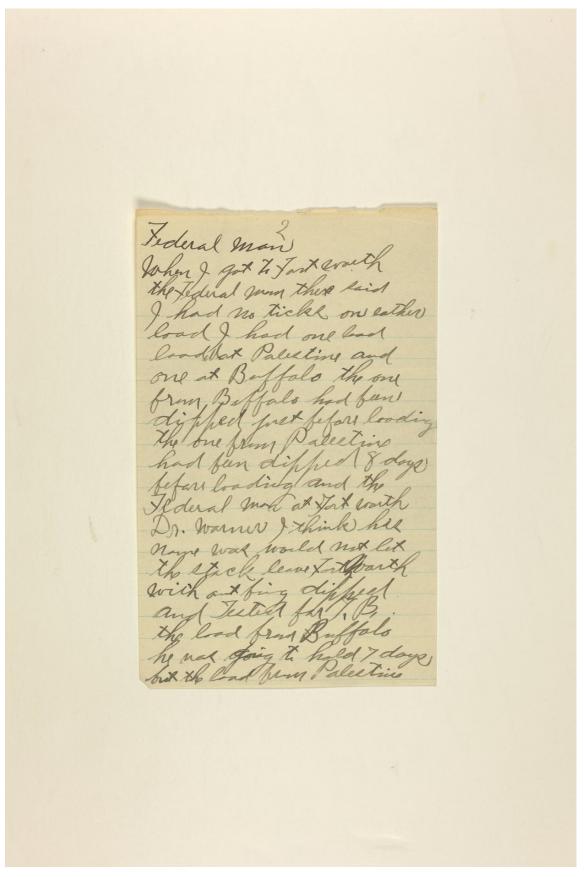




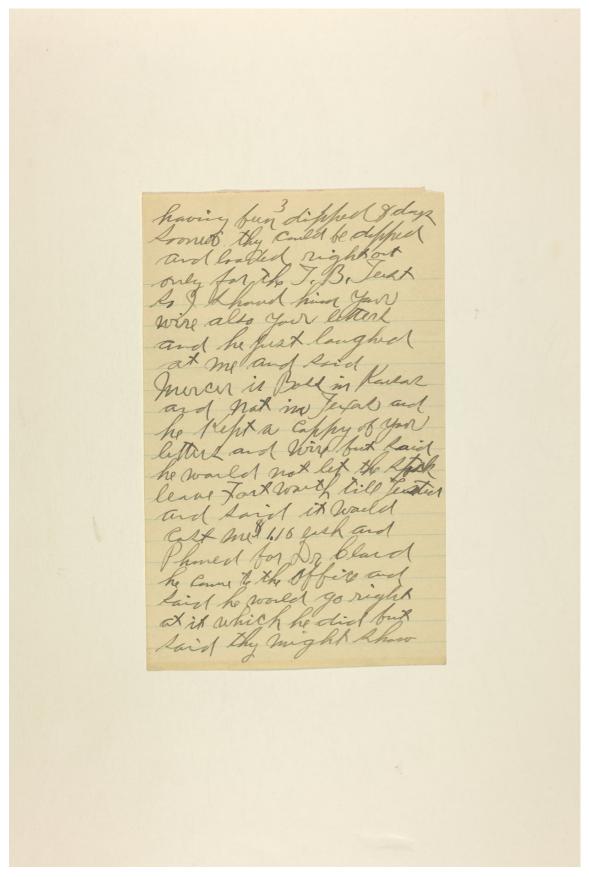




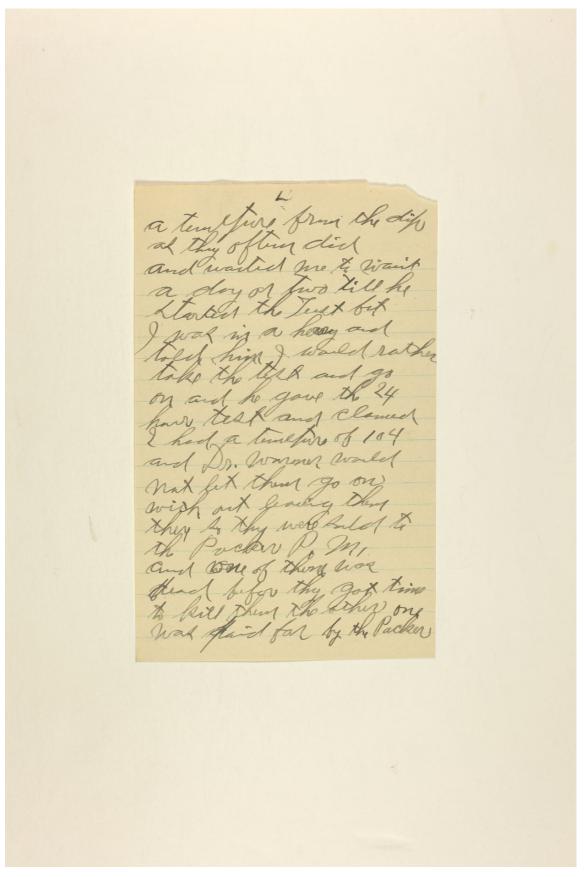




