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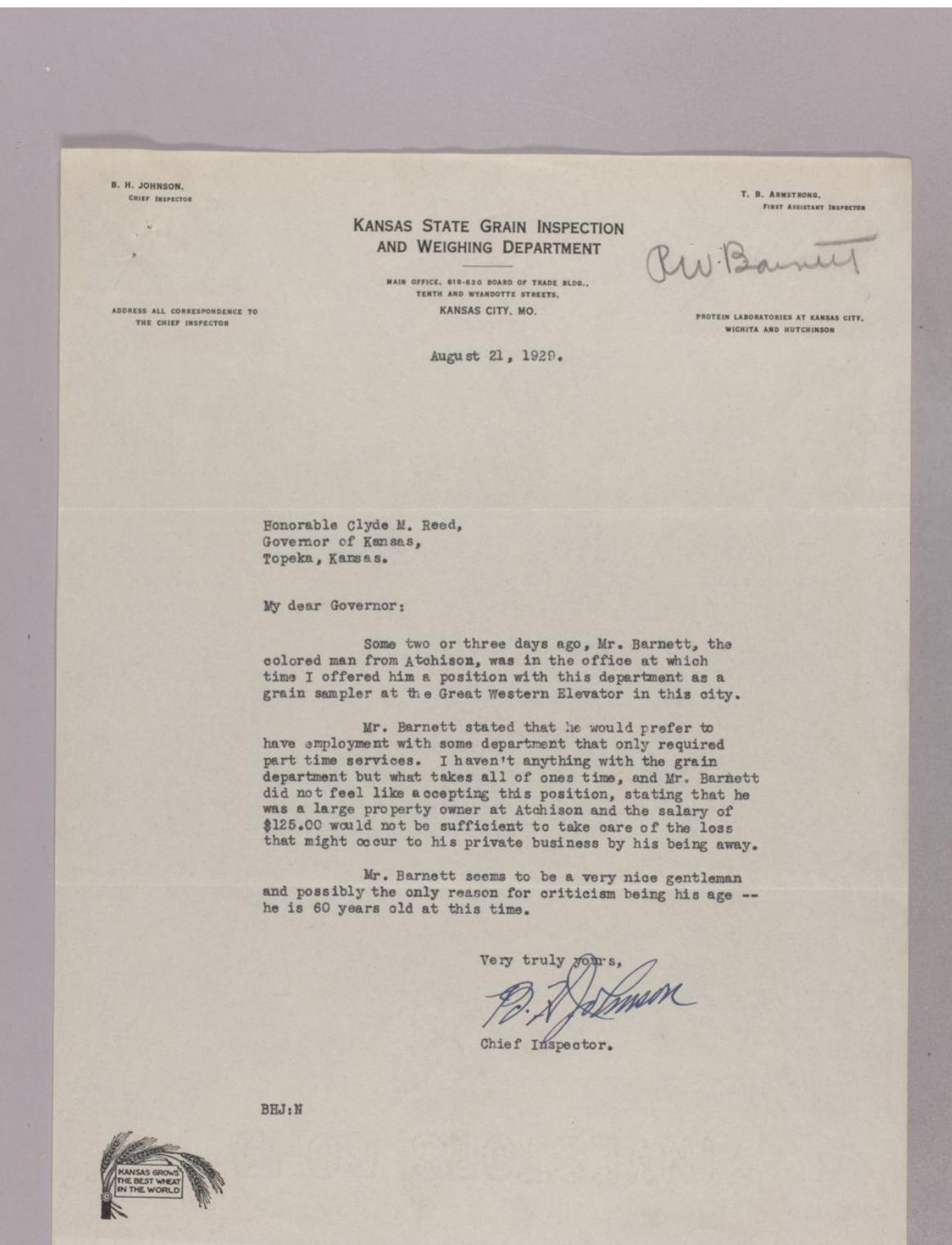
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August 8, 1900

Mr. F. W. Barnett,
1305 Division Street
Atchison, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Barnett:

Please take this letter and call on Honorable Ben E. Johnson, Chief Grain Inspector, Board of Trade Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and discuss with Mr. Johnson the matter of giving you employment as a sampler in the State Grain Department.

It is hard work and you will want to be sure before you accept that you can do the work and Mr. Johnson will want to be satisfied, of course, that you can render efficient service in that position.

Very truly yours,

Governor

cc---Mr. Johnson

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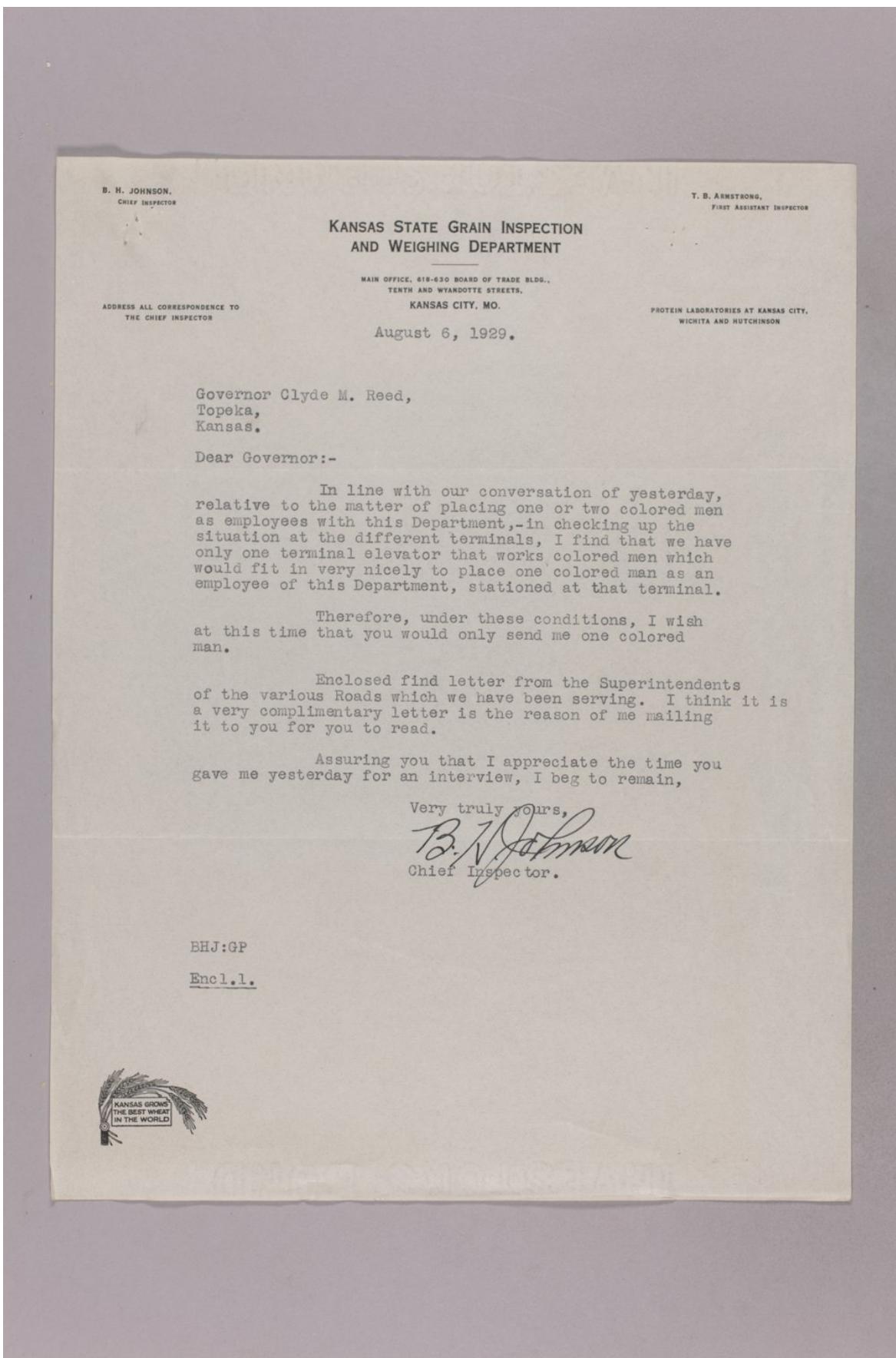
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September 15, 1929

Dr. D. L. Stewart,
Atchison, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Stewart:

Going back to your letter of July 10, would Bratton accept a place in the Grain Department in Kansas City that would require him to move to that place and take all of his time?

