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Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, grain inspection

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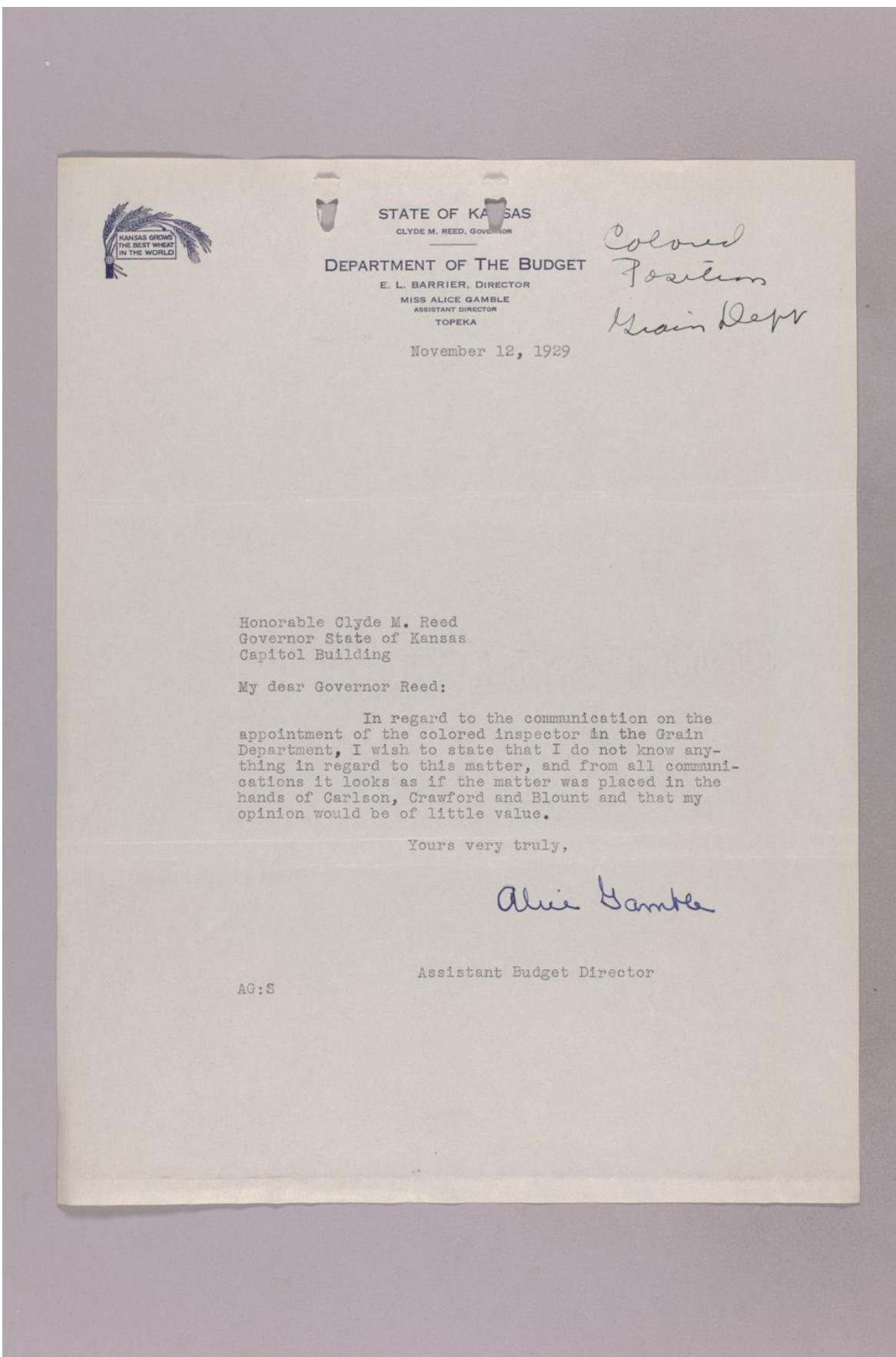
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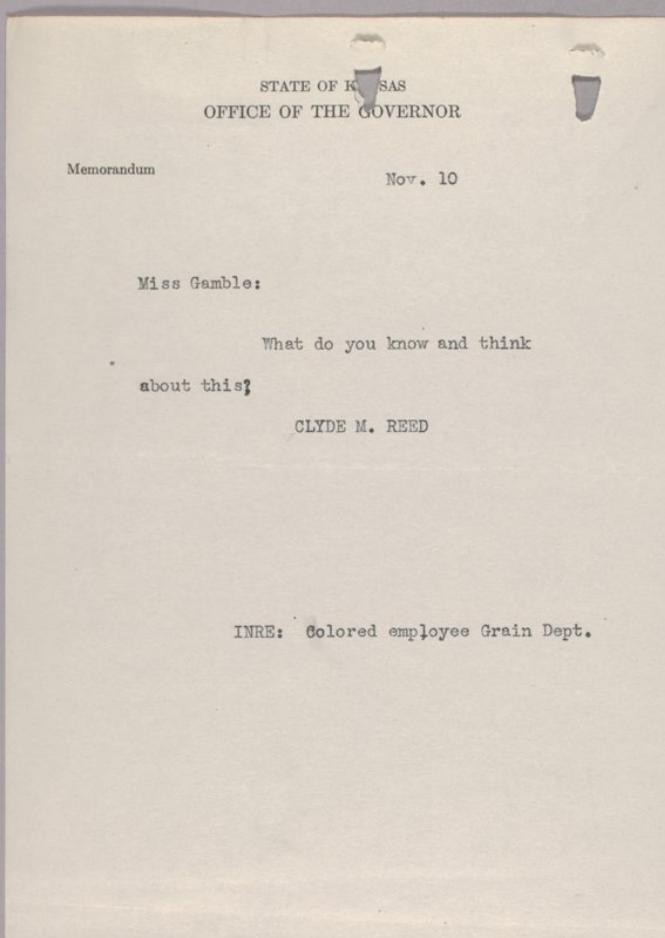


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November 8, 1929

Mr. B. H. Johnson, Chief Inspector
Kansas State Grain Department
Board of Trade Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter^s under date of November 8 addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed.

Upon the Governor's return to the office next week, his attention will be called to the matters which you have written him about. I know the Governor will be glad to have your report on the relationship of employees in your Department.

You doubtless have received Senator Carlson's letter on the colored grain sampler for your Department. In my opinion your position is absolutely sound in requiring Rev. Crawford, Dr. Blount and Senator Carlson to agree upon a representative of the colored race for this appointment.