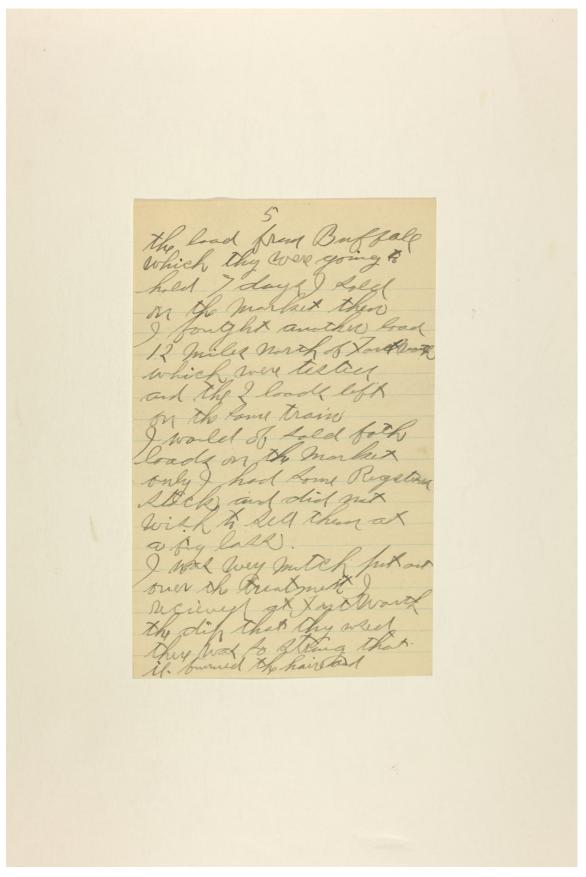




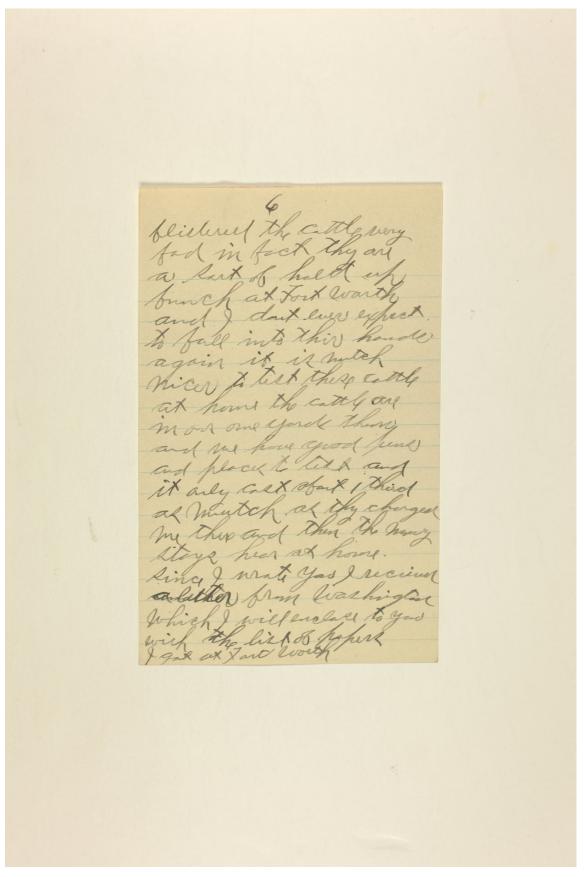




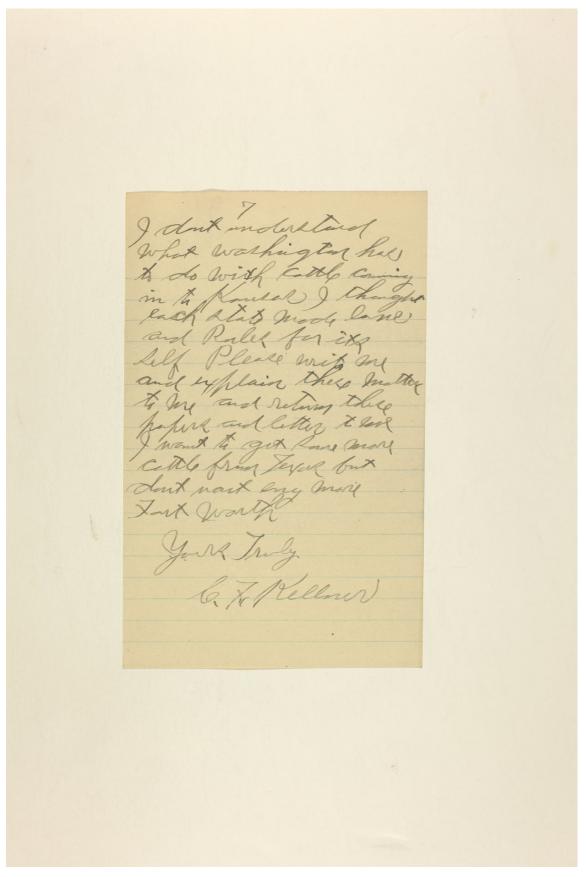