There was an offer made to Barnett but he declined it. I don't know that the place is still open but wish you would let me know whether Bratton would take it, and then I will find out what can be done.

Cordially yours,

Governor

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HOME OFFICE
THE SECURITY INSURANCE CO.
ATCHISON, KANSAS

Sept. 14, 1929.

Hon. Clyde M. Reed.
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Governor:

In reply to yours' of the 11th I desire to say that Albert Morton, who is employed in the Office of Secretary of State was recommended to this position by our local organization. Mr. Morton was not an original Clyde Reed man, but joined the 'camp' immediately after the Primary. He was a very valuable man. Personally I believe that he is as good a politician as you will find the State. In the Senator fight he came out flat-footed and worked above board for us. The results that were obtained by him in my judgment certainly entitled him to the recognition he has received.

In regard to the colored situation in Atchison County, Edgar Bratton, who is a close personal friend of Andy White's, has the unanimous endorsement of the original colored organization, the Clyde Reed-for-Governor Club of Atchison County. I believe that if Mr. Bratton were offered some such position as you offered Mr. Barnette in the Grain Department at Kansas City that he would accept, and it would meet with the approval of the colored officers of the Clyde Reed-for-Governor Club, Dr. Stewart, Charley Porter, and Ira Hickey, and if we could have our leading colored lady, Minnie Guthrie, appointed in some such position as Matron at the Colored School now presided over by Jeff King we would satisfy a majority of the Reed supporters.

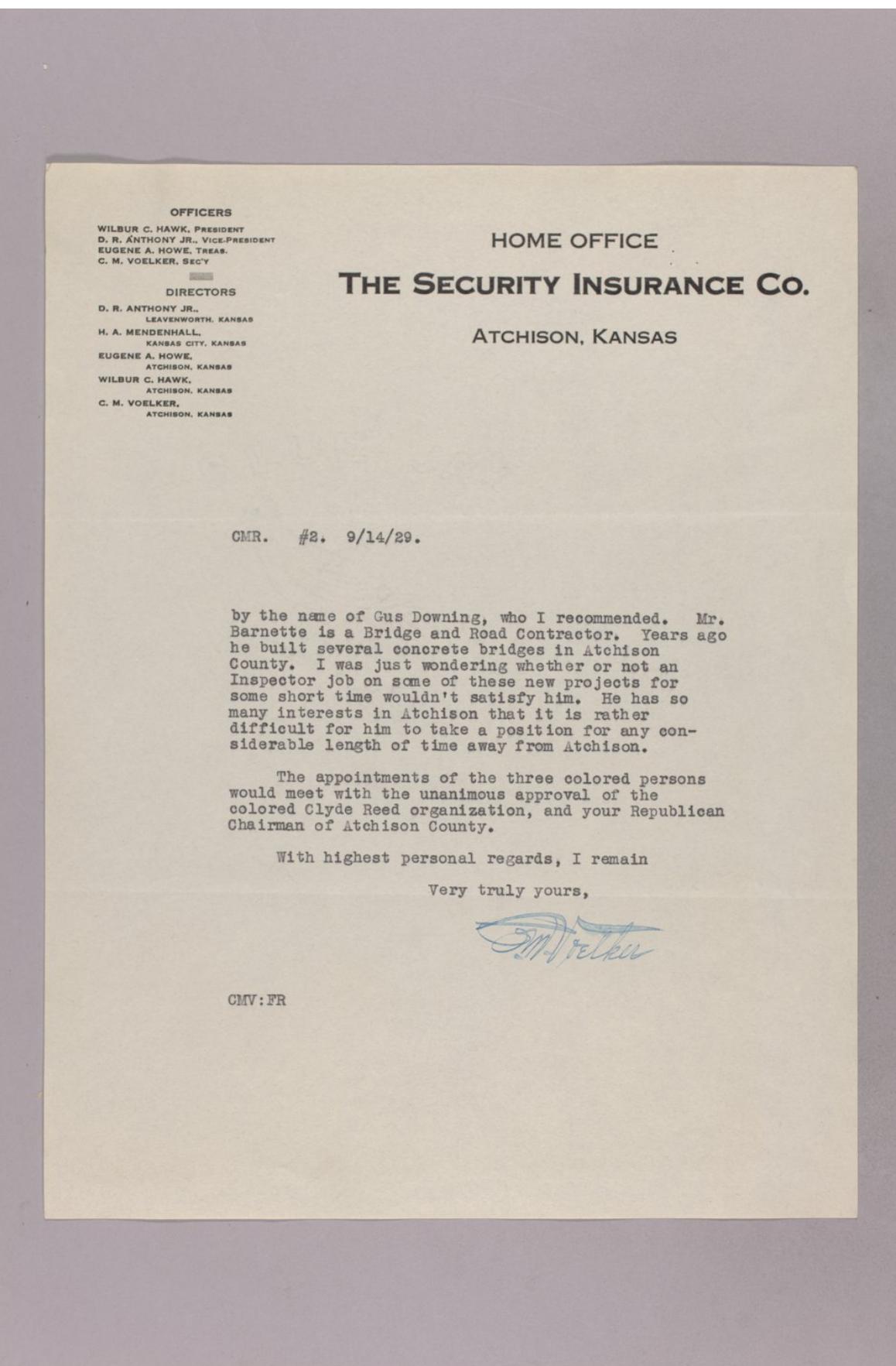
I do not want it understood that I am opposing Mr. Peter Barnette because I am not. He was a loyal supporter in both the Primary and General Election, and the position of Guard that he was offered at the Penitentiary was given to a colored gentleman

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September 11, 1929

Honorable C. M. Voelker
Atchison, Kansas.

Dear Friend:

Dr. Stewart has been writing me about some recognition of the colored race from your county. You will recall that arrangements were made for a place as guard at the penitentiary, which I understand Barnett declined, but which was filled by someone else on your recommendation. Recently I arranged a place for Barnett in the State Grain Inspection department, at Kansas City but he declined that also.

Stewart has been pressing a colored man by the name of Edgar Bratton as well as one named Bell. In one of his letters Dr. Stewart made reference to a colored man named Alfred Morton, whom I am informed is employed in the office of Secretary of State. Was Morton placed on your recommendation? I'd like to get this colored situation at Atchison straightened out if possible.

