# Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, Board of Administration

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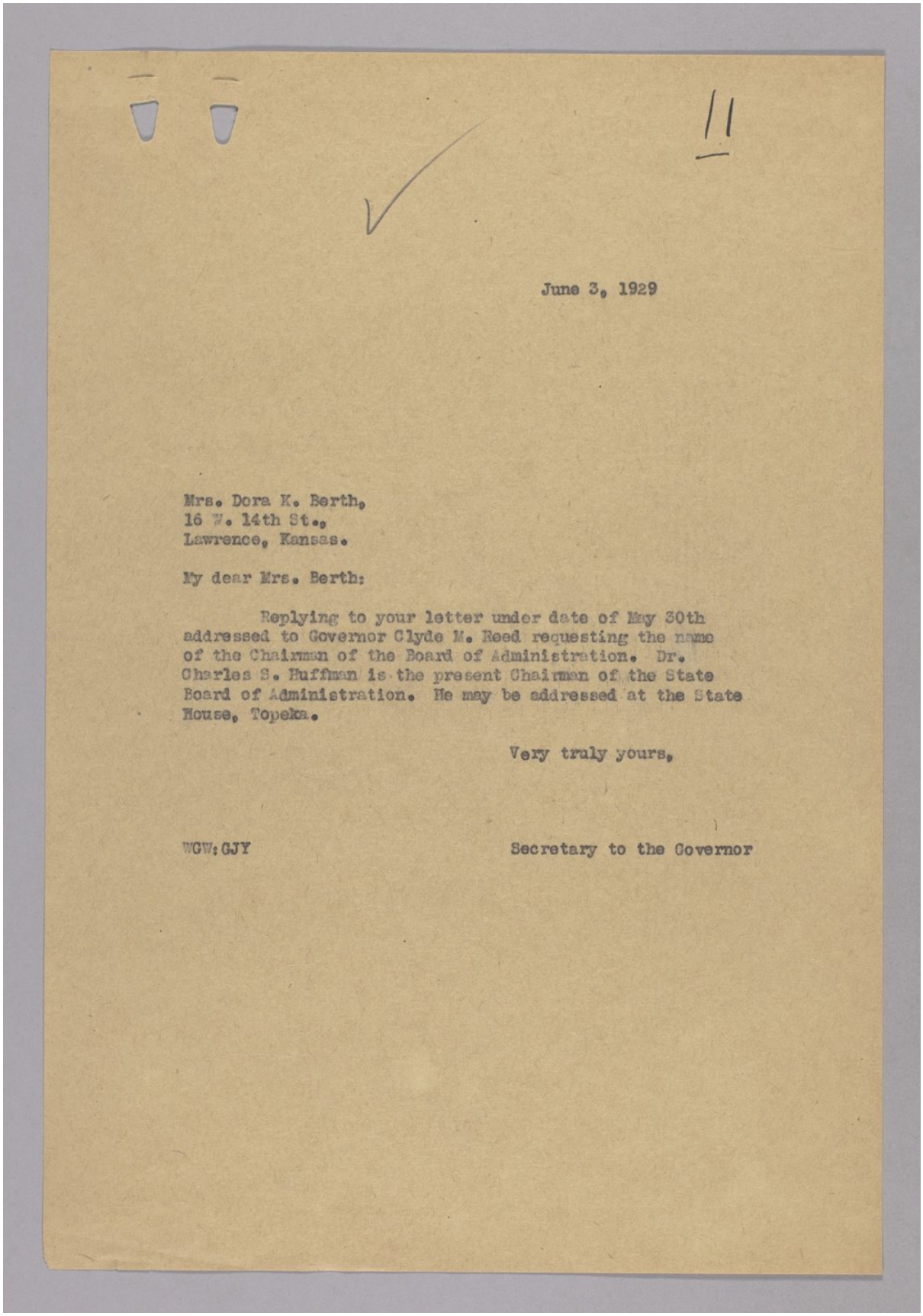
Board of Administration - 2.
(5-20-29)

Theo. Kahler, No. 8087
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H. F. Moore, No. 7294
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Lloyd Olive, No. 6590
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Flotow Reed, No. 7238
Ira Ruckle, No. 7147
Jess Sears, No. 7771
John Shoemaker, No. 7301
Lester Simmons, No. 8120
Chas. Thomas, No. 7900
Ora Vinson, No. 7217
William Vorhees, No. 7649
Walter Walsh, No. 7756
James Ware, No. 8097
Ralph Watkins, No. 7544
Vestal Whiteside, No. 7759
Frank Williamson, No. 7285

Very truly yours,

Parole Attorney.

ASF:a



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June 3, 1929

Mrs. Dora K. Berth,
16 W. 14th St.,
Lawrence, Kansas.

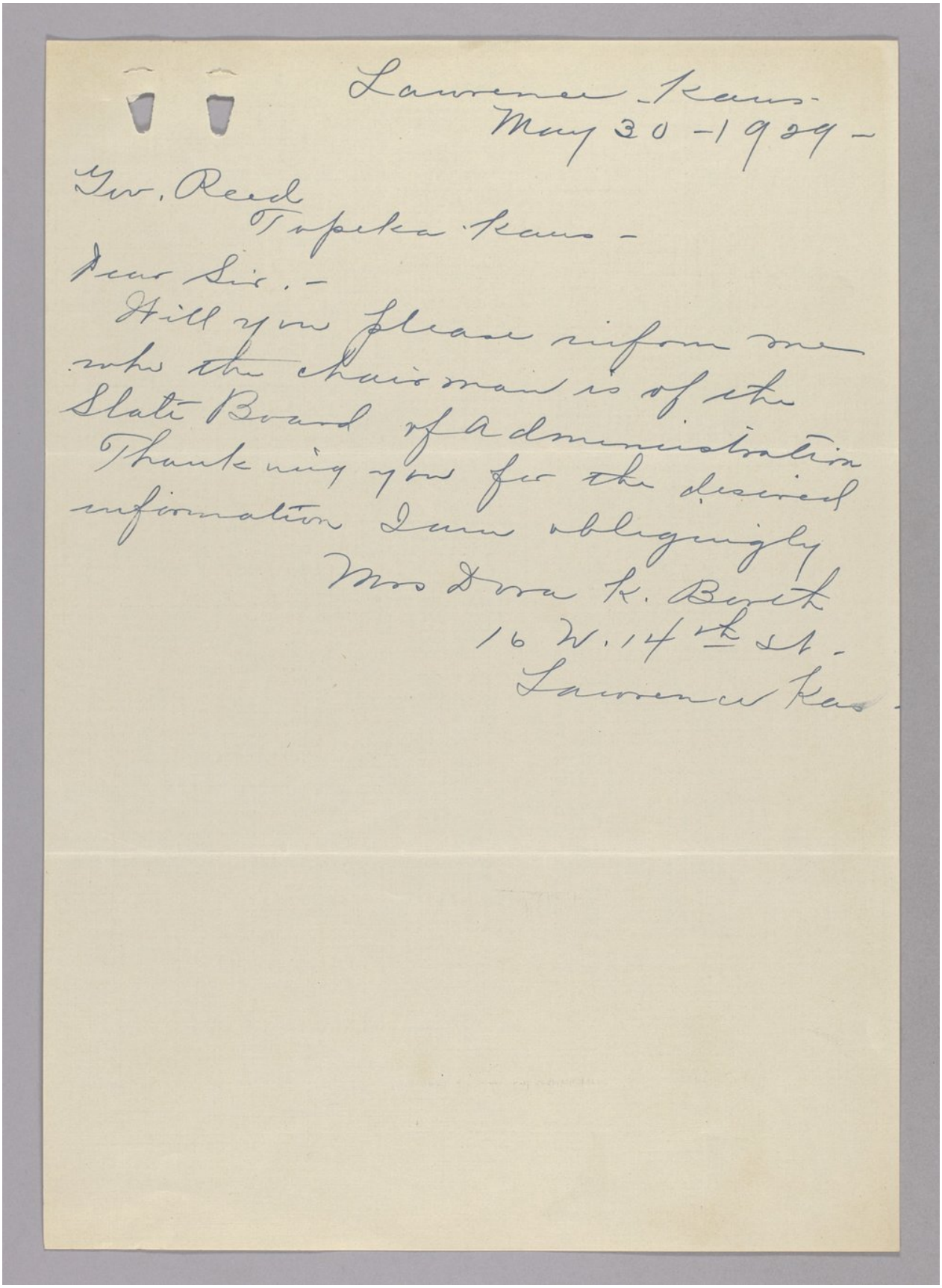
My dear Mrs. Berth:

Replying to your letter under date of May 30th addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed requesting the name of the Chairman of the Board of Administration. Dr. Charles S. Huffman is the present Chairman of the State Board of Administration. He may be addressed at the State House, Topeka.

Very truly yours,

WCW:GJY

Secretary to the Governor



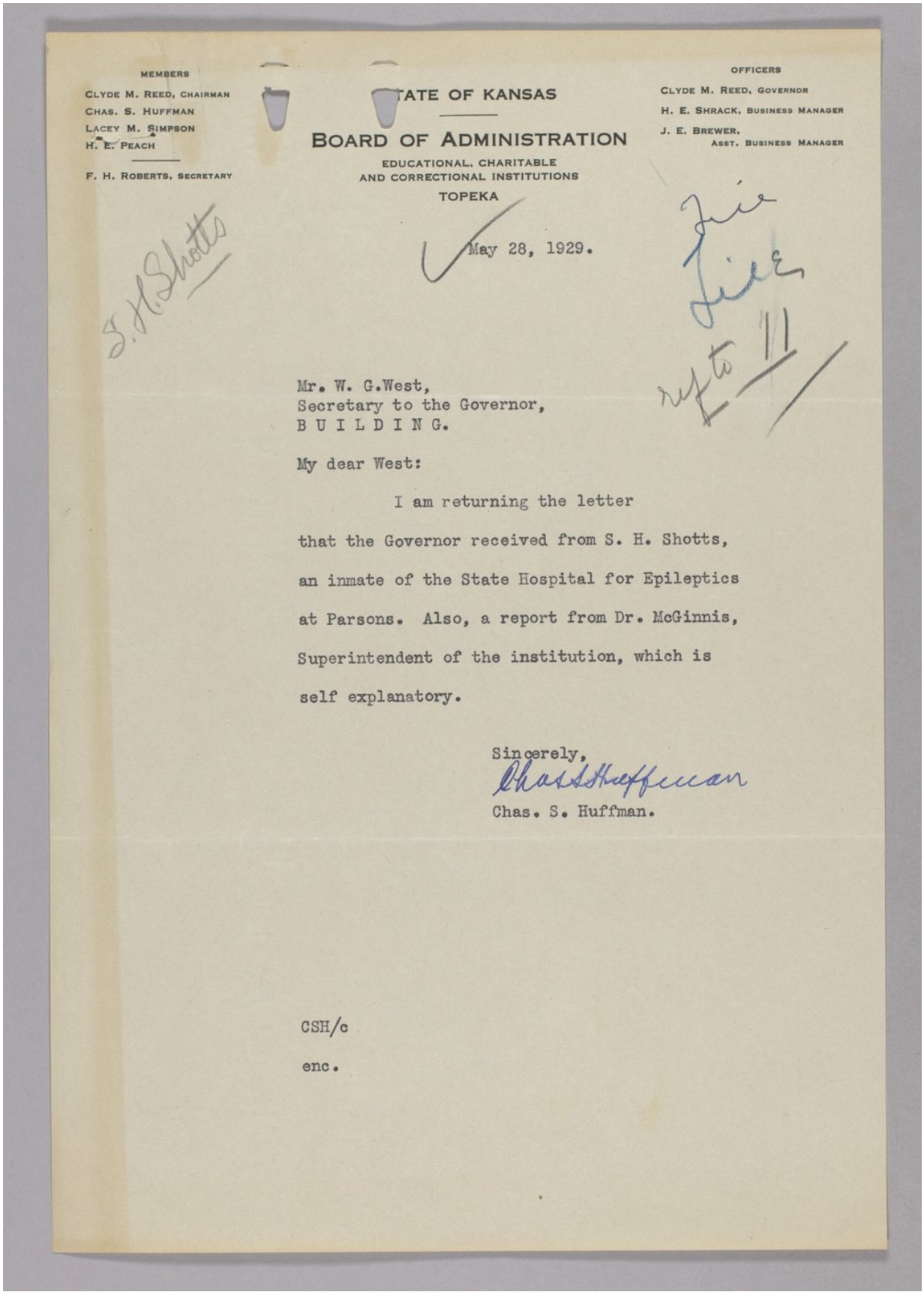
Lawrence Kans.
May 30 - 1929 -

Gov. Reed
Topeka Kans -

Dear Sir. -

Will you please inform me who the chairman is of the State Board of administration
Thanking you for the desired information I am obligingly

Mrs Dora K. Beck
16 W. 14th St.
Lawrence Kans -



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S. H. Shotts

May 28, 1929.