Very truly yours,

WGW:DT

Secretary to the Governor

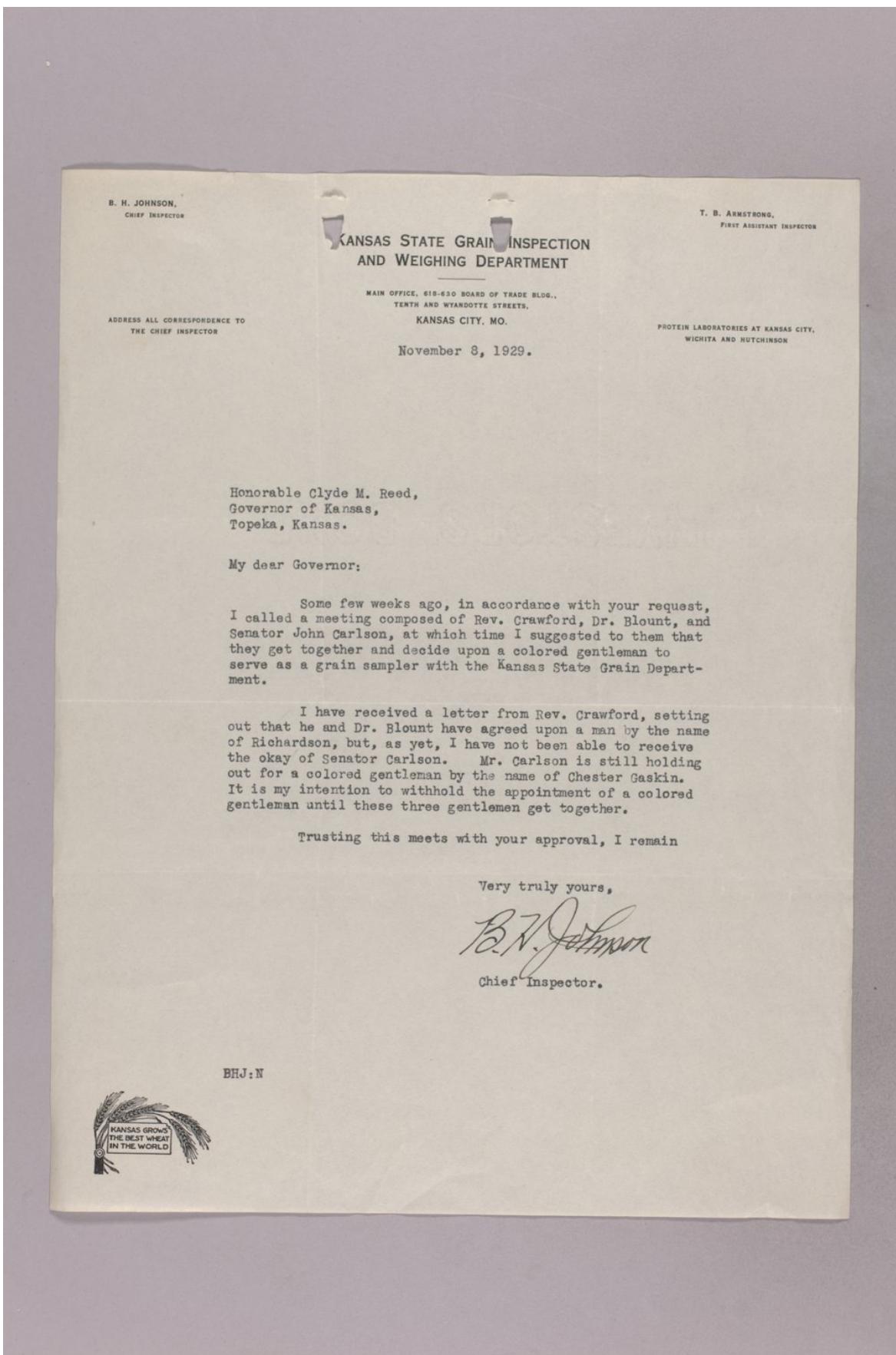
Ans & Mrs. G.
11/11/29

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Dir re
Chester Gaskin

November 9, 1929

Mr. Ben. H. Johnson,
Chief Grain Inspector,
Board of Trade Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Governor Reed is in receipt of the enclosed communication from Senator John E. Carlson, recommending Chester Gaskin, colored man, Kansas City, Kansas, for appointment as sampler in your department.

The Governor has advised Senator Carlson that he is taking the matter up with you to see what can be done in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the
Governor.

WGW:ts

Enc.

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November 12, 1929

Senator John E. Carlson,
Kansas City, Kans.

Dear Senator Carlson:

I have your letter under date of November 7th, recommending the appointment of Chester Gaskin as sampler in the State Grain Department.

I shall be very glad to take this matter up with Mr. Johnson to see what can be done for him.

With best regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Governor.

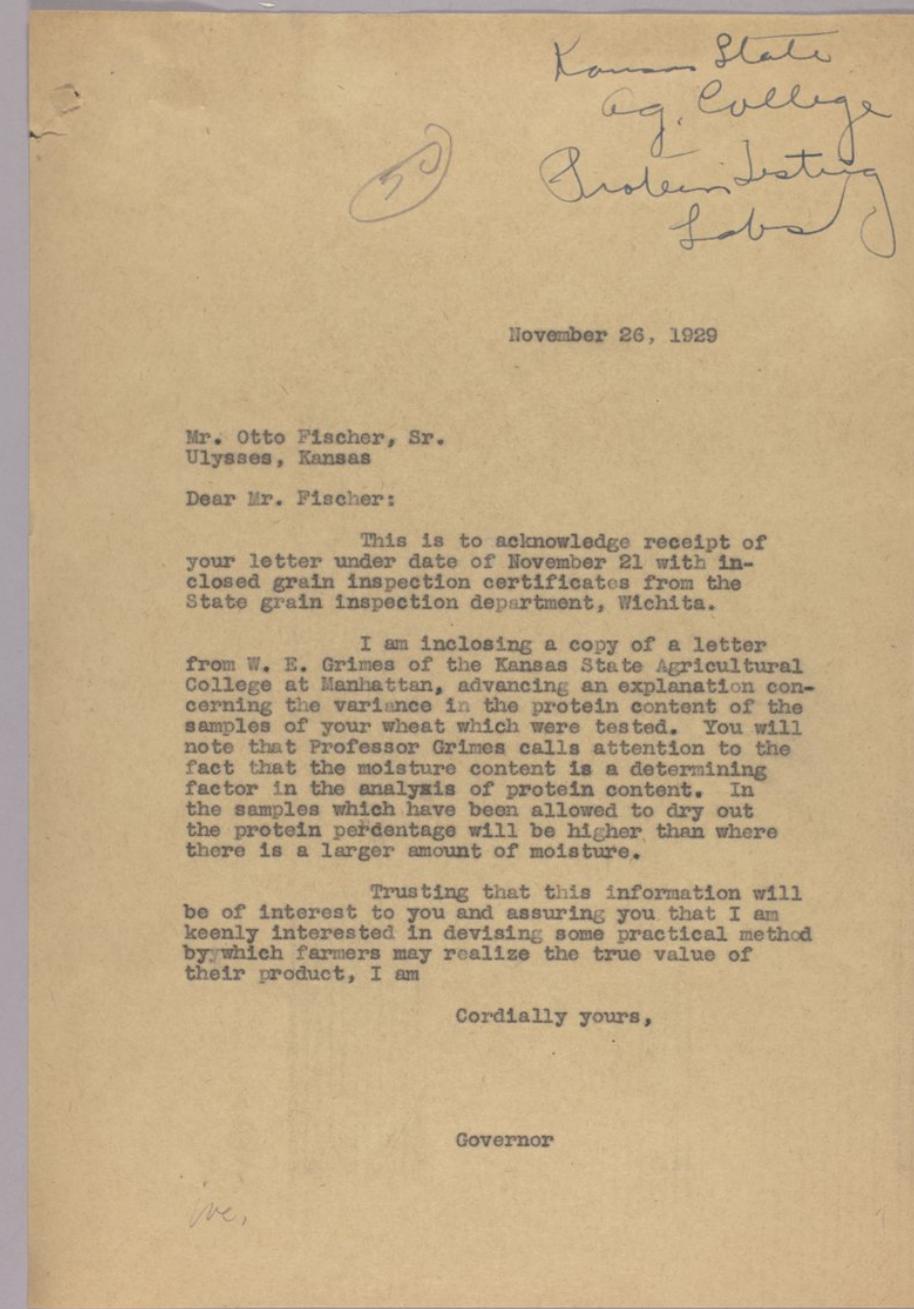
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Mr. Otto Fischer, Sr.
Ulysses, Kansas