Cordially yours,

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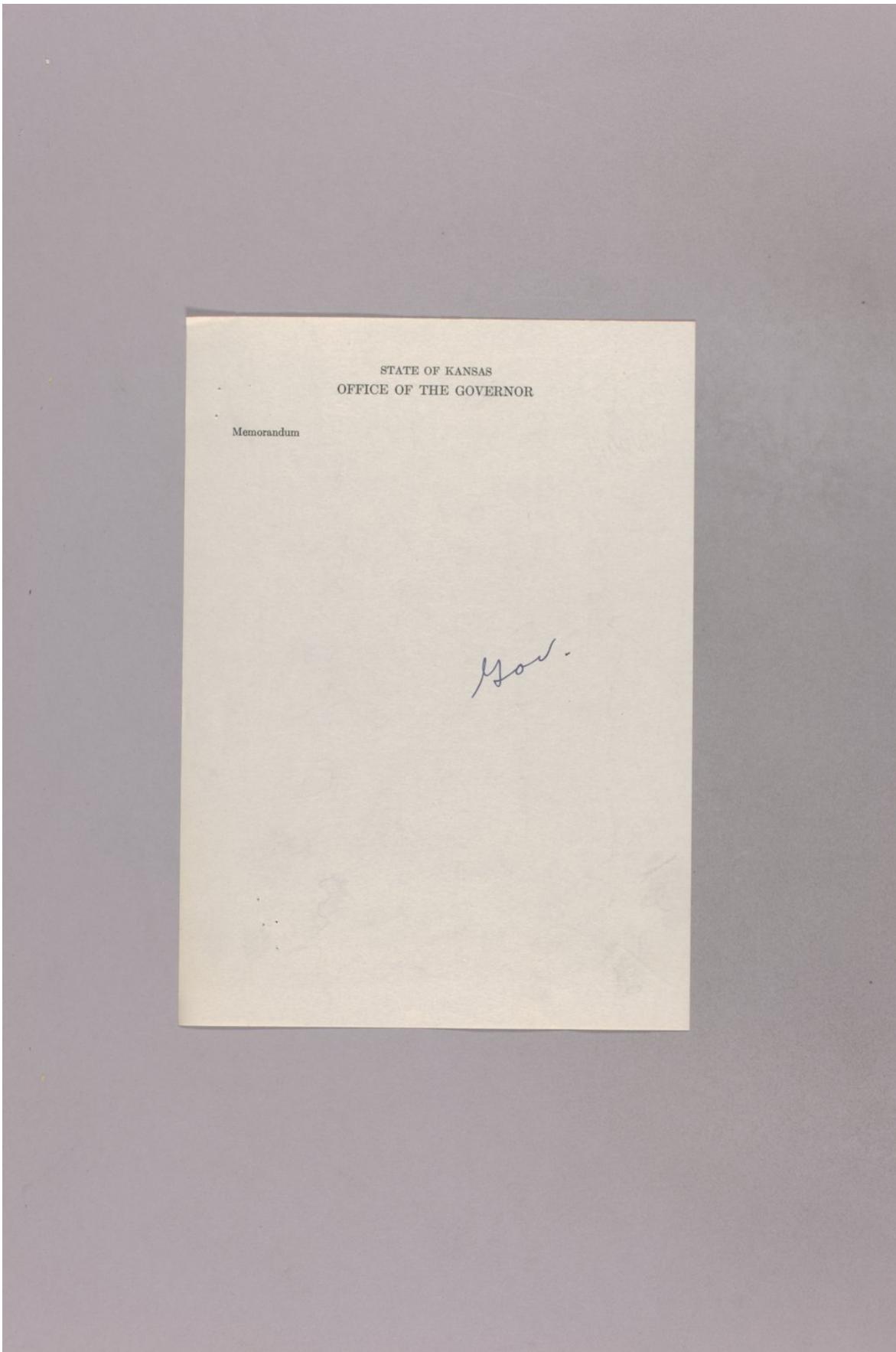
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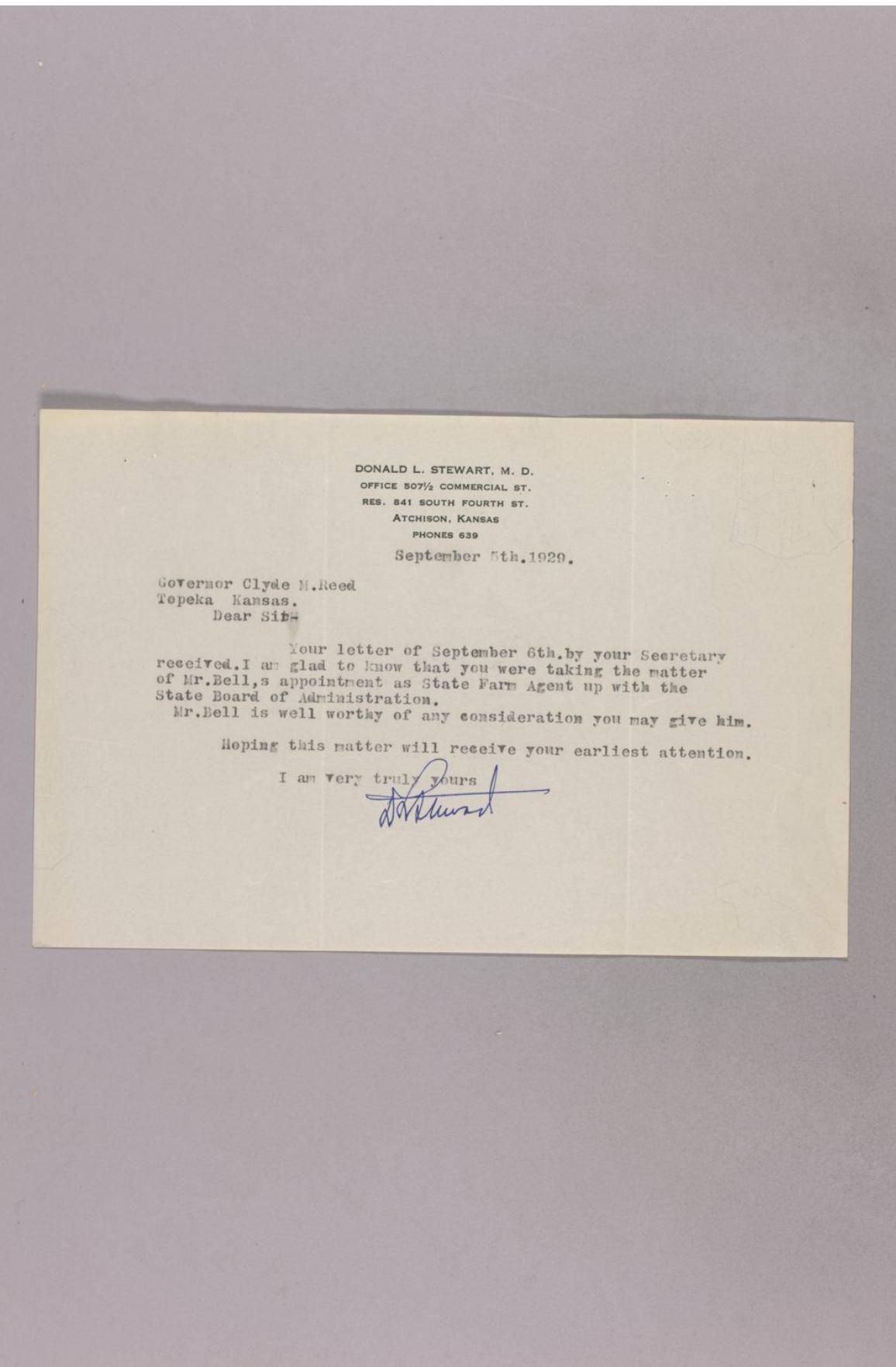


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DONALD L. STEWART, M. D.
OFFICE 507½ COMMERCIAL ST.
RES. 841 SOUTH FOURTH ST.
ATCHISON, KANSAS
PHONES 639

September 5th, 1920.

Governor Clyde M. Reed
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 6th, by your Secretary received. I am glad to know that you were taking the matter of Mr. Bell's appointment as State Farm Agent up with the State Board of Administration.

Mr. Bell is well worthy of any consideration you may give him.

Hoping this matter will receive your earliest attention.