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Mr. W. G.West,
Secretary to the Governor,
B U I L D I N G.

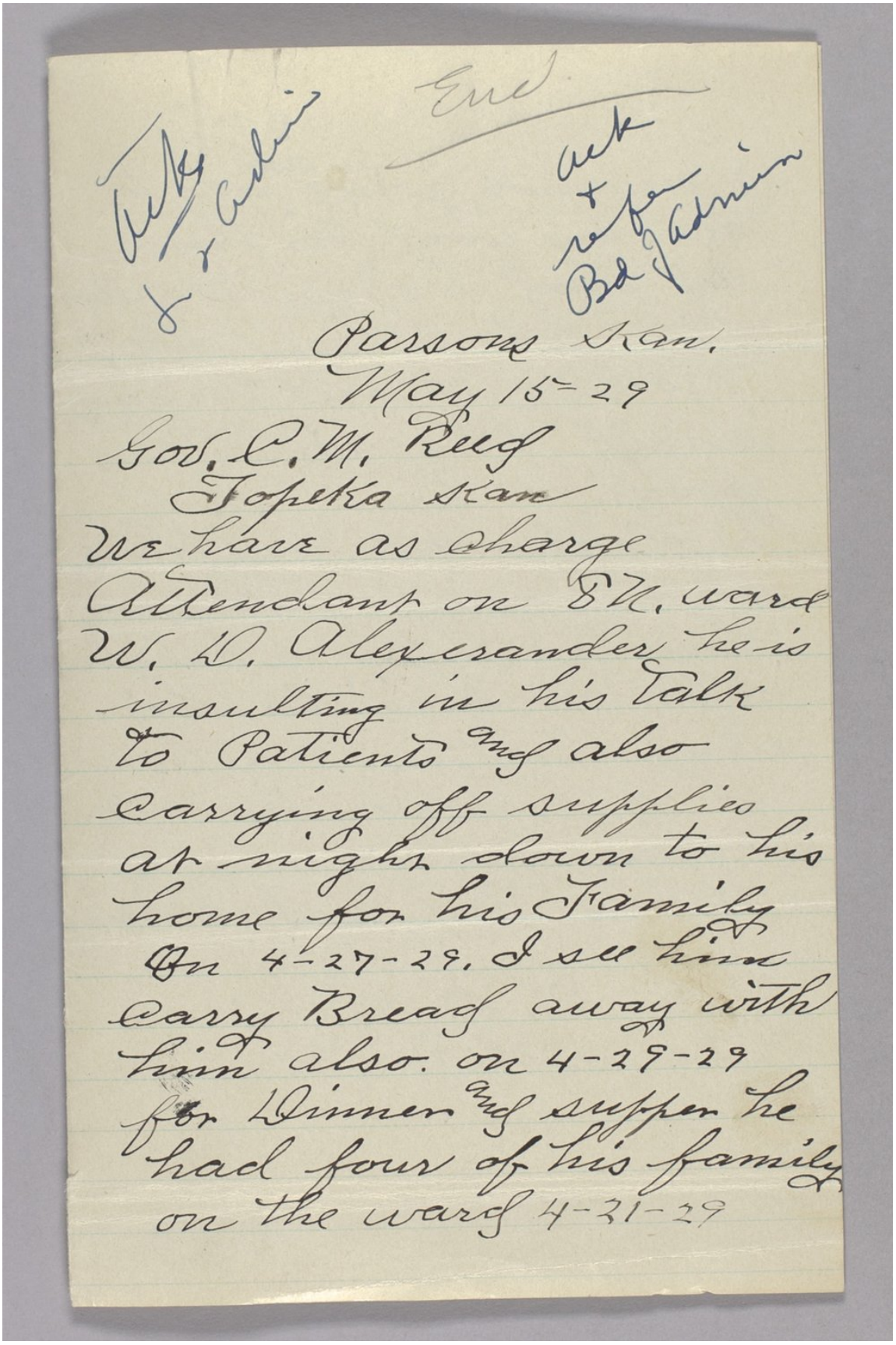
My dear West:

I am returning the letter that the Governor received from S. H. Shotts, an inmate of the State Hospital for Epileptics at Parsons. Also, a report from Dr. McGinnis, Superintendent of the institution, which is self explanatory.

Sincerely,
Chas. S. Huffman
Chas. S. Huffman.

CSH/c

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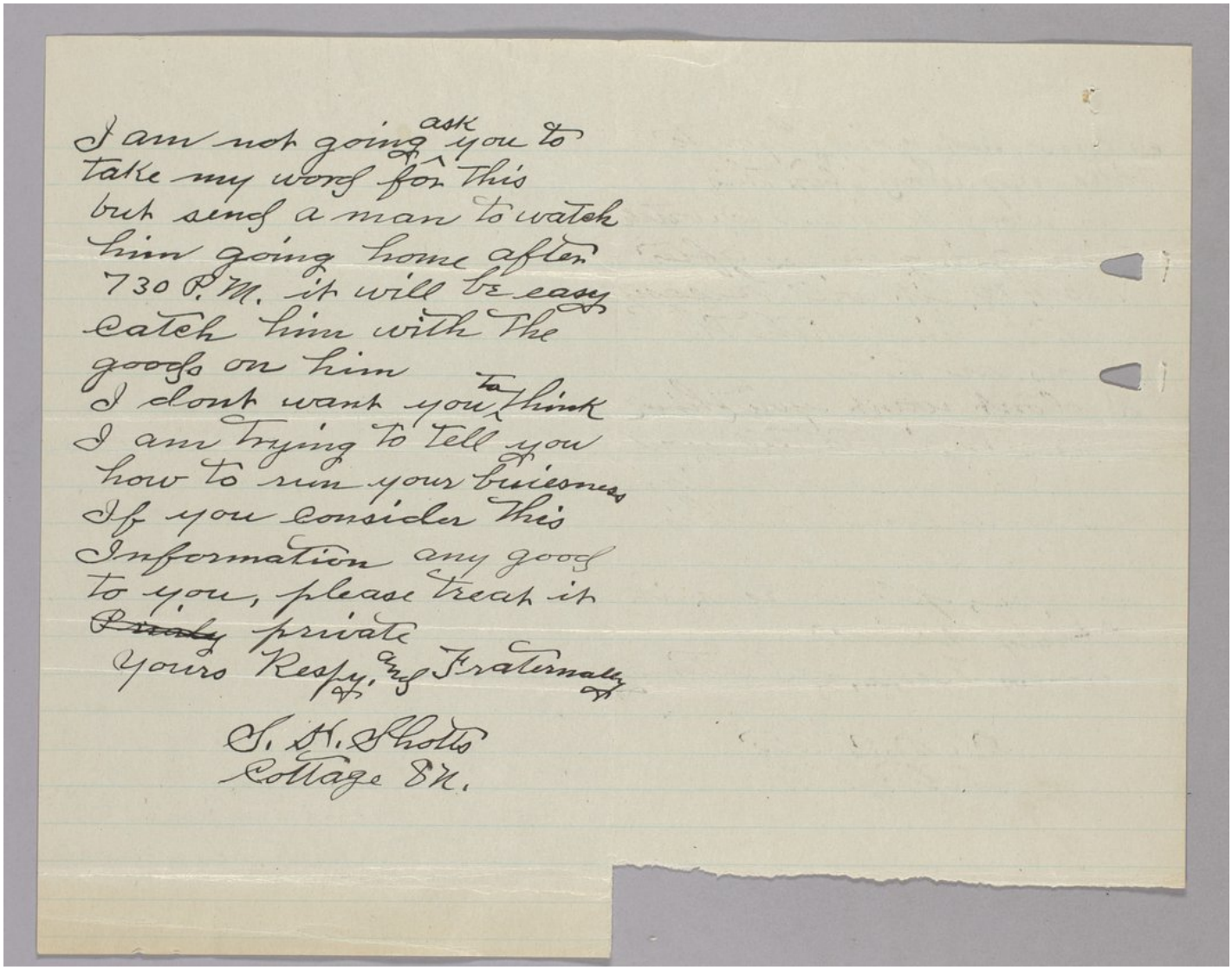
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Parsons Kan.
May 15-29

Gov. C. M. Reed
Topeka Kan

We have as charge Attendant on 5 K. ward W. O. Alexsander he is insulting in his talk to Patients and also carrying off supplies at night down to his home for his Family On 4-27-29. I see him carry Bread away with him also. on 4-29-29 for Dinner and supper he had four of his family on the ward 4-21-29



I am not going ask you to take my word for this but send a man to watch him going home after 730 P. M. it will be easy to catch him with the goods on him I dont want you to think I am trying to tell you how to run your business If you consider this Information any good to you, please treat it ~~Strictly~~ private

Yours Respy. and Fraternally

S. H. Sholls
Cottage 8 N.

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# State of Kansas

C. S. McGINNIS, M. D.,
SUPERINTENDENT

## HOSPITAL FOR EPILEPTICS

ESTABLISHED 1903
UNDER STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

PARSONS, KANSAS

May 24, 1929.

Dr. C. S. Huffman, Chairman,
State Board of Administration,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Huffman:

In reply to the attached correspondence, I wish to make the following report:

Mr. S. H. Shotts, who is an epileptic patient on Cottage 8 North, showing considerable senile dementia, has for a considerable time insisted on carrying matches against the rules of the institution, and during the time of the incendiary fires which occurred about a year ago now, he created quite a disturbance over being deprived of his supply of matches. He replenished his supply more than once before he discontinued the practice, and he has been showing traits of opposition practically ever since.

His accusation concerning Mr. Alexander is unfounded, and in fact Mr. Alexander is about the last attendant whom an accusation of lack of consideration and gentleness could be made. He is a very easy going, mild mannered man who gets along quite well with all of his patients, and the only room for criticism is that he is possibly a little to lenient in allowing them to gather dondescript belongings about them which cause a certain amount of reaction at the time that there is a periodical house cleaning.

This house cleaning is necessary, however, as too much of that sort of trashy belongings (old magazines, old newspapers, etc, etc.,) is a menance to the safety of the building, and also it is much more difficult to keep the building in a sanitary condition. Therefore, it is necessary to clean up the building occasionally and this having occurred quite recently, accounts for the reaction of Mr. Shotts against the man who has conducted the cleaning up.