Dear Mr. Fischer:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of November 21 with inclosed grain inspection certificates from the State grain inspection department, Wichita.

I am inclosing a copy of a letter from W. E. Grimes of the Kansas State Agricultural College at Manhattan, advancing an explanation concerning the variance in the protein content of the samples of your wheat which were tested. You will note that Professor Grimes calls attention to the fact that the moisture content is a determining factor in the analysis of protein content. In the samples which have been allowed to dry out the protein percentage will be higher than where there is a larger amount of moisture.

Trusting that this information will be of interest to you and assuring you that I am keenly interested in devising some practical method by which farmers may realize the true value of their product, I am

Cordially yours,

Governor

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OFFICIAL PROTEIN CERTIFICATE
DODGE CITY BOARD OF TRADE

4073
ORIGINAL

Dodge City, Kans., 851 1929

This is to certify that a sample of wheat was this day analyzed by a chemist under supervision of the Dodge City Board of Trade.

Consignee	Initial	Car No.	Protein (N X 5.7)
I Fischer Alyssus	(cloth sack)	11.55	

Submitted By J. T. Mauney
Official Board of Trade Chemist.

Manhattan College Test 12⁵⁰

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OFFICIAL PROTEIN CERTIFICATE			
DODGE CITY BOARD OF TRADE			
		4071	
		ORIGINAL	
Dodge City, Kans.,		8/5/1	1929
This is to certify that a sample of wheat was this day analyzed by a chemist under supervision of the Dodge City Board of Trade.			
Consignee	Initial	Car No.	Protein (N X 5.7)
O Fischer Alyses	A paper sack	12.02	
Submitted <small>Official</small>	By	J. T. Mannion Board of Trade Chemist.	
Manhattan College test		13 ³⁵	

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Ulysses 11/13 1929
Mr. G. M. Reed Governor of Kans
Topeka
Dear Governor
I am located in Grant Co Kans
and farm between 1400 & 1800 of
wheat Land, having a wheat
crop this year of about 15000
b, I send out wheat samples
to Manhattan College every
year but I read that you have
more testing places installed
so I made Enquiry at local
Elevator the told me to send
to Dodge City Planer Mills
well I thought that would
not be a good place for

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farmer to get a protein test,
as the would be interreted
to get high protein for less
Money, I ask how about
Gardens City he told me there
was none, so I send to Dodge
and same wheat to Manhattan
I got my returns and I
mail them to you, now it
is plain to me if we
get our test thru the Board of
trade or flour mills we
better have no test for it
would do us no good I
think they should not be
permittet to test for the
farmer, and be alamed

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give him a wrong test, and charge 75¢ a bushel. I wrote them and told them if I had sold my wheat by their test I would be a heavy loser, and they ought to come in for damages instead of pay, he who has done the work whether right or wrong they wanted the money or bring suit so I send them a check and told them I would lay the matter before you, I think the College is right for the test every year for me and are disinterested, I could not send different wheat because that is all the wheat I have, and

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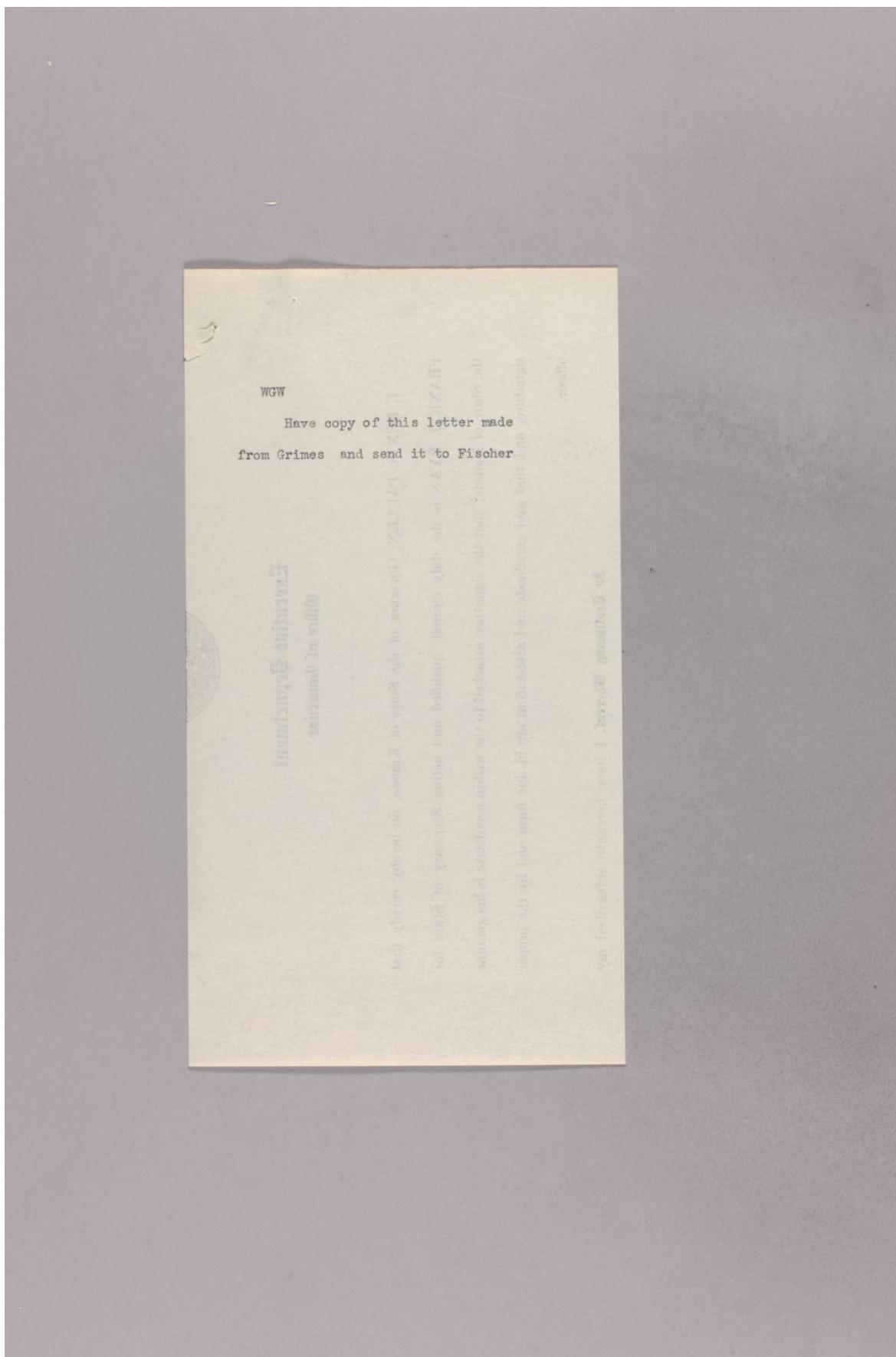
it would make no differents
to me he tested my wheat
so I got corekt test as I
pay Manhattan just the same
price, it is clear that there
tester are bought soul and
ahl, or els dont know
ennothink, and dont want
to know ennothing, simply
deaf & dumb, no matter to hoo
or what the farmer turns to the
nearly ahl seiv him if he get
a chance, if he ships his wheat
the State graders, are another
bunch of scimmers. Yours truly
Otto Fischer Sr
Ulysses Kans