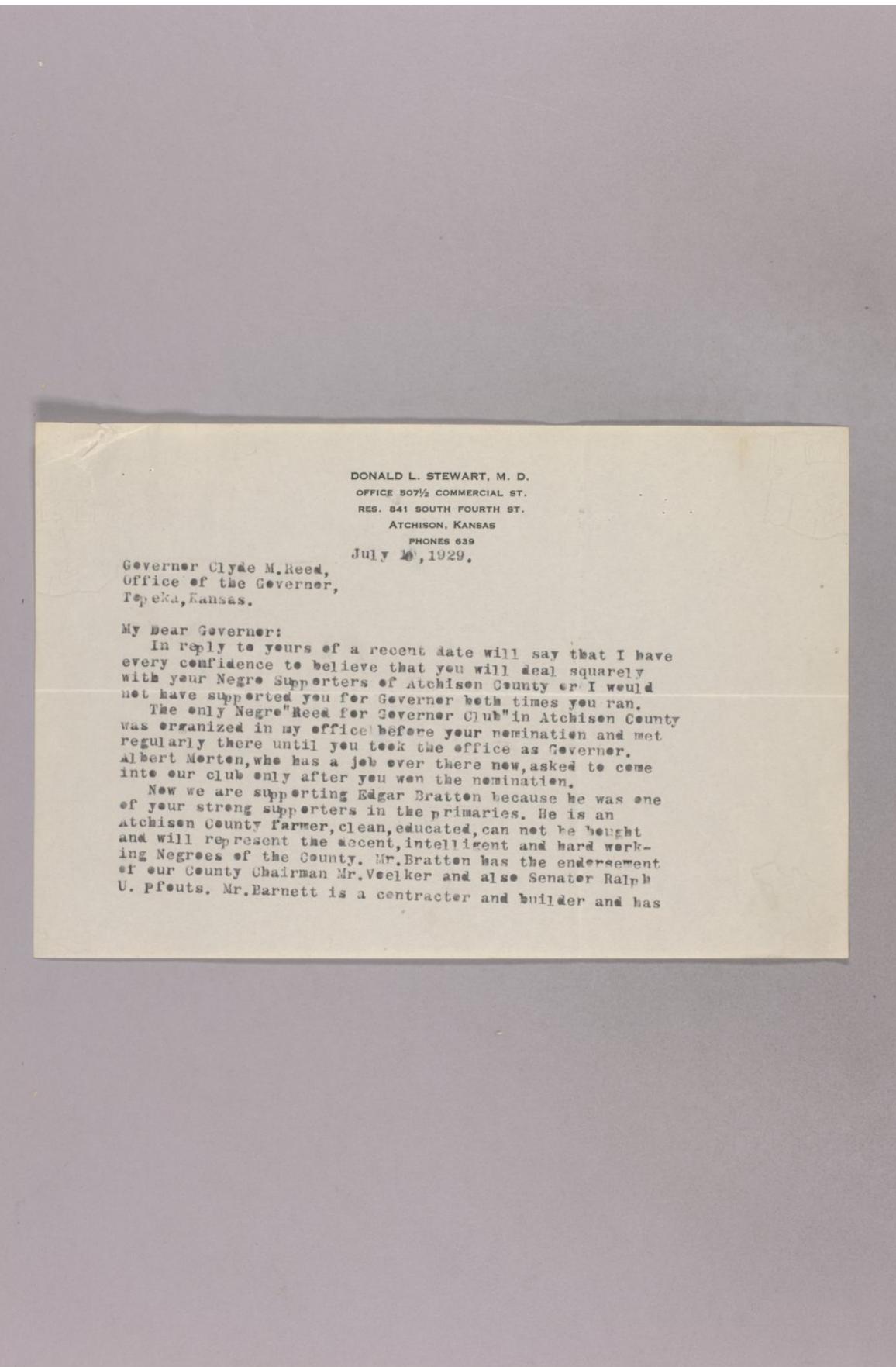
I am very truly yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald L. Stewart".

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DONALD L. STEWART, M. D.
OFFICE 507½ COMMERCIAL ST.
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PHONES 639

July 10, 1929.

Governor Clyde M. Reed,
Office of the Governor,
Topeka, Kansas.

My Dear Governor:

In reply to yours of a recent date will say that I have every confidence to believe that you will deal squarely with your Negro Supporters of Atchison County or I would not have supported you for Governor both times you ran.

The only Negro "Reed for Governor Club" in Atchison County was organized in my office before your nomination and met regularly there until you took the office as Governor. Albert Morton, who has a job over there now, asked to come into our club only after you won the nomination.

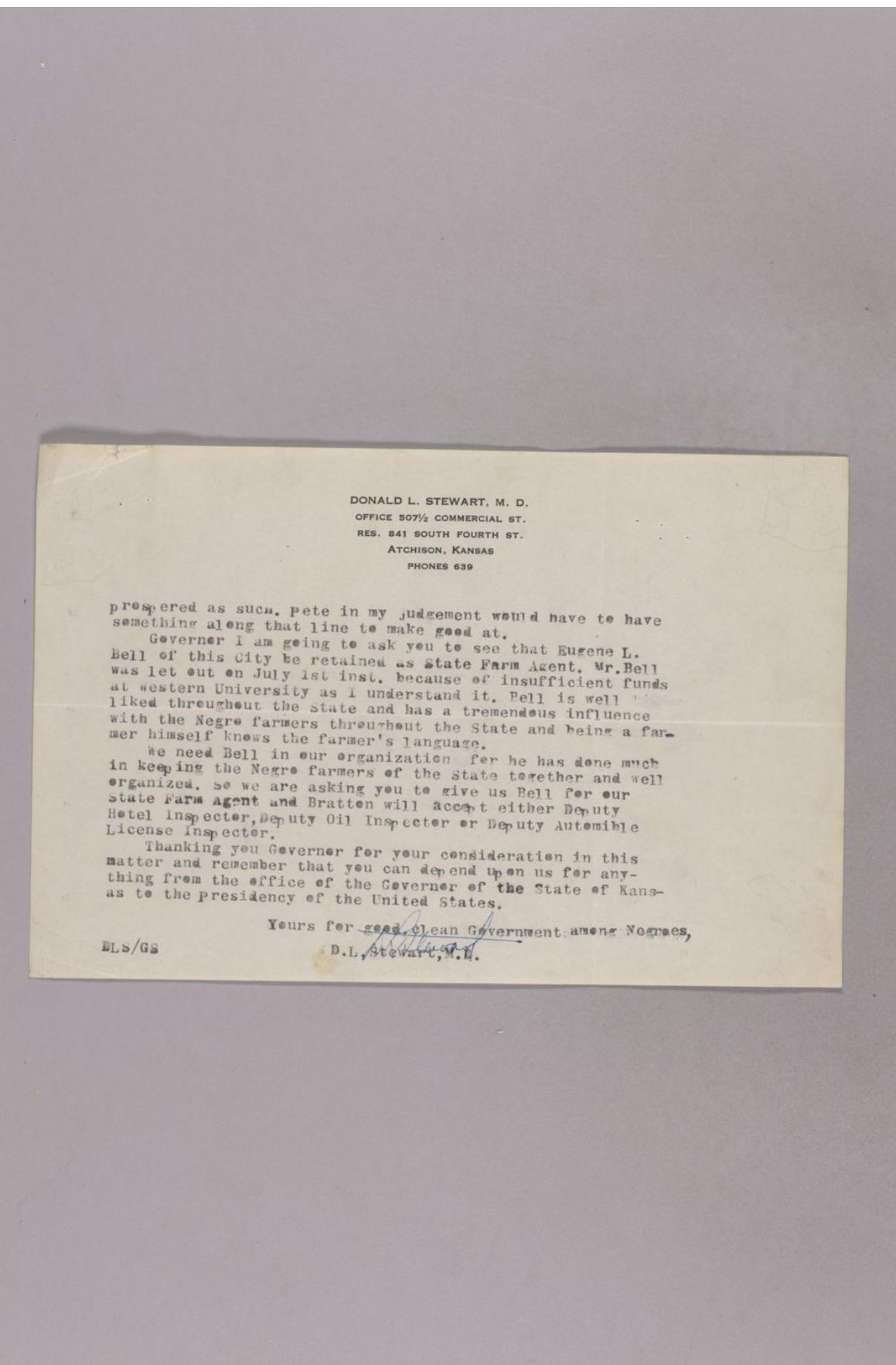
Now we are supporting Edgar Bratton because he was one of your strong supporters in the primaries. He is an Atchison County farmer, clean, educated, can not be bought and will represent the accent, intelligence and hard working Negroes of the County. Mr. Bratton has the endorsement of our County Chairman Mr. Veebler and also Senator Ralph U. Pfeuts. Mr. Barnett is a contractor and builder and has