Mr. Alexander lives in a house adjacent to the institution, and we have several of his family employeed in the institution, and they are, and have proven, themselves entirely honest and trustworthy.

Sam Shotts is only showing in this letter the tendencies of mental derangement which caused him to be committed to this institution as insane in the first place.

I hope this explanation as to the circumstances surrounding the accusation will prove satisfactory.

Very respectfully,

C. S. McGinnis, M. D.,
Superintendent.

CSM/H

ALL CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING PATIENTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

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May 21, 1929.

Mr. S. H. Shotts,
Cottage 8 N.,
Parsons, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Shotts:

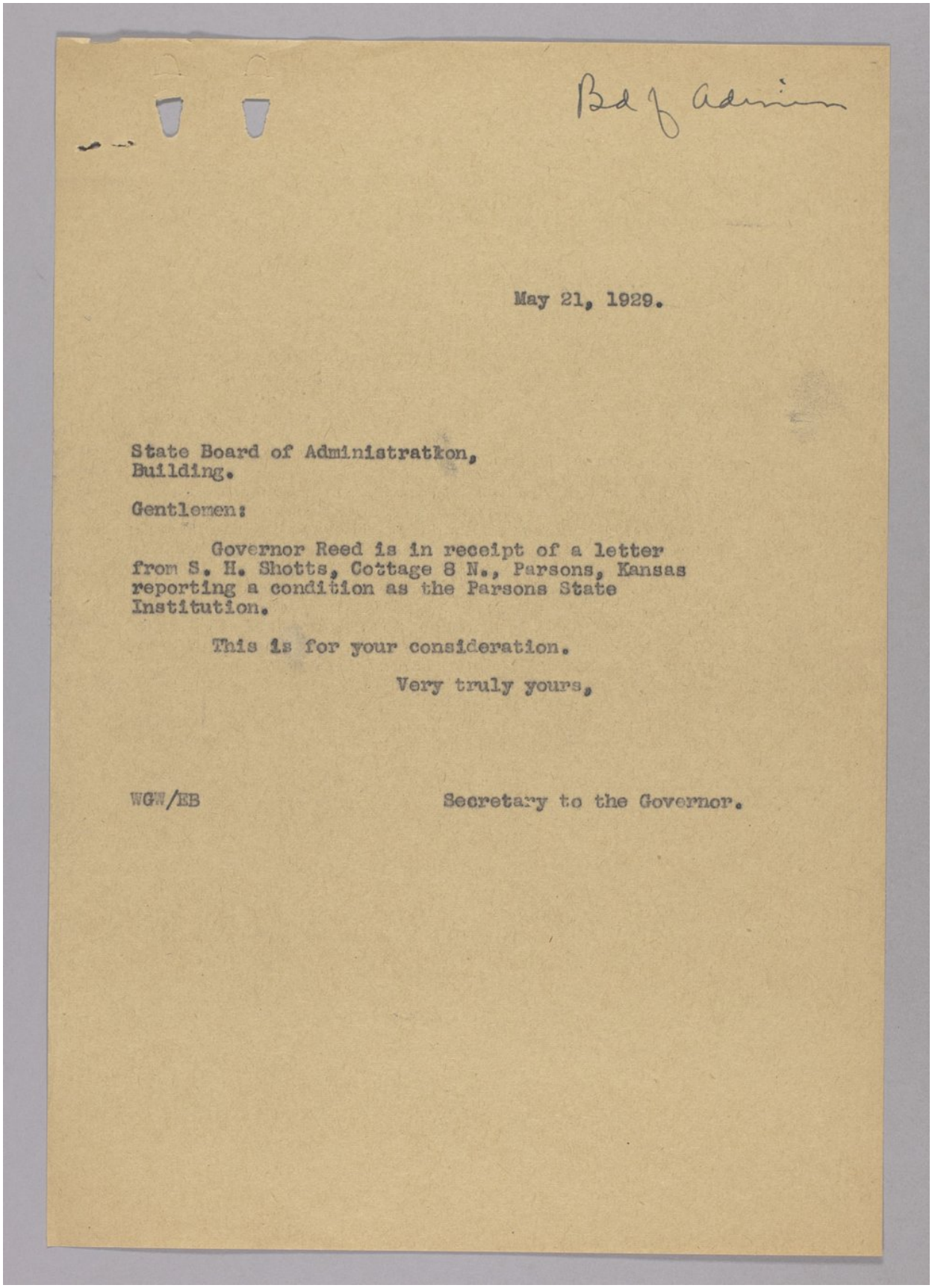
Governor Reed has directed me to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of May 15th reporting the conditions at the Parsons State Institution.

Governor Reed wishes you to know that he has taken the matter up with the State Board of Administration with the view of correcting such a situation as you have reported that might exsist.

Very truly yours,

WGW/EB

Secretary to the Governor.



Bd of Admin

May 21, 1929.

State Board of Administration,
Building.

Gentlemen:

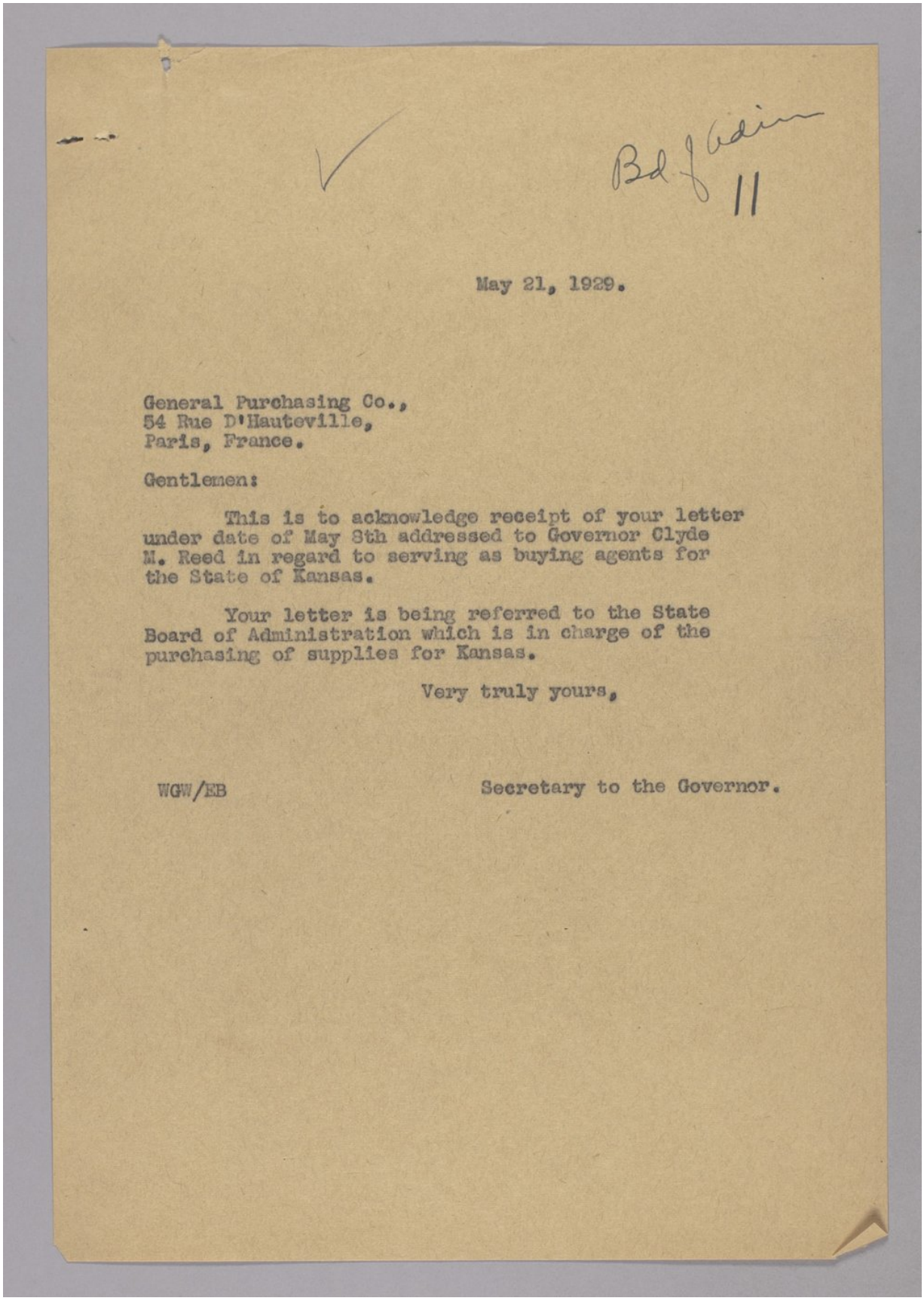
Governor Reed is in receipt of a letter from S. H. Shotts, Cottage 8 N., Parsons, Kansas reporting a condition as the Parsons State Institution.

This is for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

WGW/EB

Secretary to the Governor.



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May 21, 1929.

General Purchasing Co.,
54 Rue D'Hauteville,
Paris, France.

Gentlemen:

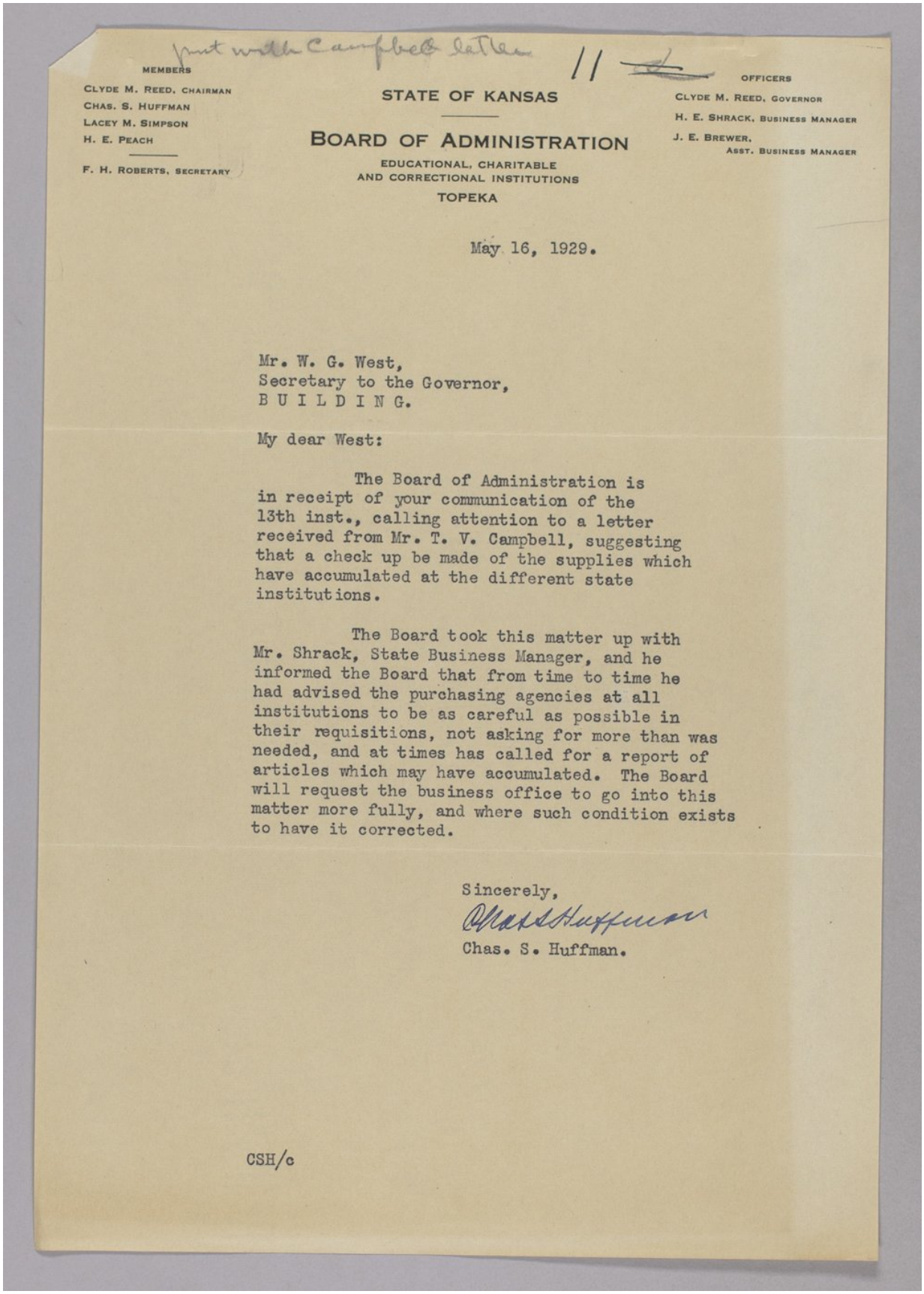
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of May 8th addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed in regard to serving as buying agents for the State of Kansas.