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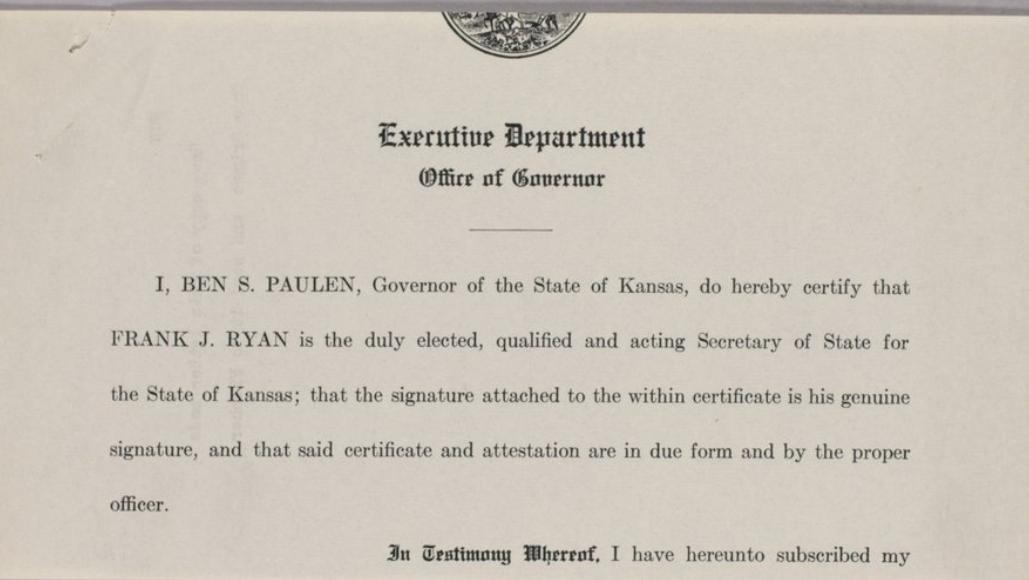


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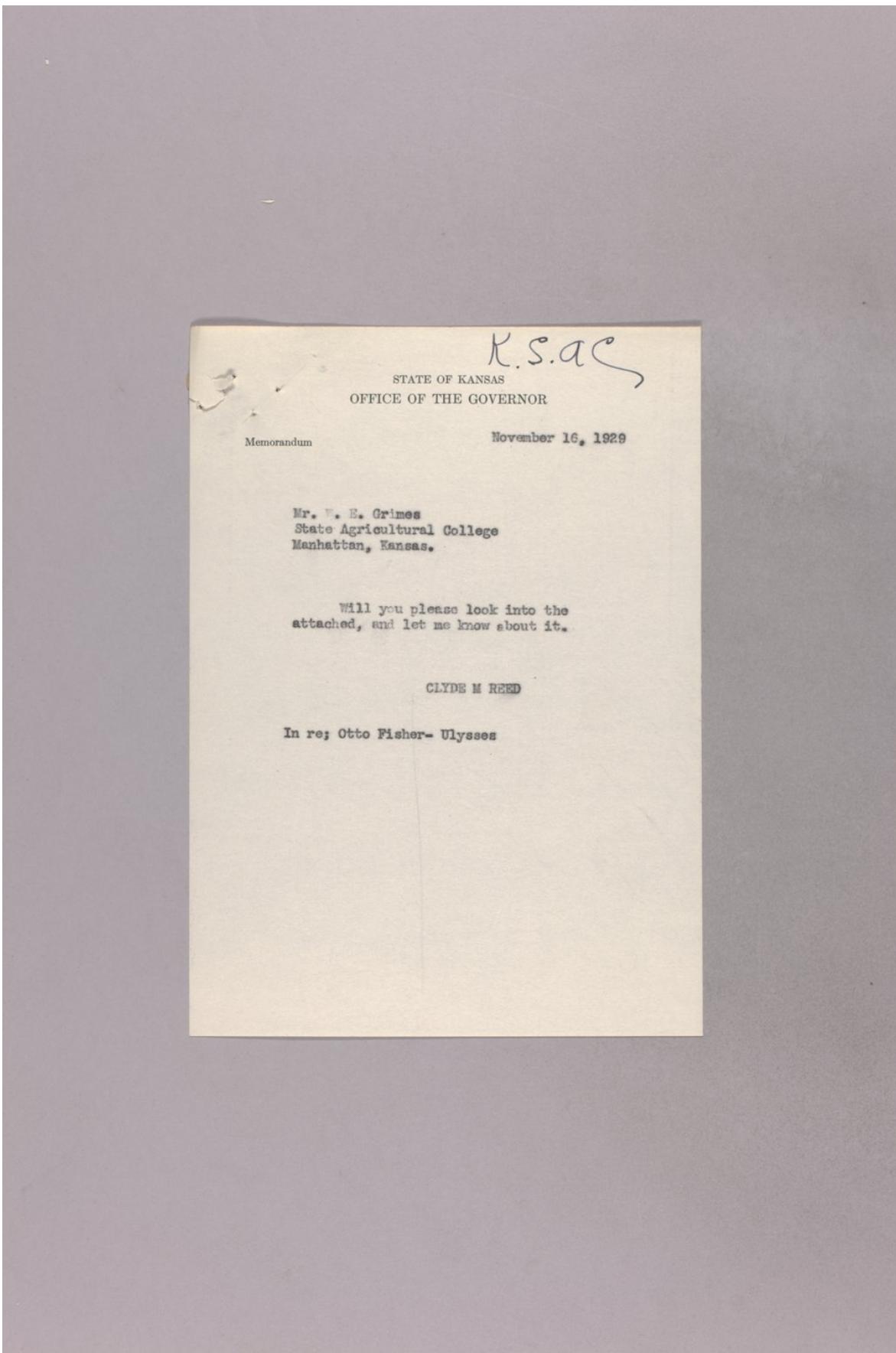