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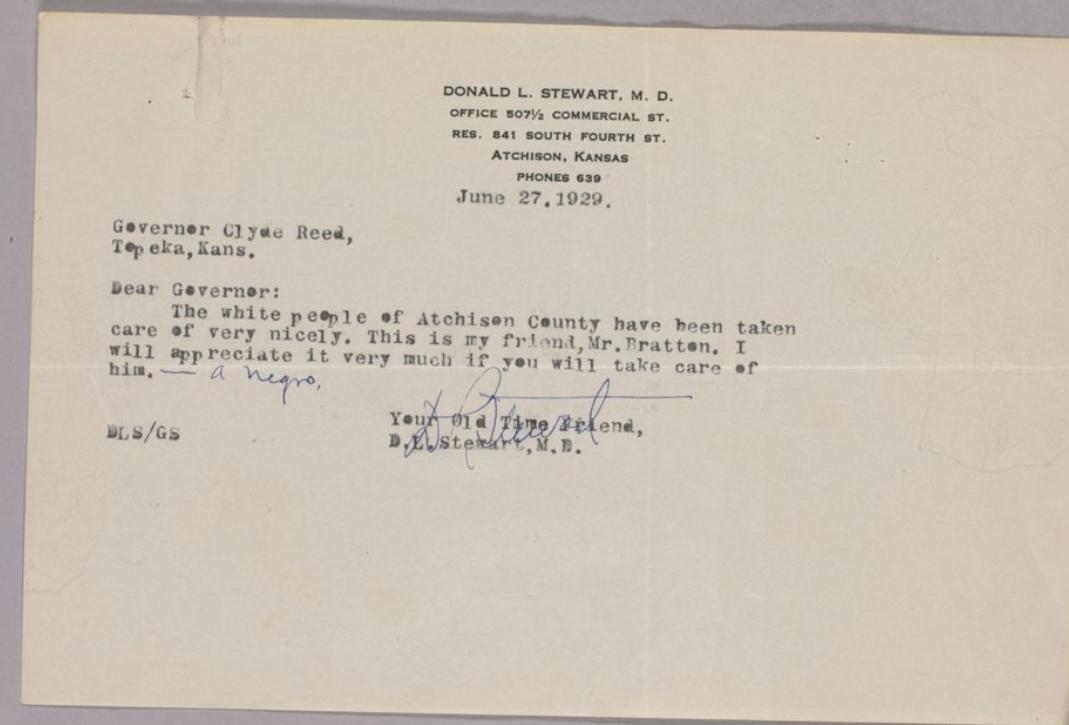


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OFFICE 507½ COMMERCIAL ST.
RES. 841 SOUTH FOURTH ST.
ATCHISON, KANSAS
PHONES 639
June 27, 1929.

Governor Clyde Reed,
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Governor:

The white people of Atchison County have been taken care of very nicely. This is my friend, Mr. Bratten. I will appreciate it very much if you will take care of him. — a Negro.

BLS/GS

Your old time friend,
Donald L. Stewart, M.D.

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July 10, 1929
1522 Quincy St.
Topeka, Kansas.

Honorable Clyde M. Reed,
Governor State of Kansas
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Govenor:

Mr. Edgar Bratton of Atchison County has an application for the position of Deputy Hotel Inspector filed with your secretary. I am writing you to give you information that Mr. Bratton was and is now a strong Reed supporter. He being one of the original Reed-for Governor Club Members. I know Mr. Bratton well. He is dependable, honest, competent, trustworthy and efficient in any line of work that he may apply for.

I feel your favorable consideration for Mr. Bratton's application would be the right move toward further perfecting a better orgainization for future work with our group. If you can see your way clear, I hope Mr. Bratton will be named as one of the Deputy Hotel Inspectors of Kansas. Thanking you for past favors,

Respectively yours,

M.J/GJJ

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G.J. Jones".

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Position
Edgar Bratton
Colored

July 8, 1929

Dr. D. L. Stewart
Atchison, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Stewart:

Your telegram of the 27th came to my attention on my return home.

We are giving much thought to a recognition of your race in the various state departments and have some plans under way now for the material.

We would have to have more information about Mr. Bratton than you have given us. Please tell us more about him.

I have had Mr. Barnett in mind for some place if we can arrange it. Please let me know what you think of that and what sort of a place do you have to suggest?

Very truly yours,

Governor

caused July 11, '29

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June 29th, 1929

Dr. D. L. Stewart,
Atchison, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Stewart:-

This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram under date of June 27th, addressed to Governor Clyde M. Reed, advising that the Governor's negro supporters in Atchison County would appreciate recognition being given to Mr. Edgar Bratton. Governor Reed wishes you to know he will be glad to see that a careful consideration is given to this matter.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