Your letter is being referred to the State Board of Administration which is in charge of the purchasing of supplies for Kansas.

Very truly yours,

WGW/EB

Secretary to the Governor.



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ASST. BUSINESS MANAGER

May 16, 1929.

Mr. W. G. West,
Secretary to the Governor,
B U I L D I N G.

My dear West:

The Board of Administration is in receipt of your communication of the 13th inst., calling attention to a letter received from Mr. T. V. Campbell, suggesting that a check up be made of the supplies which have accumulated at the different state institutions.

The Board took this matter up with Mr. Shrack, State Business Manager, and he informed the Board that from time to time he had advised the purchasing agencies at all institutions to be as careful as possible in their requisitions, not asking for more than was needed, and at times has called for a report of articles which may have accumulated. The Board will request the business office to go into this matter more fully, and where such condition exists to have it corrected.

Sincerely,
Chas. S. Huffman.
Chas. S. Huffman.

CSH/c

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CORRECT STENOGRAPHICAL ERRORS ON QUOTATIONS OR OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS. CONTRACTS AND SALES ARE CONTINGENT UPON STRIKES, ACCIDENTS AND OTHER DELAYS BEYOND OUR CONTROL. QUOTATIONS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. ALL CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE HOME OFFICE AT BATAVIA, ILL. ALL CORRESPONDENCE PERTAINING TO COMPANY BUSINESS MUST BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMPANY-NOT INDIVIDUALS.

# CHALLENGE COMPANY

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ESTABLISHED 1870
FACTORY AND MAIN OFFICE, BATAVIA, ILLINOIS

BATAVIA, ILL.
May 8th, 1929

State of Kansas,
Bd. of Admistration,
Topeka, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

RE: WOOD TANKS & STEEL TOWERS

CHALLENGE COMPANY, one of the oldest and largest manufacturers of wood tanks and steel towers in the United States, solicits an opportunity to quote on your requirements for this line of goods.

We use only first class materials and our experience of more than half a century assures you of first class workmanship.

The fact that we own and operate our own foundry, machine shop, hoop shop, structural shop, wood tank shop and other allied departments gives you the advantage of dealing with a concern where all parts of your equipment are manufactured by the same company.

An efficient organization is maintained for erecting our tanks and towers anywhere in the United States, Canada and Mexico, when desired.

Our Engineering Department is at your disposal to assist in solving special problems and you are invited to avail yourself of their advice without obligation.

We shall appreciate your inquiries and trust we may be of service.

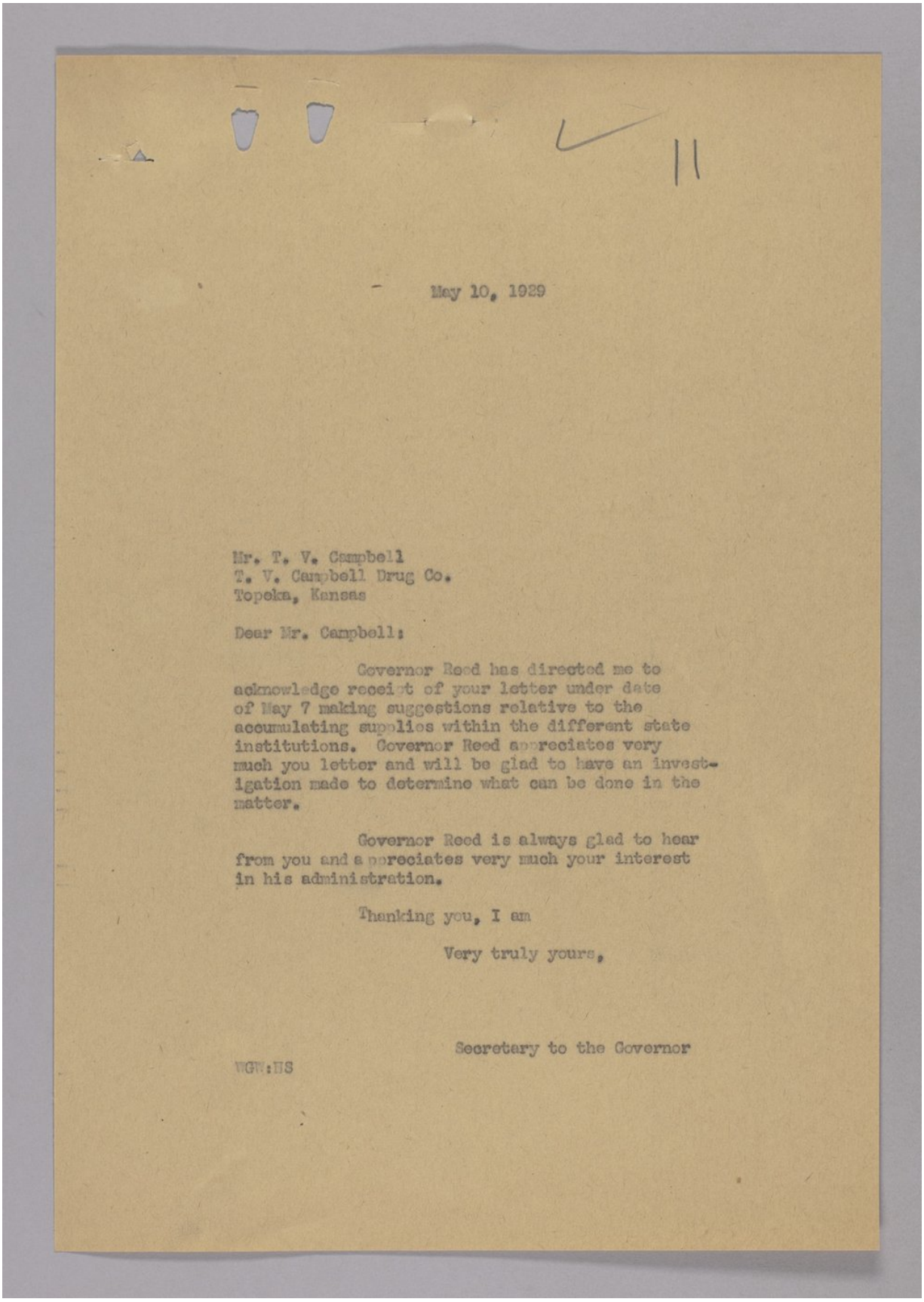
Yours very truly,

CHALLENGE COMPANY

M. J. Marcueon

Mgr. Tank & Tower Dept.

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May 10, 1929

Mr. T. V. Campbell
T. V. Campbell Drug Co.
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Governor Reed has directed me to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of May 7 making suggestions relative to the accumulating supplies within the different state institutions. Governor Reed appreciates very much you letter and will be glad to have an investigation made to determine what can be done in the matter.

Governor Reed is always glad to hear from you and appreciates very much your interest in his administration.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor

WGW:HS

T. V. CAMPBELL

O. S. MOODY

# T. V. CAMPBELL DRUG COMPANY

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TELEPHONE 7124

FIRST DOOR SOUTH OF PELLETIERS

TOPEKA, KANSAS

May 7, 1929

Clyde M. Reed
City

Dear Governor:

Beg pardon for intruding on your time, but I've got an idea I want to convey and have not the nerve to ask an interview, knowing how your time is all taken up. If I write it you can read at your leasure or consign to the waste basket if you like.

In each charitable Institution in the State there are accumulations of years of careless buying, bound to be. These goods are laying in the stock rooms dead "Rabbits" I get this from the few I've seen and from visiting traveling men. If this over stock or dead stock could be distributed or used up, it would save the State the money now tied up in them and would less the spending of money during your term.

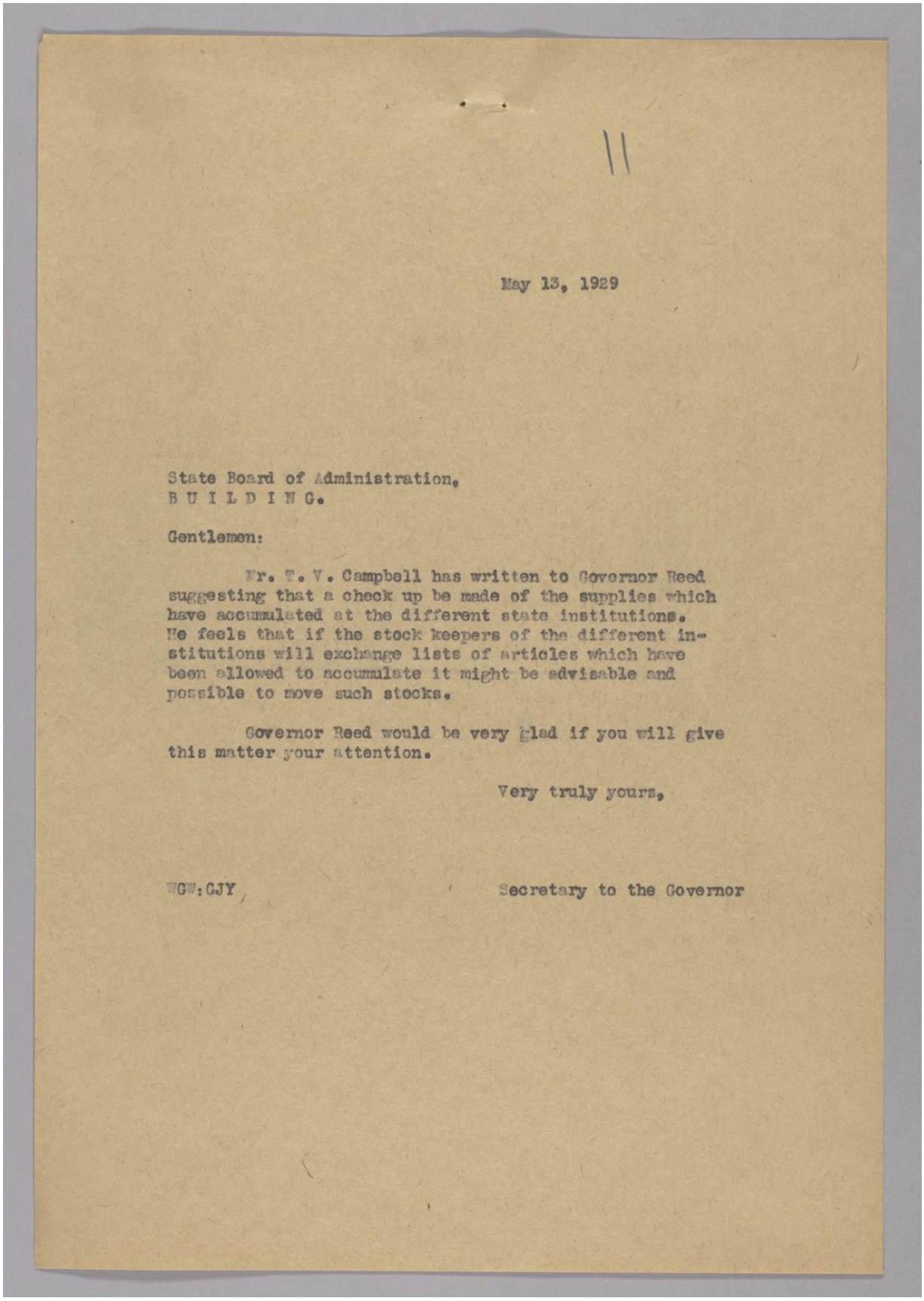
If you would require the Storekeeper of each Institution to make an Invoice (Typewritten List) of his over stock, send you a copy and one to each of the other Institutions telling them he would sell for cost any of these items they could use or needed, and have each one do that, would it not be a good play? It would turn goods that will probably lay round for years.