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November 16, 1929

Mr. Otto Fisher,
Mr.
Ulysses, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

I have yours of the 13th and am asking the Kansas State Agricultural College to investigate. The college authorities selected the man in charge of the state temporary protein testing stations during last season. I observe the certificates you send me are from the Board of Trade at Dodge City, Kansas. My impression is that the state chemists had nothing to do with these tests but I am making inquiry to ascertain the facts and will advise you further.

Very truly yours,

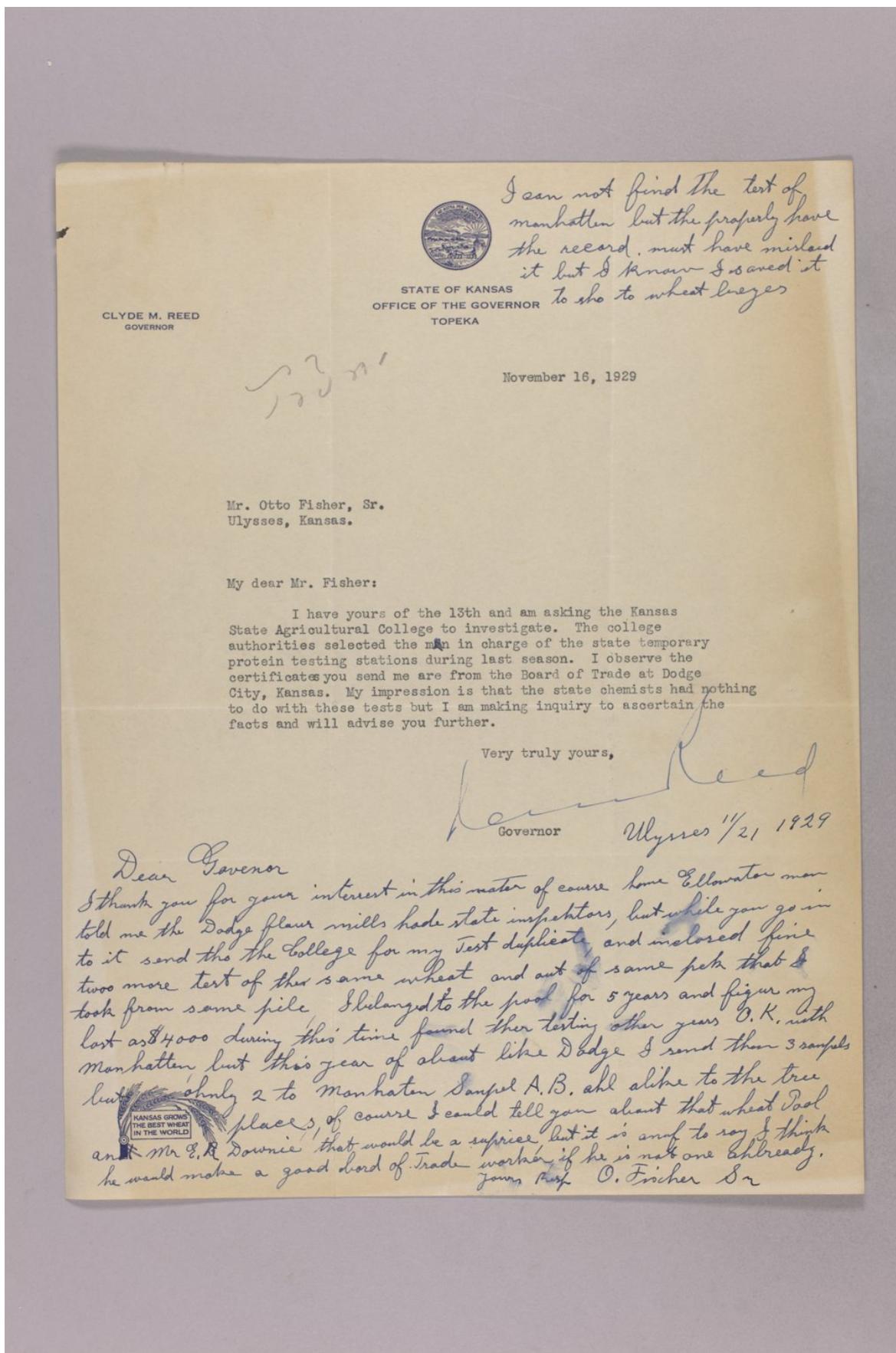
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OFFICIAL PROTEIN CERTIFICATE
No. 9802

Kansas State Grain Inspection Department
ORIGINAL

Wichita, Kan., 8/8 1929

This is to certify that a sample of wheat bearing the following identification was this day analyzed by a state chemist under the supervision of the Kansas State Grain Inspection and Weighing Dept. and was found to contain

For the account of	Car initial	Car No.	Protein (N × 6.7)
S. W. Coop	Otto Miller "B"	1135	<i>P. Colwell</i>

Countersigned: _____
B. Johnson
Chief Inspector.
State Chemist.
12-7380-a

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OFFICIAL PROTEIN CERTIFICATE
Kansas State Grain Inspection Department
No. 9801
Wichita, Kan., 8/8/1949
ORIGINAL

This is to certify that a sample of wheat bearing the following identification was this day analyzed by a state chemist under the supervision of the Kansas State Grain Inspection and Weighing Dept. and was found to contain

For the account of	Car initial	Car No.	Protein (N × 5.7)
S. H. Coop	Otoe	Fisher "A"	12.65

Countersigned:
B. Johnson
Chief Inspector.