W.W.W:NJ

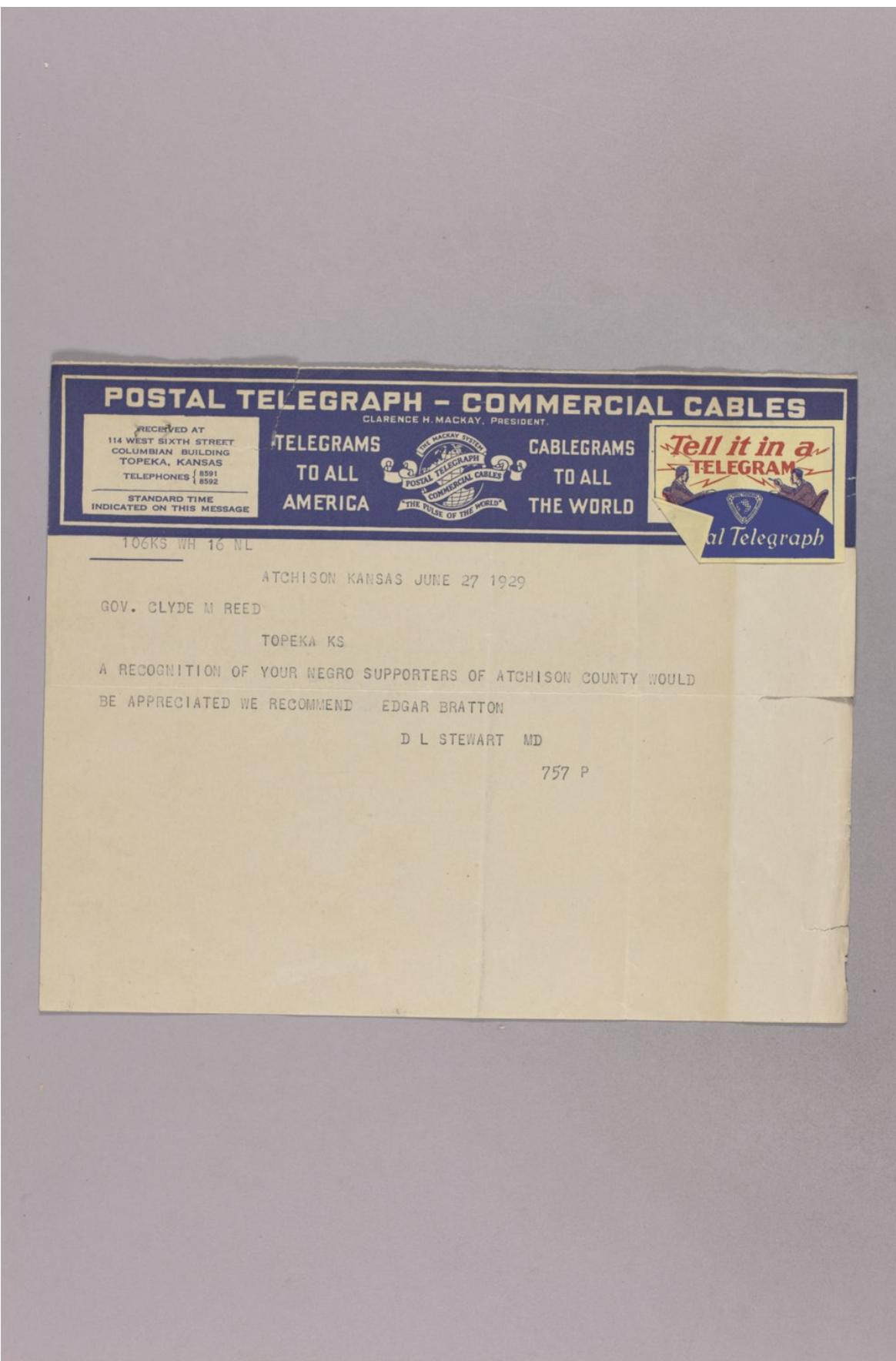
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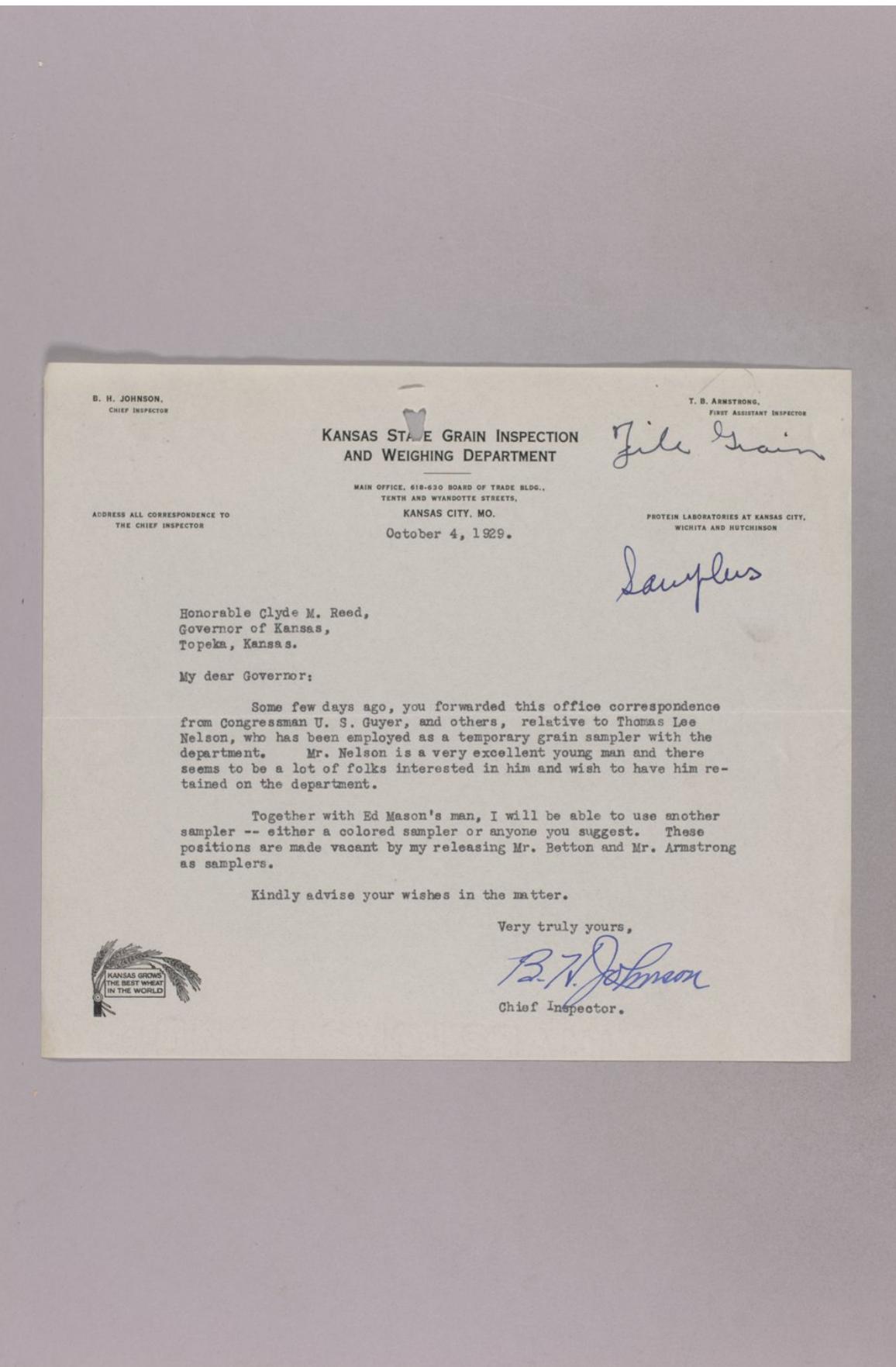


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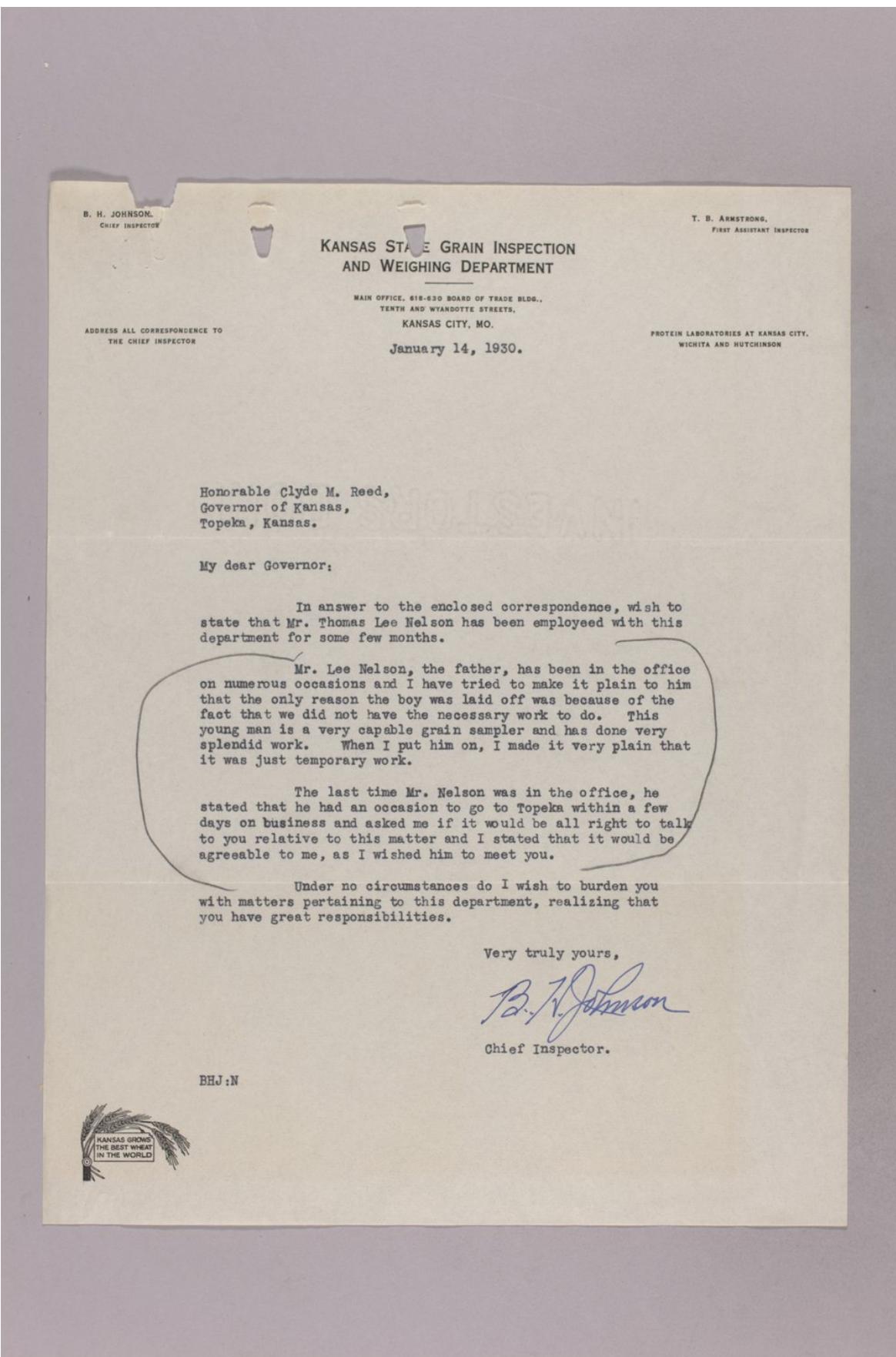