Mr. Whitehead of the Boys Industrial School is already to try this plan or is going to. And by the way he (Whitehead) is the best man out there. I would like to see you and tell you one or two things about two gentlemen, who are Reed men now, but was "Hammering for Hamilton" last summer.

Your friend,

T. V. Campbell

Thanks 5/1/29



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May 13, 1929

State Board of Administration,
B U I L D I N G.

Gentlemen:

Mr. T. V. Campbell has written to Governor Reed suggesting that a check up be made of the supplies which have accumulated at the different state institutions. He feels that if the stock keepers of the different institutions will exchange lists of articles which have been allowed to accumulate it might be advisable and possible to move such stocks.

Governor Reed would be very glad if you will give this matter your attention.

Very truly yours,

WGW:GJY

Secretary to the Governor

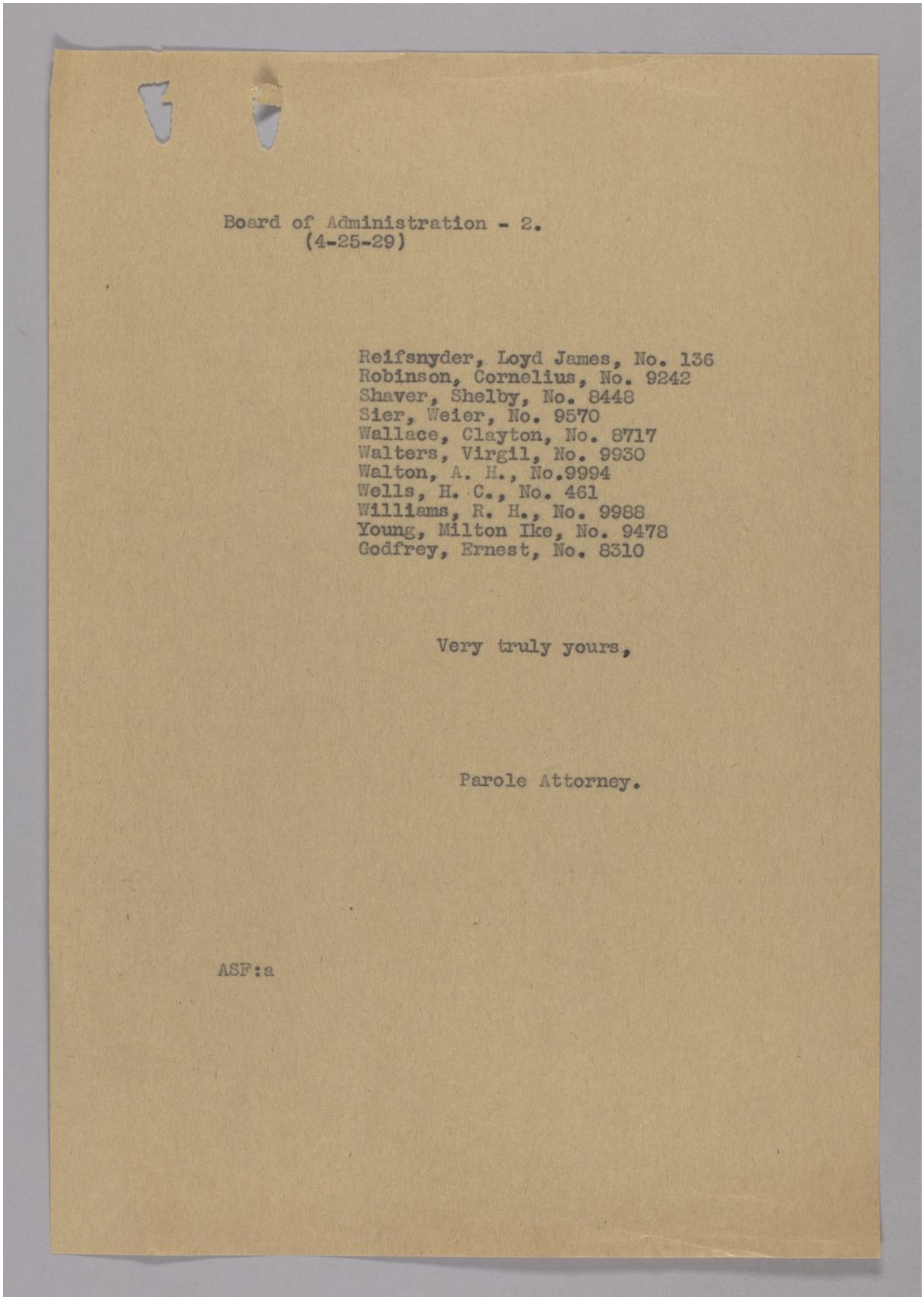
April 25, 1929

Board of Administration,
B u i l d i n g.

Gentlemen:

Governor Reed has today approved paroles for the following prisoners at the penitentiary who were recommended for further consideration and investigation at the April meeting of the Board of Administration:

Allen, William T., No. 9495
Bailey, John, No. 9485
Barnes, S. R., No. 8973
Baxter, A. J., No. 9823
Brinkworth, Fred, No. 428
Cairns, Jay, No. 343
Carson, M. C., No. 429
Carter, Jack, No. 114
Chadwick, Clifton, No. 314
Critchlow, B. D., No. 374
Davis, Edward Joseph, No. 9472
Dutton, Howard, No. 232
Gardner, Orin, No. 9917
Green, J. H., No. 3714
Herndon, C. C., No. 90
James, Al, No. 8945
Johnson, Leonard, No. 9905
Kilburn, Charles A., No. 299
Kinney, John, No. 9918
Madwell, Joe Price, No. 8958
Mills, Clark, No. 9950
Near, Harry, No. 9192
Nou, Ray, No. 9931
Owens, Earl, No. 102
Peterson, A. K., No. 385



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Reifsnyder, Loyd James, No. 136
Robinson, Cornelius, No. 9242
Shaver, Shelby, No. 8448
Sier, Weier, No. 9570
Wallace, Clayton, No. 8717
Walters, Virgil, No. 9930
Walton, A. H., No.9994
Wells, H. C., No. 461
Williams, R. H., No. 9988
Young, Milton Ike, No. 9478
Godfrey, Ernest, No. 8310

Very truly yours,

Parole Attorney.

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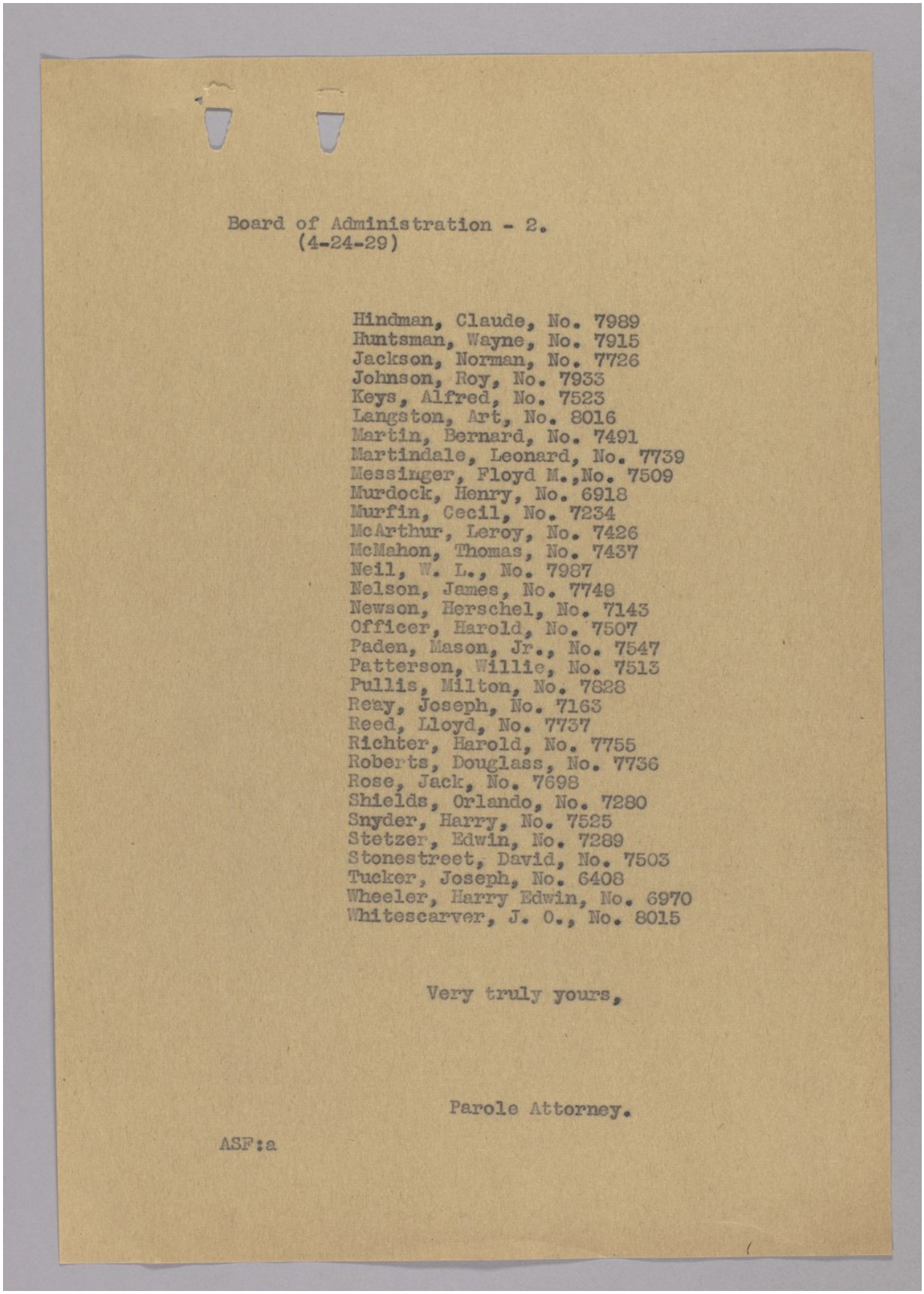
April 24, 1929

Board of Administration,
B u i l d i n g.