E. Stolzenel State Chemist.

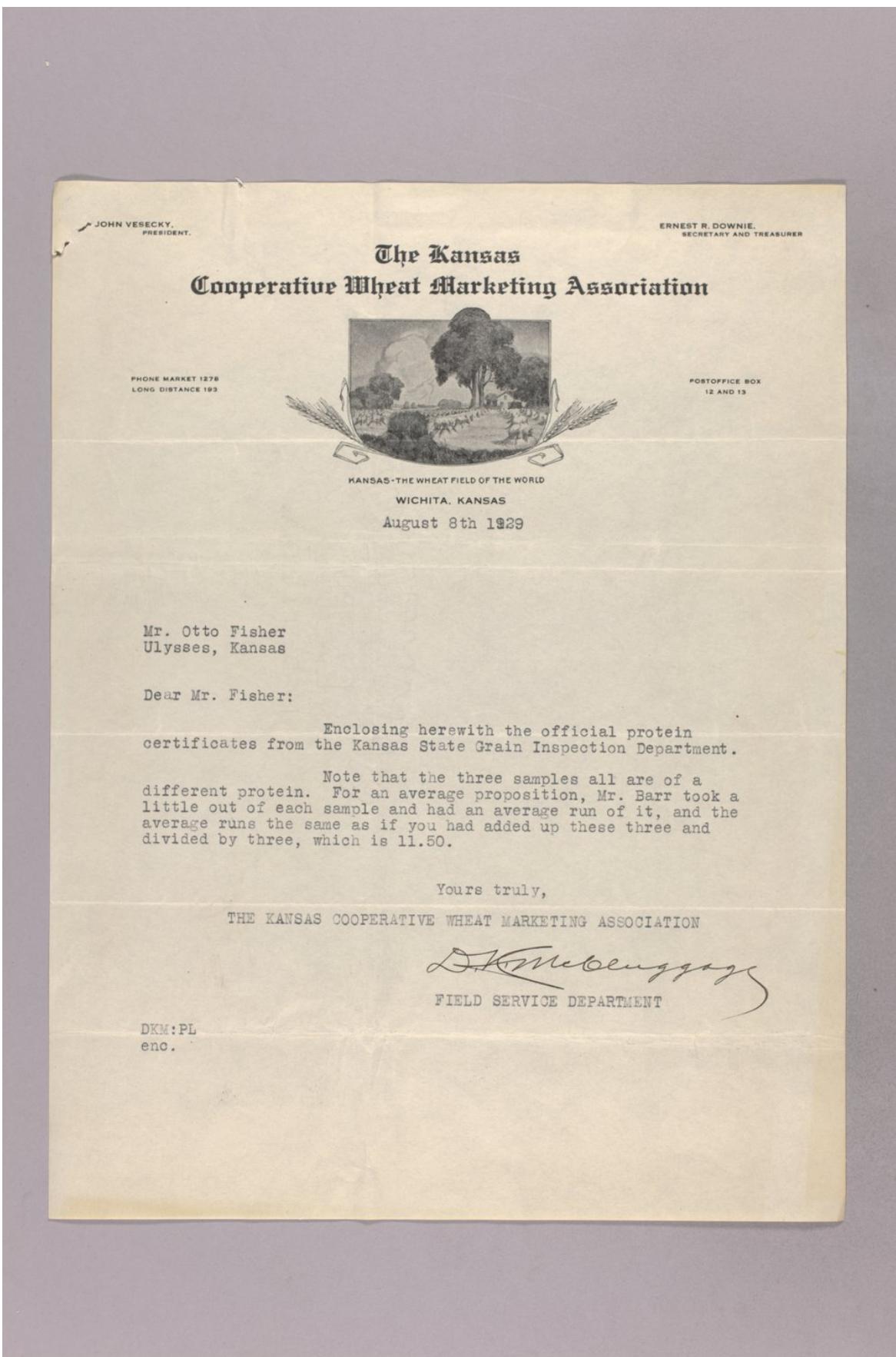
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KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
MANHATTAN, KANSAS
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

November 21, 1929

Protein
Testing Lab
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Governor Clyde Reed
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Governor Reed:

The correspondence with Mr. Otto Fischer,
Sr., Ulysses, Kansas, has been received.

Our Milling Industry Department made the two tests for protein in wheat indicated by Mr. Fischer. These tests were made on August 14, or nine days later than the Dodge City tests. The difference in protein content in the two tests can be accounted for in part by difference in moisture content. The samples sent to the college had nine more days in which to dry out than the samples tested by the Dodge City Board of Trade laboratory. This would make the percentage of protein higher in the samples tested by the college than in the samples tested at Dodge City.

This probable difference in moisture content will not explain all of the difference in the two sets of tests. It is possible that a part of this difference is due to errors in sampling. The sample from which the protein test is made for a car of wheat has approximately the same ratio to the carload as one part in 50 million. Consequently, errors in sampling are easily made, particularly when samples are taken by people who are inexperienced in sampling wheat.

The protein tests at Dodge City were made by the Dodge City Board of Trade on submitted samples. These protein tests have no connection whatever with any service rendered by the Kansas Grain

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Inspection Department.

This will explain the situation so far as is possible. However, I doubt if any explanation entirely satisfactory to Mr. Fischer can be given.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. E. Grimes".

W. E. GRIMES
Head of Department

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Enc.

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October 23, 1929

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Mr. B. H. Johnson,
Chief Grain Inspector,
Board of Trade Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of October 22nd, relative to the recent conference in your office with Reverend Crawford, Dr. Blount and Senator Carlson.

The Governor has read your letter and has noted the copy of your letter to Edgar Bratton of Farmington, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor.

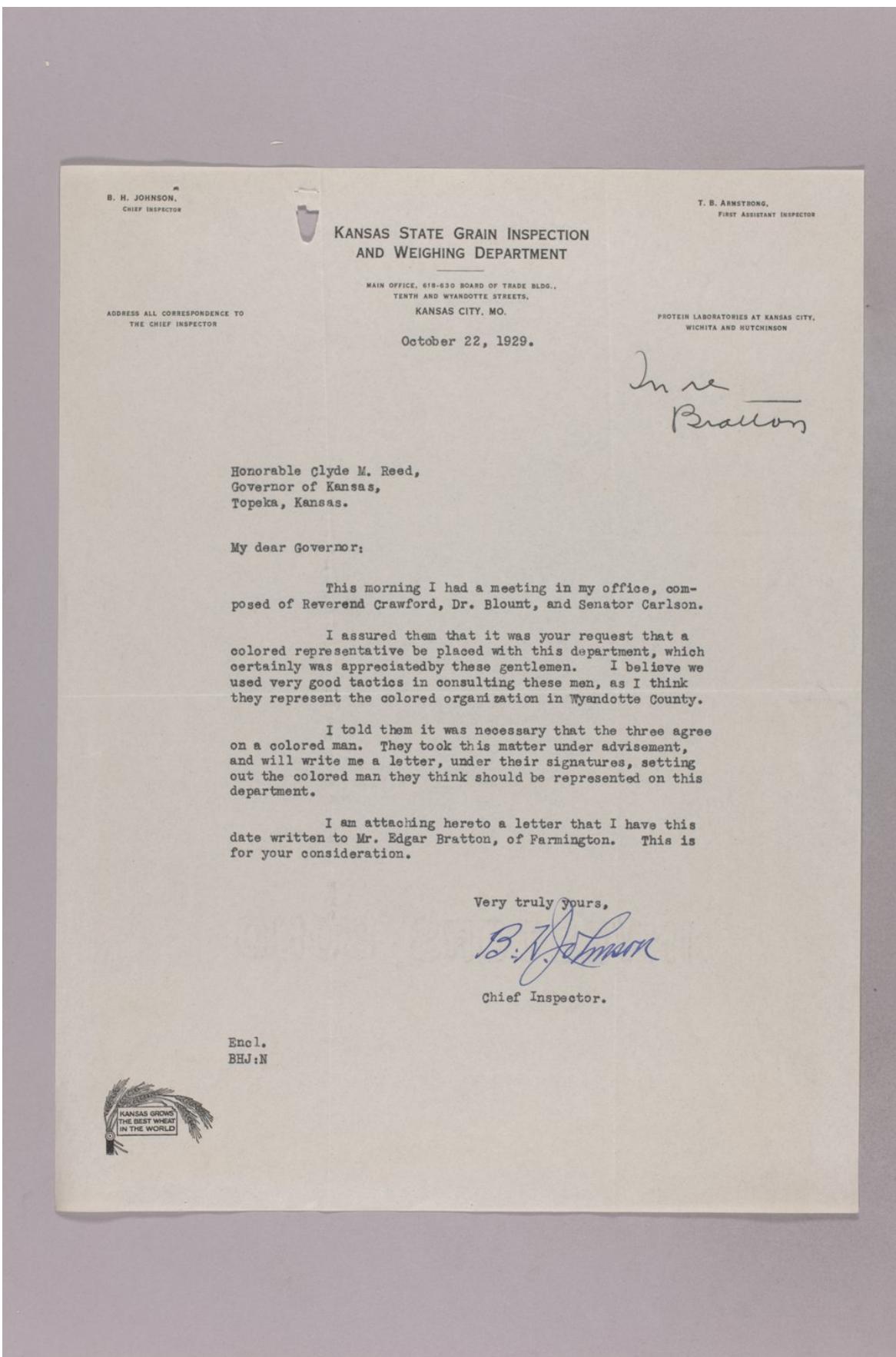
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October 22, 1929.