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January 13, 1930

Mr. Lee Nelson
Kansas City, Kansas

My dear Mr. Nelson:

I have yours of the 11th and will take the matter up with Mr. Johnson. He has not correctly stated the situation when he gives the information that he is following my judgment in all of these cases. I have not interfered with him very much, leaving him to run his department as efficiently and economically as he can ~~other~~ other things being equal. Of course, I would like to help your son but I will have to find out what the situation is.

Cordially yours,

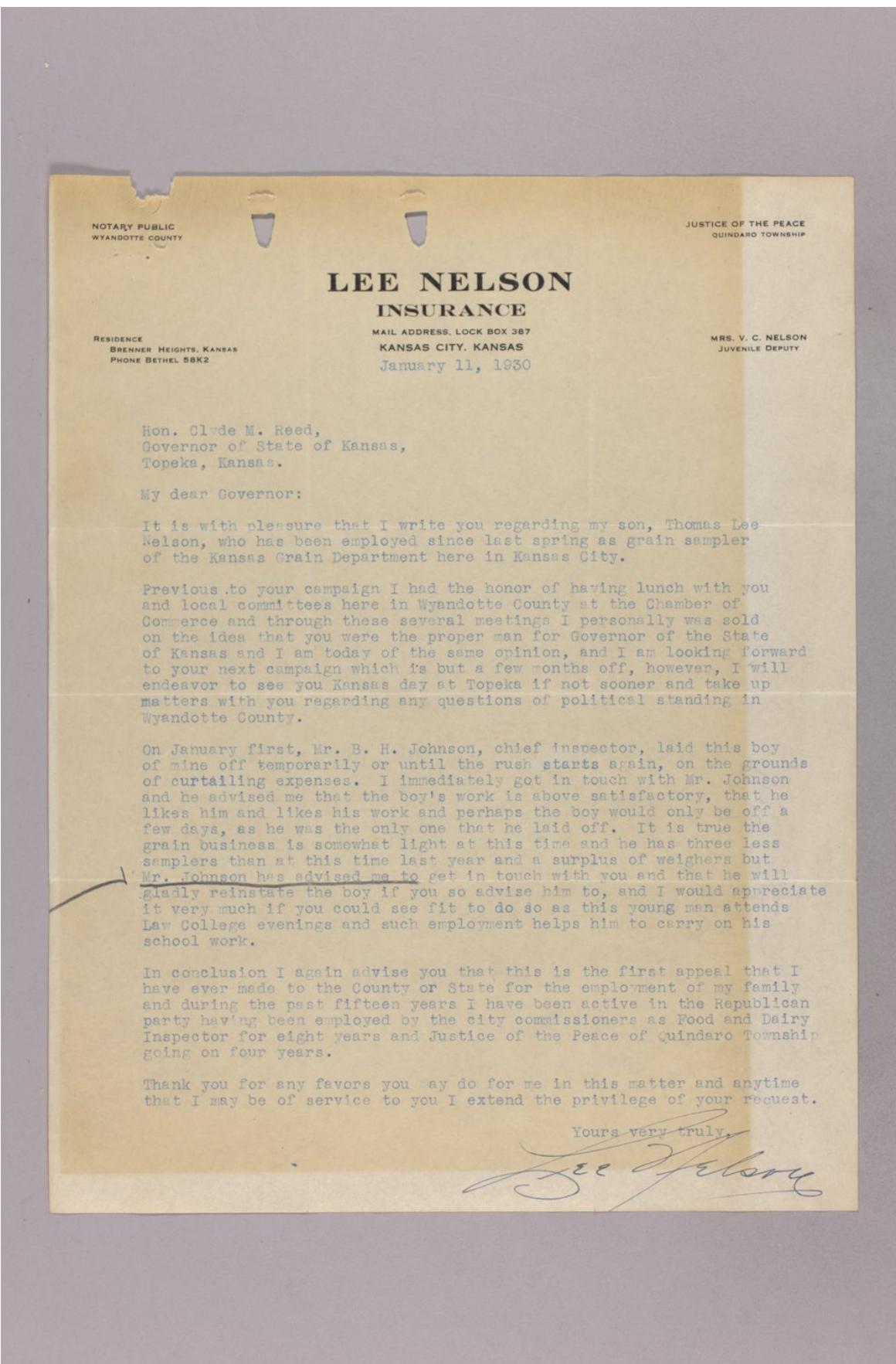
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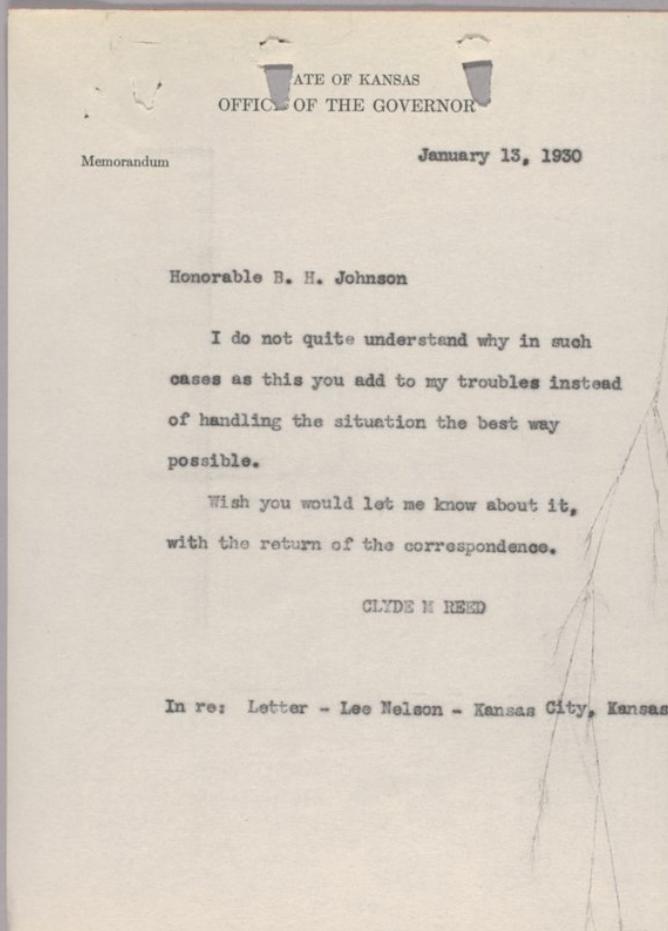