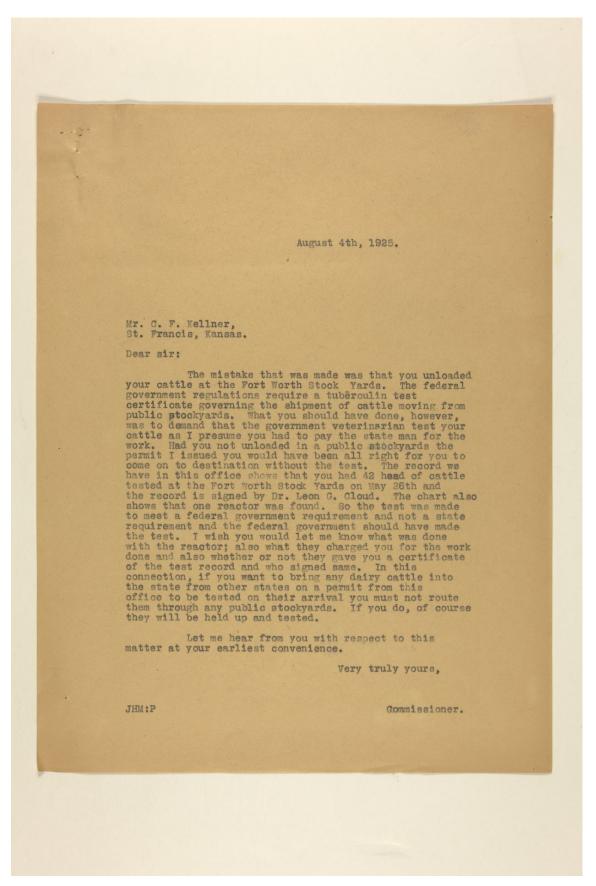














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