Mr. Edgar W. Bratton,
Farmington, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Upon my return to the office from attending the Grain Dealers Convention at Peoria, Ill., I found your letter on my desk in which you ask for an early reply, as to whether or not we could use your services at this time with this department.

I do feel, as does the Governor, that we should have a colored representative with this department, but so much pressure has been brought to bear upon us recognizing a colored man from Wyandotte County, and, as I have agreed to do this, it will not be possible for me to put you on our payroll at this time. As I have heretofore stated to you, we have a colored employee at Atchison, and, at this time, do not feel as though we could increase the number of employees at that point.

I assure you that I am very much in sympathy with your request, and should conditions adjust themselves, I might possibly be able to use you at a later date.

Trusting I have answered your letter in a satisfactory manner, I am

Very truly yours,

Chief Inspector.

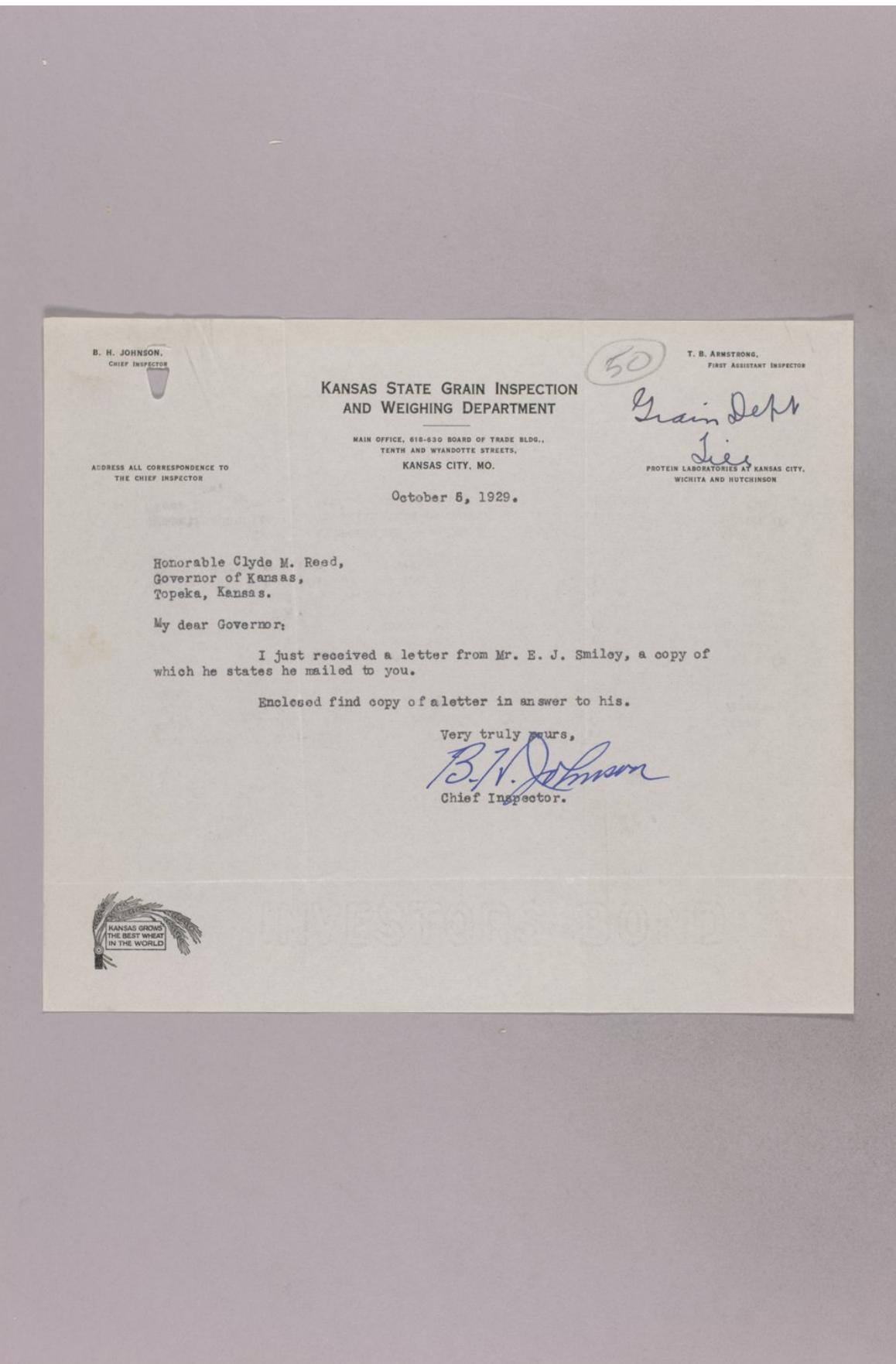
cc-Hon. Clyde M. Reed,
Topeka, Kansas.
BBJ:N

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October 5, 1929.

Mr. E. J. Smiley, Sec.,
Kansas Grain Dealers Ass'n.,
Topeka, Kansas.