Gentlemen:

Governor Reed has today approved paroles for the following inmates at the Reformatory, who were recommended for further consideration and investigation by the Board at the March meeting:

Anderson, Booker, No. 6640
Arganbright, Louis, No. 8031
Baddock, Roy, No. 6558
Baldwin, Truman, No. 7879
Bethel, F. R., No. 7902
Bierd, Clarence, No. 7349
Burton, Harold, No. 7710
Claphan, Ewing, No. 7998
Colglazier, Lloyd, No. 7934
Collins, James, No. 7538
Cooper, Byron, No. 7772
Cutshall, Sam, No. 7550
DeLozier, Cletus, No. 7954
Evans, A. L., No. 7545
Fowler, Charles, No. 7699
Fry, Byron, No. 7475
Gibbs, Thomas, No. 7552
Goll, William, No. 7282
Gordon, Robert, No. 7713
Green, Mannie, No. 7930
Harmes, Henry, No. 7502
Harr, Joseph, No. 6902
Head, James E., No. 7761
Hibbard, Ernest T., No. 7250



Board of Administration - 2.
(4-24-29)

Hindman, Claude, No. 7989
Huntsman, Wayne, No. 7915
Jackson, Norman, No. 7726
Johnson, Roy, No. 7933
Keys, Alfred, No. 7523
Langston, Art, No. 8016
Martin, Bernard, No. 7491
Martindale, Leonard, No. 7739
Messinger, Floyd M.,No. 7509
Murdock, Henry, No. 6918
Murfin, Cecil, No. 7234
McArthur, Leroy, No. 7426
McMahon, Thomas, No. 7437
Neil, W. L., No. 7987
Nelson, James, No. 7749
Newson, Herschel, No. 7143
Officer, Harold, No. 7507
Paden, Mason, Jr., No. 7547
Patterson, Willie, No. 7513
Pullis, Milton, No. 7828
Reay, Joseph, No. 7163
Reed, Lloyd, No. 7737
Richter, Harold, No. 7755
Roberts, Douglass, No. 7736
Rose, Jack, No. 7698
Shields, Orlando, No. 7280
Snyder, Harry, No. 7525
Stetzer, Edwin, No. 7289
Stonestreet, David, No. 7503
Tucker, Joseph, No. 6408
Wheeler, Harry Edwin, No. 6970
Whitescarver, J. O., No. 8015

Very truly yours,

Parole Attorney.

ASF:a

March 26, 1929

Board of Administration,
B u i l d i n g.

Gentlemen:

The Governor has today decided to grant paroles to the following prisoners who were recommended at the February meeting of the Board:

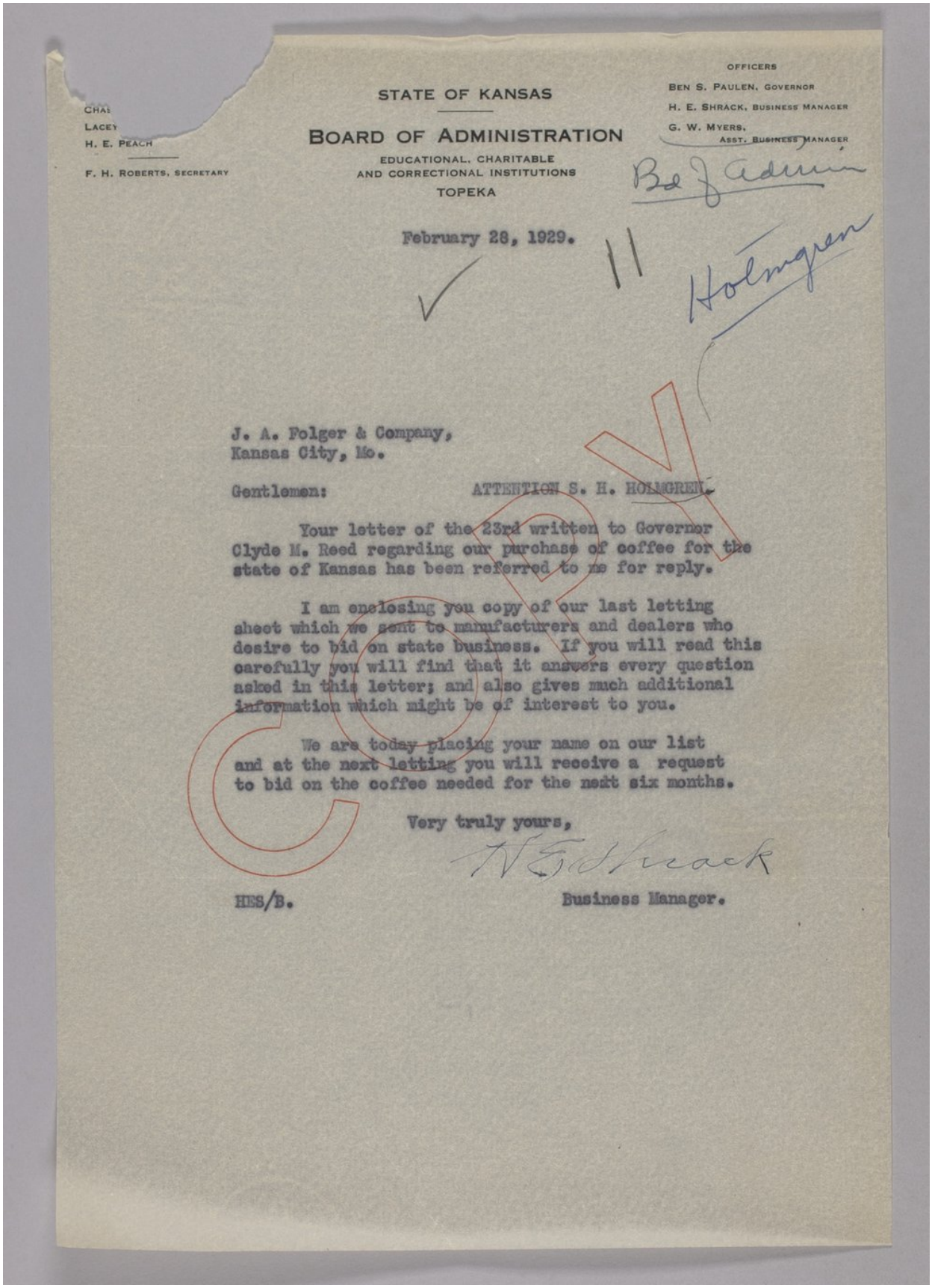
Dudley Barr, No. 7085.
Curley Barry, No. 9736
James Beck, No. 8922
John Brown, No. 8589
Charley Farris, No. 9771
Frank Ford, No. 9393
Ed Geros, No. 8621
C. H. Giersch, No. 9819
Buster Goodman, No. 9131
B. Hamilton, No. 8927
Frank Hood, No. 9785
Calvin Jarmon, No. 9392
Albert Kimball, No. 8274
Clifford E. Luellen, No. 272
Edward McGaughey, No. 9640
Emil Marlier, No. 356
T. W. Patchen, No. 301
C. K. Porter, No. 8213
Merritt Reece, No. 9777
Martin L. Sanders, No. 8875
I. F. Sarver, No. 9780
D. W. Smith, No. 319
Harry Smith, No. 224
Frank Stigel, No. 64
Clarence M. Strong, No. 8680
W. J. Watson, No. 9764
Willie Whitney, No. 7282
John C. Wimsatt, No. 361

Very truly yours,

ASF:a

Parole Attorney.

# Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, Board of Administration



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ASST. BUSINESS MANAGER

Bd of Admin

February 28, 1929.

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Holmgren

J. A. Folger & Company,
Kansas City, Mo.

Gentlemen: ATTENTION S. H. HOLMGREN.

Your letter of the 23rd written to Governor Clyde M. Reed regarding our purchase of coffee for the state of Kansas has been referred to me for reply.

I am enclosing you copy of our last letting sheet which we sent to manufacturers and dealers who desire to bid on state business. If you will read this carefully you will find that it answers every question asked in this letter; and also gives much additional information which might be of interest to you.

We are today placing your name on our list and at the next letting you will receive a request to bid on the coffee needed for the next six months.

Very truly yours,

W E Shrack

HES/B. Business Manager.

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# Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, Board of Administration

J. A. FOLGER & CO.

IMPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS

KANSAS CITY
SAN FRANCISCO
DALLAS

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Feb. 23, 1929

Gov. Clyde M. Reed,
Capitol Building,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor Reed:

I am seeking some information which I hope will not take too much of your time to either send to me, or have someone in your organization to take care of for you. If you have a General Purchasing Agent for the State of Kansas, then he is possibly the party who can give me the information that I desire.

It has always been the policy of our business to feature and specialize on Folger's Coffee through the retail grocery stores, and as you know - we have built up the largest business of its kind in the Middle West. The thought has occurred to me that inasmuch as we have not only a tremendous buying power as well as ample and economic equipment for roasting and grinding Coffee that we would be in a position to take care of the Kansas State Institutions at a considerable saving.

It would not be our idea to make very much profit, and as long as we have the buying power, and machinery, we could easily take care of this extra volume at very little cost. In order to properly place our bid, I would like to find out about how much your Purchasing Agent can afford to pay for Coffee, and then we would be in a position to furnish the best Coffee obtainable at that particular price. I would also like to have a list of the different eleemosynary institutions as well as the various prisons and other institutions of the State, which use Coffee.

We recently started soliciting business from the State of Missouri, and we also have already received some orders from various government army and navy institutions. We even have a little municipal business here locally. If it is not asking too much, I would certainly like to at least find out how to go about getting some of the business in Kansas in order that we

might have an equal chance with other competitive bids, as we feel that we are in a better position to handle Coffee requirements than anyone else located in this region.