Friend Smiley:

In reading your letter this morning, relative to one J.A.Foltz, Homer, Russell County, Kansas, will say that it is a fact that our Warehouse Commissioner, Mr. Bateman, has filed action against this gentleman for alleged violation of the local grain storage act.

In answer to paragraph two, of your letter, in which you state that it is your opinion the farmers will resent this action who have stored grain with Mr. Foltz. Now, Ed, I see no reason why the farmers should resent the action of our warehouse Commissioner. The only thought we have in mind is to protect the farmers that store grain. The filing of a suit against J. E. Foltz for violations of the Warehouse Law, will have nothing to do with Mr. Foltz settling all claims with the farmers.

We are not suing Mr. Foltz to get judgment, nor to collect any funds whatever, but we have started action because Mr. Foltz stored grain in violation of the Warehouse Law.

You state that Mr. Foltz' father lives at Abilene, and holds a first mortgage on the property at Homer. I trust that the father in this case will help the son to pay all farmers 100% on grain stored, on which, no doubt, they were paying storage fees. I am not sure about the father's ability to pay. In answer to paragraph five of your letter, in which you state that possibly it is the intention of the warehouse commissioner to make an example of Mr. Foltz. Far be it from this, but as it happens to be the first failure of an interest storing grain since I have taken charge of the department, I think the easiest way to prove his intentions is to let him know what he can't do so he need never do it again. You state that, while it is true that Mr. Foltz has violated this Act, it is also true that the act is violated every day. This is the first case that has come to my attention where the warehouse law has been violated. All other cases that have been called to my attention have taken out a warehouse license, and I am sure that there will not be many violations, as soon as our Warehouse Commissioner has the opportunity to visit all elevator owners and operators and explain the warehouse law to them.

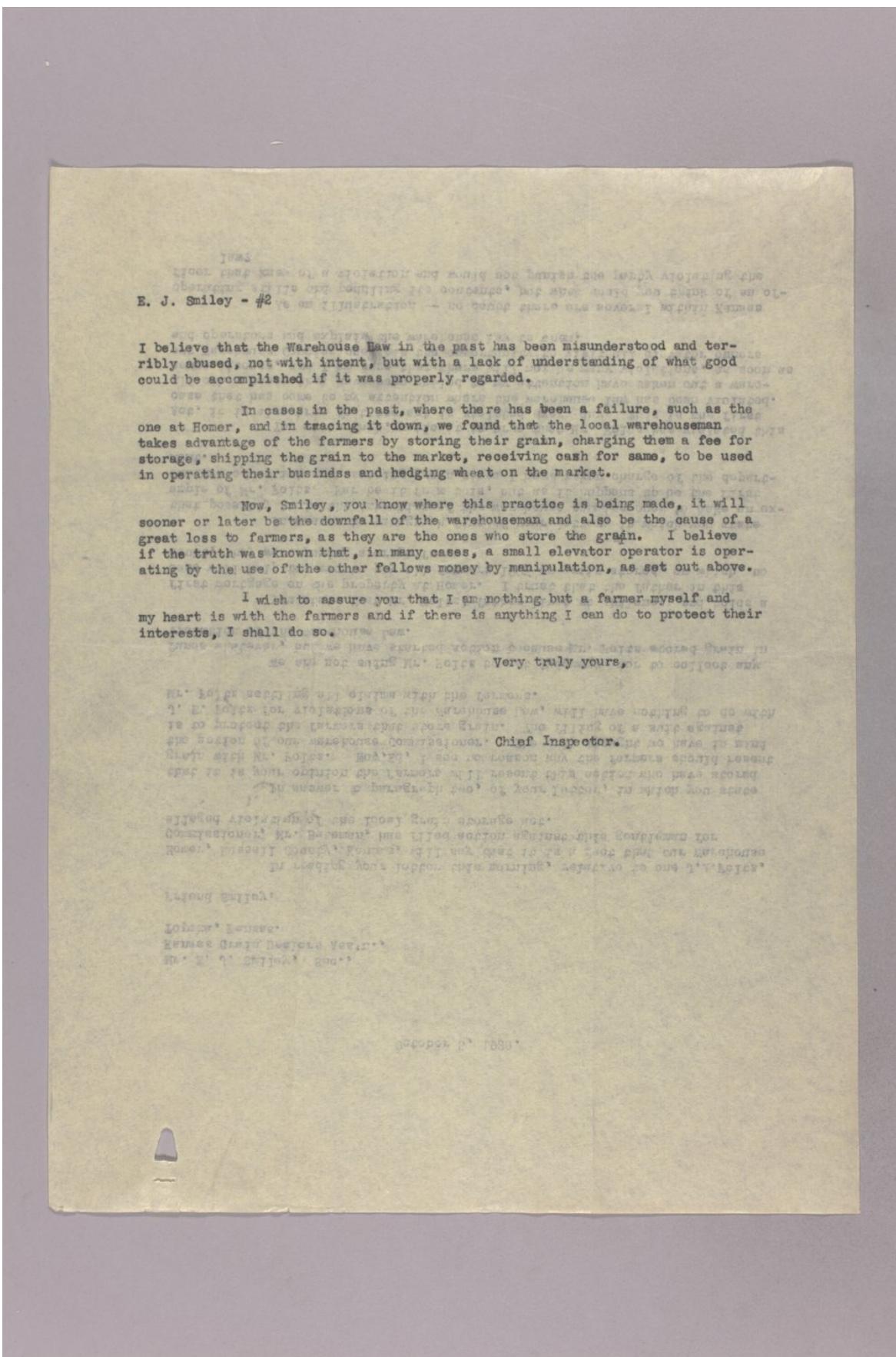
As an illustration -- no doubt there are several within Kansas operating stills and peddling its contents, but what would you think of an officer that knew of a violation and would not punish the party violating the law?

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October 4, 1929.

Mr. B. H. Johnson, Chief Grain Inspector,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have just returned from a trip through the central part of the state and learned that the warehouse commissioner of the state of Kansas had commenced an action against J. A. Foltz of Homer, Russell, Kansas, for alleged violation of the local grain storage act.

For your information will state that it is the writer's opinion after interviewing a number of people in that territory, that the action of your warehouse commissioner will be resented not only by the farmers that have stored grain with Mr. Foltz but by others in that territory.

For your further information will state that Mr. Foltz has secured assistance from some outside parties to finance him, and he has a written agreement signed by all of the creditors agreeing not to molest or harass him through litigation, law suits or garnishments.

I further found out that Mr. Foltz's father living in Abilene holds a first mortgage on his property at Homer, and should your department get judgment against him, it will be impossible to collect anything.

Possibly it is the intention of the warehouse commissioner to make an example of Mr. Foltz, but as the parties have entered into an agreement with Mr. Foltz as above stated, I fail to see that any action will bring about the desired result.

For your further information will state that I have reason to believe that the farmers in that section will resent any action on the part of the department to make an example of Mr. Foltz, and believe that if you care