Wishing you every success, and with kind personal regards, I am

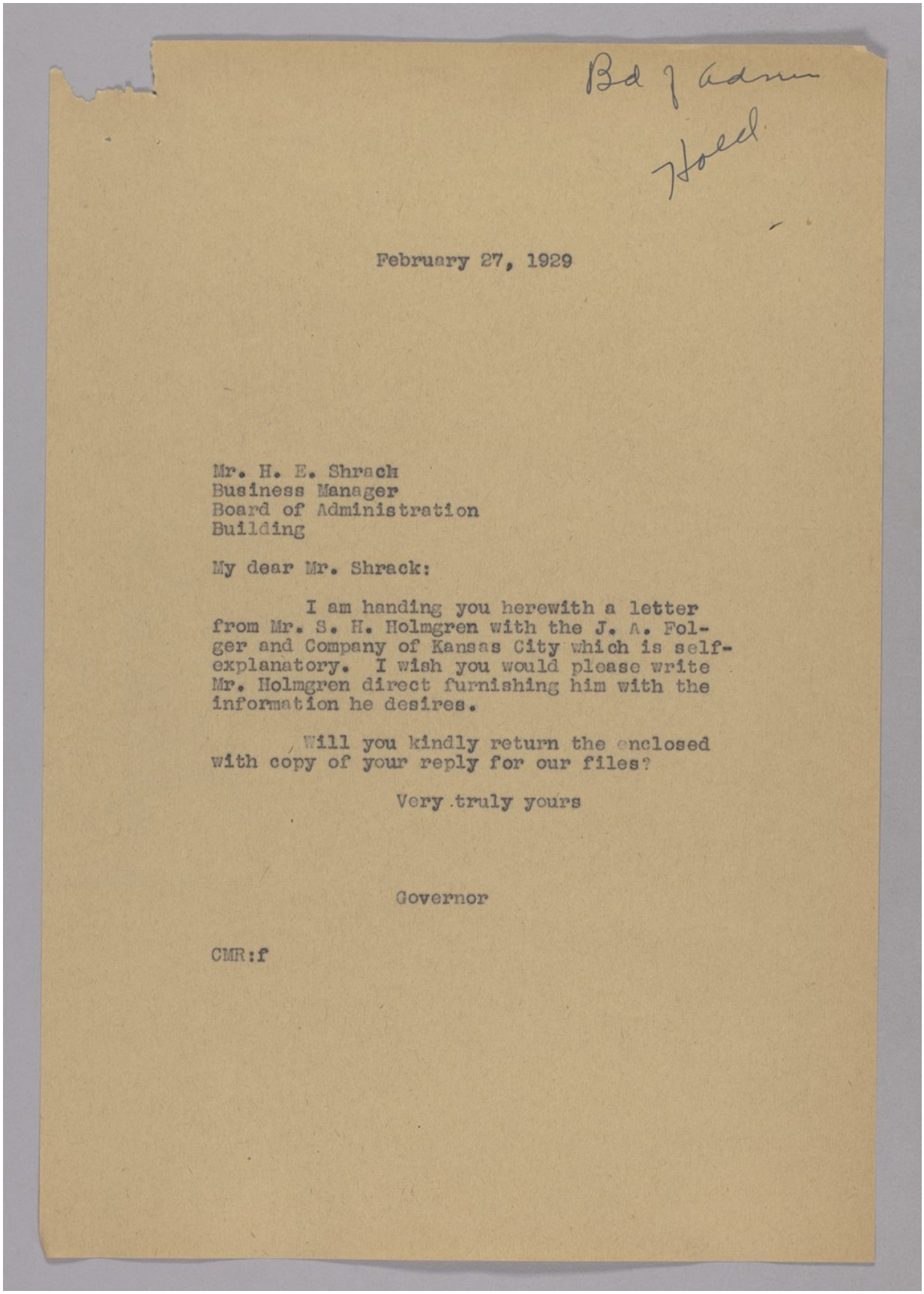
Yours sincerely,

S. H. Holmgren

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P.S. It might also be well, if possible, to advise me the amount of Coffee required in each institution. In other words, how much do they buy on an annual, monthly or weekly basis, whichever is the method? Here in Missouri the eleemosynary institutions buy every three months to cover the three months' requirements. The same is true of the Penal Board at the State Institution.

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February 27, 1929

Mr. H. E. Shrach
Business Manager
Board of Administration
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My dear Mr. Shrack:

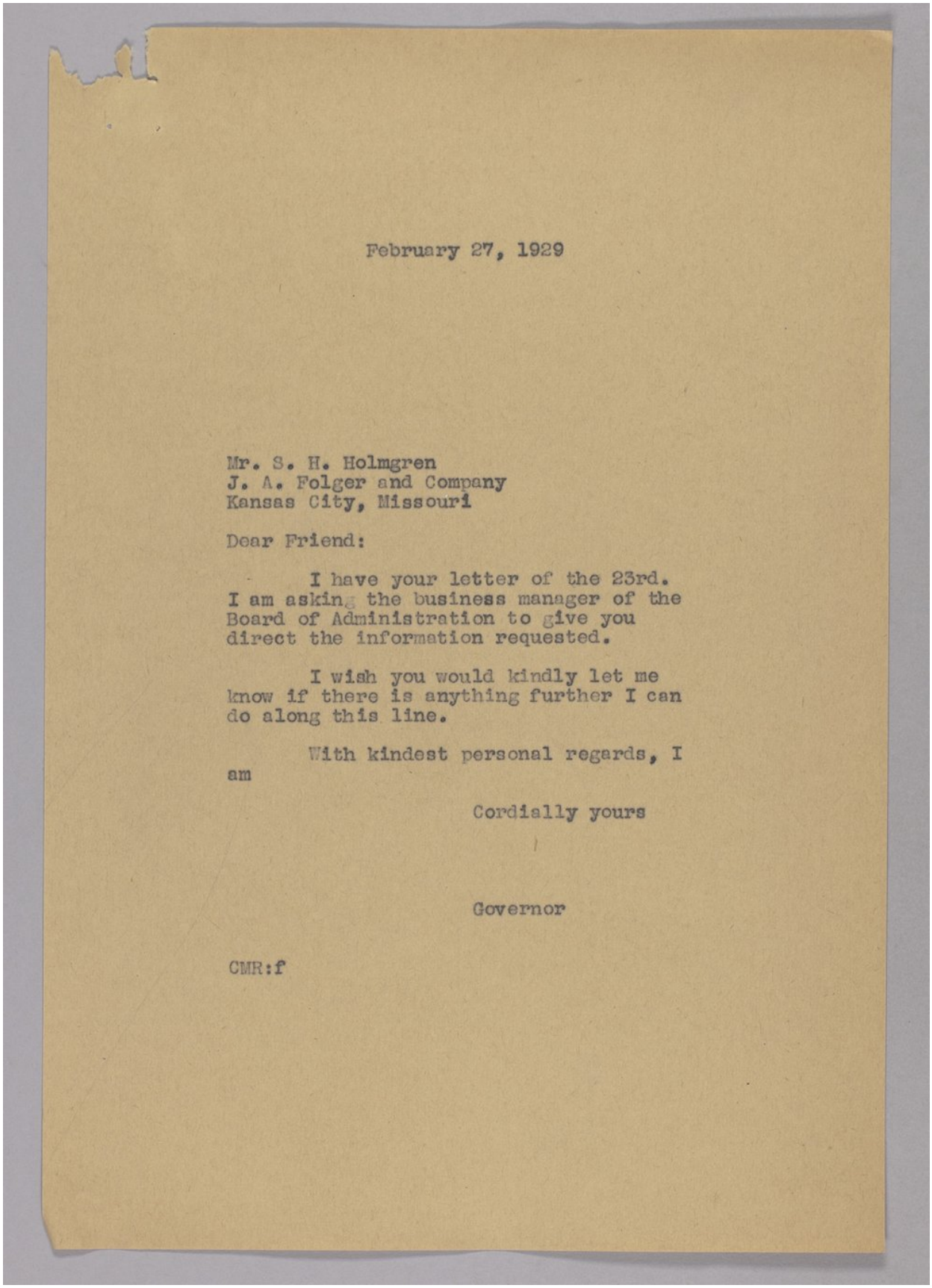
I am handing you herewith a letter from Mr. S. H. Holmgren with the J. A. Folger and Company of Kansas City which is self-explanatory. I wish you would please write Mr. Holmgren direct furnishing him with the information he desires.

Will you kindly return the enclosed with copy of your reply for our files?

Very truly yours

Governor

CMR:f



February 27, 1929

Mr. S. H. Holmgren
J. A. Folger and Company
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Friend:

I have your letter of the 23rd. I am asking the business manager of the Board of Administration to give you direct the information requested.

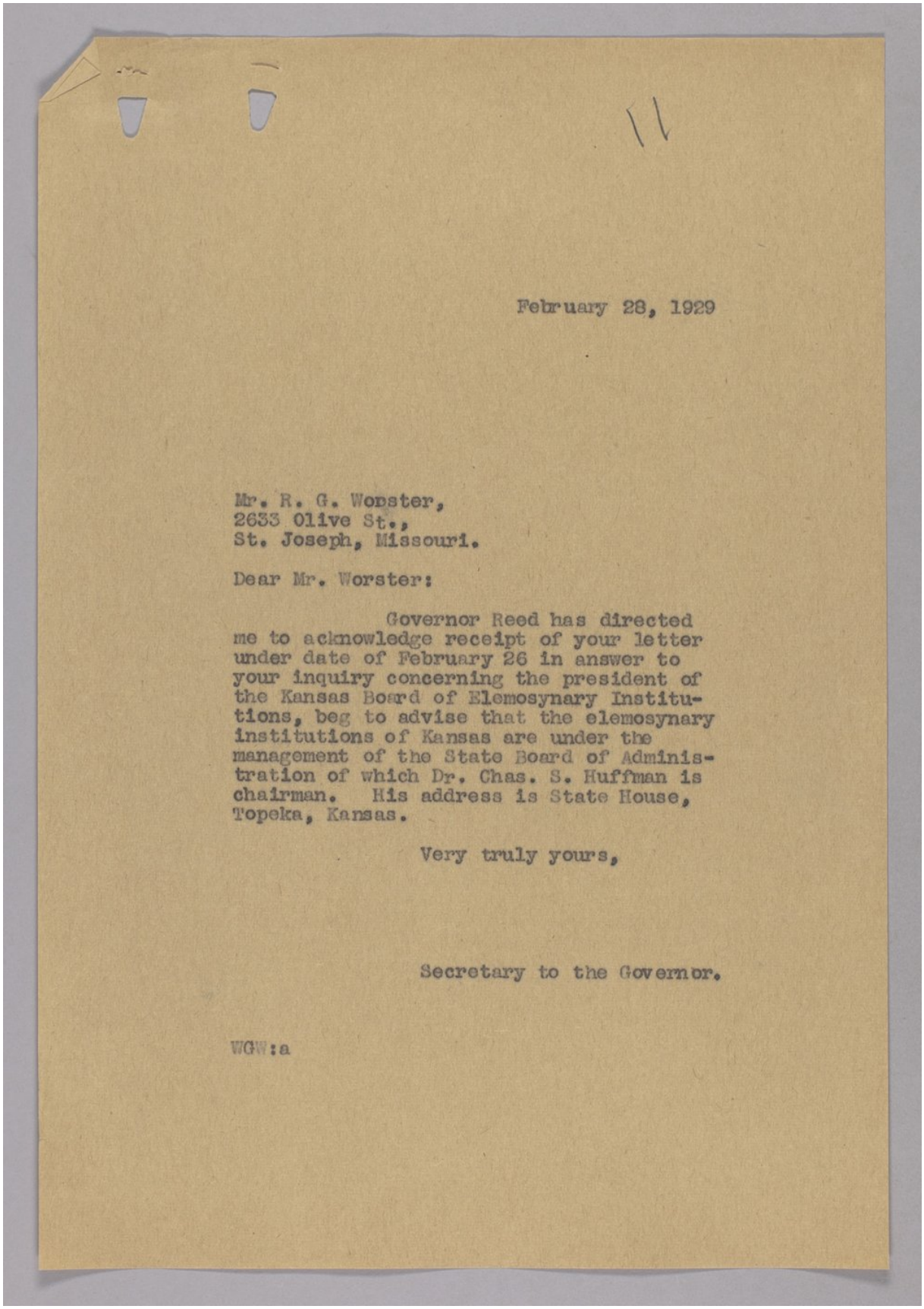
I wish you would kindly let me know if there is anything further I can do along this line.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially yours

Governor

CMR:f



February 28, 1929

Mr. R. G. Worster,
2633 Olive St.,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

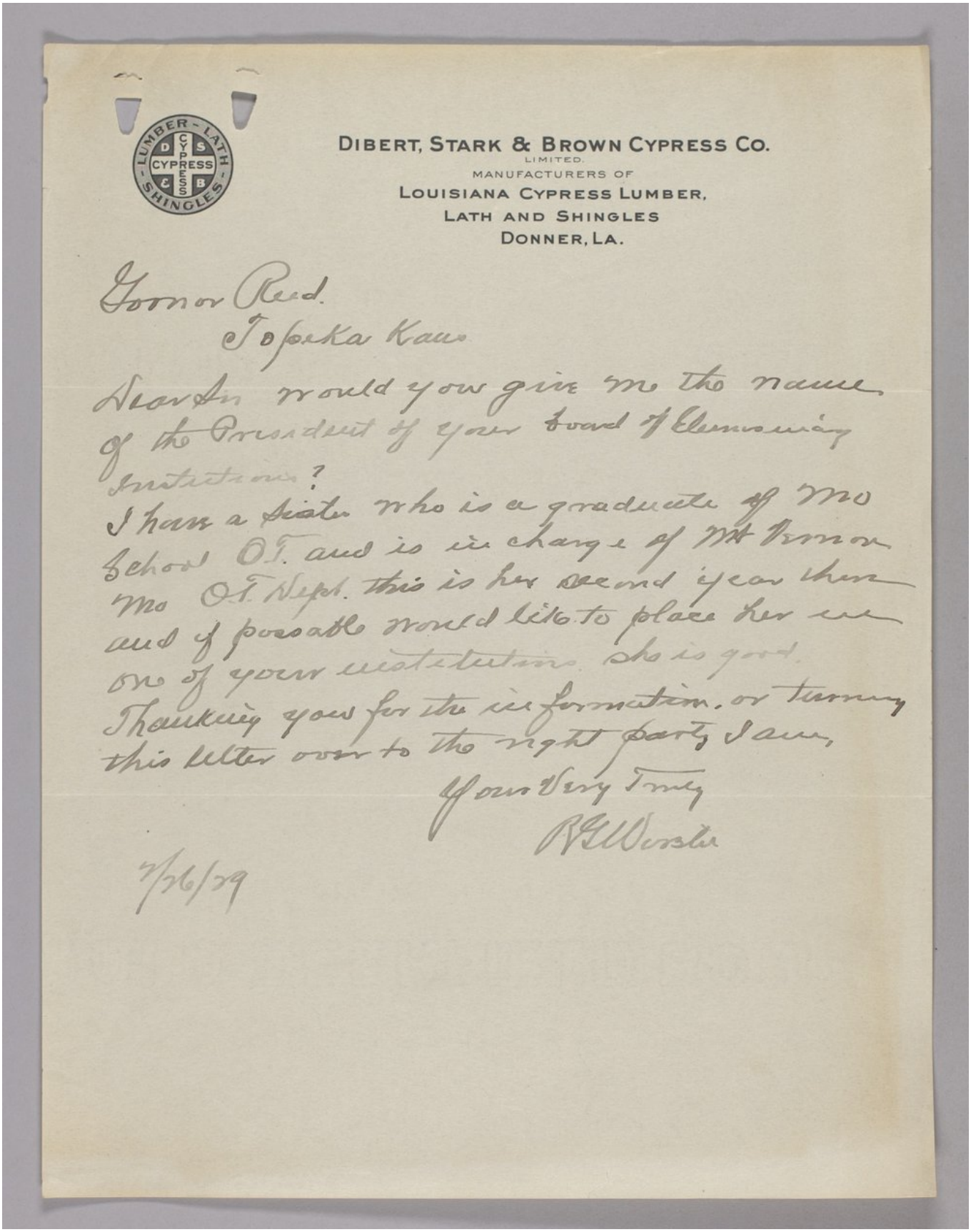
Dear Mr. Worster:

Governor Reed has directed me to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of February 26 in answer to your inquiry concerning the president of the Kansas Board of Elemosynary Institutions, beg to advise that the elemosynary institutions of Kansas are under the management of the State Board of Administration of which Dr. Chas. S. Huffman is chairman. His address is State House, Topeka, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

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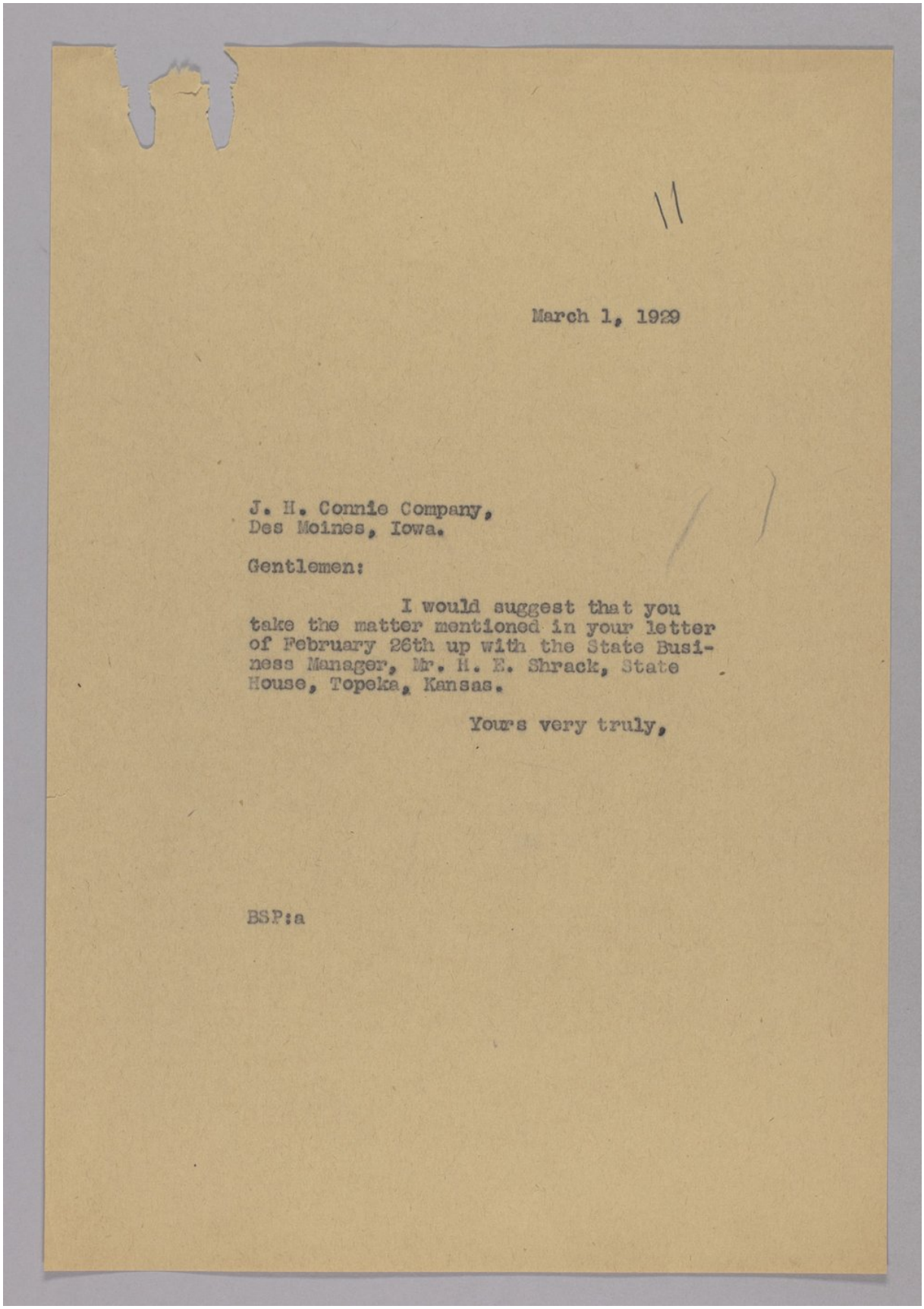
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Governor Reed.
Topeka Kans.

Dear Sir would you give me the name of the President of your board of Elemosinary Institutions?
I have a sister who is a graduate of Mo School O.T. and is in charge of Mt Vernon Mo O.T. Dept. this is her second year there and if possable would like to place her in one of your institutions. She is good.
Thanking you for the information, or turning this letter over to the right party I am,

Yours Very Truly
R H Worster

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March 1, 1929

J. H. Connie Company,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I would suggest that you take the matter mentioned in your letter of February 26th up with the State Business Manager, Mr. H. E. Shrack, State House, Topeka, Kansas.

Yours very truly,

BSP:a

St. Joseph, Mo.
Feb. 26, 1929.

Hon. Clyde Reed, Governor,
Topeka, Kansas.

Hon. Governor:

I am writing to you as an admirer of Kansas, being born and reared in Washington County, moving to St. Joseph, Mo. eighteen years ago. I have always admired Kansas, for I feel she set the example to the United States on the eighteenth Amendment.

I also admire an Executive in any State that will take the stand on law enforcement that you have, with all critics and fault finders you may encounter, I hope your administration will be outstanding.

For the past eleven years I have done an active work among young people of our city in the way of a musical organization known as the Temple Orchestra. This organization is nationally known and applies itself exclusively to all Church work, and they never get into the commercializing field.

This part of this letter is not solicited, but I feel it my sincere duty to write to you and mention my good friend, and undoubtedly your true friend, Mr. G. W. Myers, Asst. State Business Mgr., of Kansas. I received a letter from Mr. Myers, telling me of his great interest in you and your election, just prior to November 6th, and that you were going to make a speech in the city Auditorium at Topeka, he was just desirous to do something that might have the tendency to draw for you a good crowd, asking me to bring the Temple Orchestra to Topeka, for this occasion. This is the first time that I ever used the Orchestra in a political gathering, but for his friendship and enthusiastic letter about you, we did so. As far as I know Mr. Myers stood the expense of this trip. However, I was sorry that the busses that brought the Orchestra to Topeka for your occasion had a mishap arriving late also smashing up two of our main instruments. I am trying now to make arrangements in the near future to possibly have the Orchestra to broadcast from KMDC at Kansas City, we would like to have the honor, and extend the honor to you if we can make suitable dates to have you give an address on the Radio in connection with our program choosing your own subject.

I am very hopeful that Mr. Myers has proved satisfactory and that your good judgement will allow you to maintain at least his present position. Again assuring you that Mr. Myers knows nothing of this letter nor neither has he the least idea that I even had the thought of writing to you. Will be very much pleased to receive a reply from you at your convenience, in regard to possibly our Radio program. Yours very truly, B. P. Johnson
Address; 1803 N. 2nd St. St. Joseph, Mo.

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February 21, 1929.

Sen. Nick T. Cave, Chairman,
Joint Committee on Colsolidation, Budget and Purchasing,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

My dear Senator:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 18th inst., in relation to the consolidated agency in the state government in having a central purchasing system and budget director. The budget law has not been in operation long enough to determine to what extent efficiency has been increased and economy promoted by the creation of this department. The law providing for a budget director was enacted four years ago, and has no relation with the central purchasing system, which has been in operation in this state for a great many years.

The budget department makes a careful study of all state departments and state institutions relating to their needs, and makes suggestions and recommendations to the Legislature in the form of a complete and condensed report. This report embodies recommendations as to what in the judgment of the budget director will be needed for salaries and maintenance in all departments and institutions. The report gives the Legislature concise information gleaned in two years exhaustive study of the state's business by correlating all departments in one budget. It furnishes the Legislature a basis to determine what is actually needed to run the state for the following biennium.

The State Board of Administration appoints a Business Manager, through which all purchases of supplies for the state are made. As to the success of the central purchasing system in Kansas, wish to advise previous to the organization of our system as it is, the purchase of supplies for our institutions was in a semi-chaotic condition, each institution purchasing such supplies and materials as they were prevailed upon by some salesman who insisted his particular material was needed at the institution. As the matter now stands, no purchases are made