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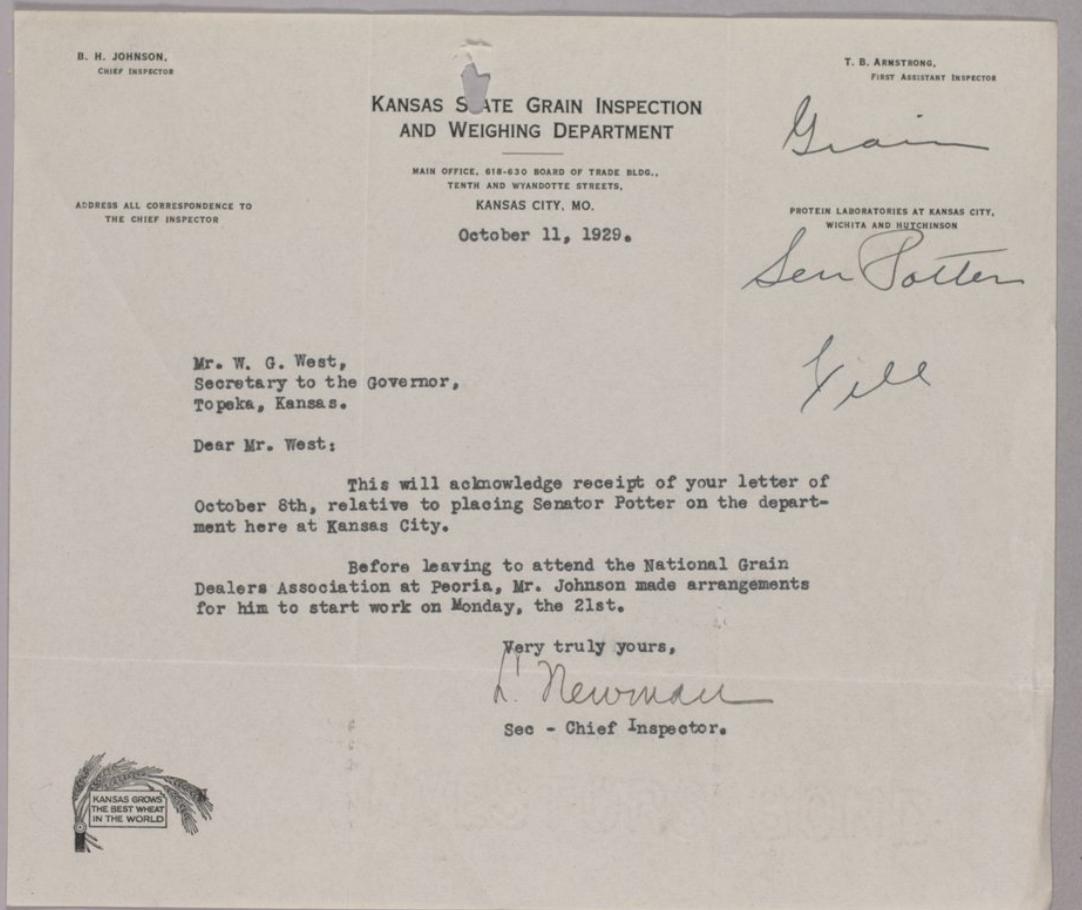


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Grain Dept
File
Tom Potter

October 8, 1929

Mr. Ben H. Johnson
Chief Grain Inspector
Board of Trade Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Governor Reed has directed me to advise that Senator Tom Potter was in the office yesterday and talked to him about a position in your Department. The Governor advised the Senator that he would be glad to talk to you about finding a place for him. If there is any way that you can take care of Senator Tom, the Governor will be very much pleased.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

WOW:DF

Secretary to the Governor

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September 16, 1929

Mrs. T. A. Potter
Blue Mound, Kansas

My dear Mrs. Potter:

Governor Reed has directed me to acknowledge receipt of your favor under date of September 12 requesting an appointment at some time after Tuesday, September 17. At this time Governor Reed is ill and it is difficult to advise regarding an appointment. He expects to leave with the Southeast Kansas group for Minneapolis and Wisconsin on the 27th. He will be absent from the office for about a week. Upon his return, I shall be very glad to arrange an appointment for you and the Senator.

Governor Reed has a very friendly interest in the Potter family and will be glad to see you upon his return from the North.

With best regards to you both, I am

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor

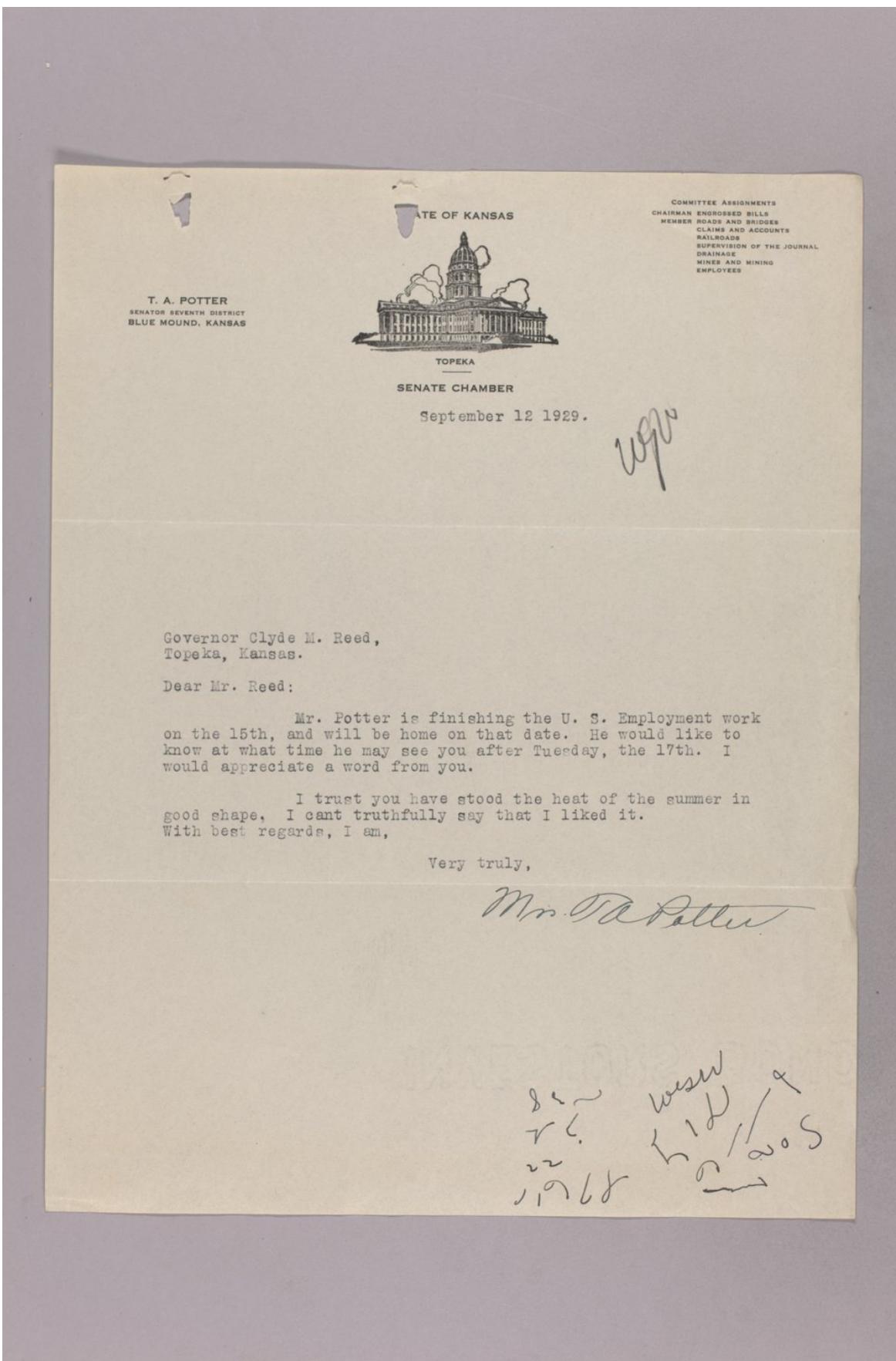
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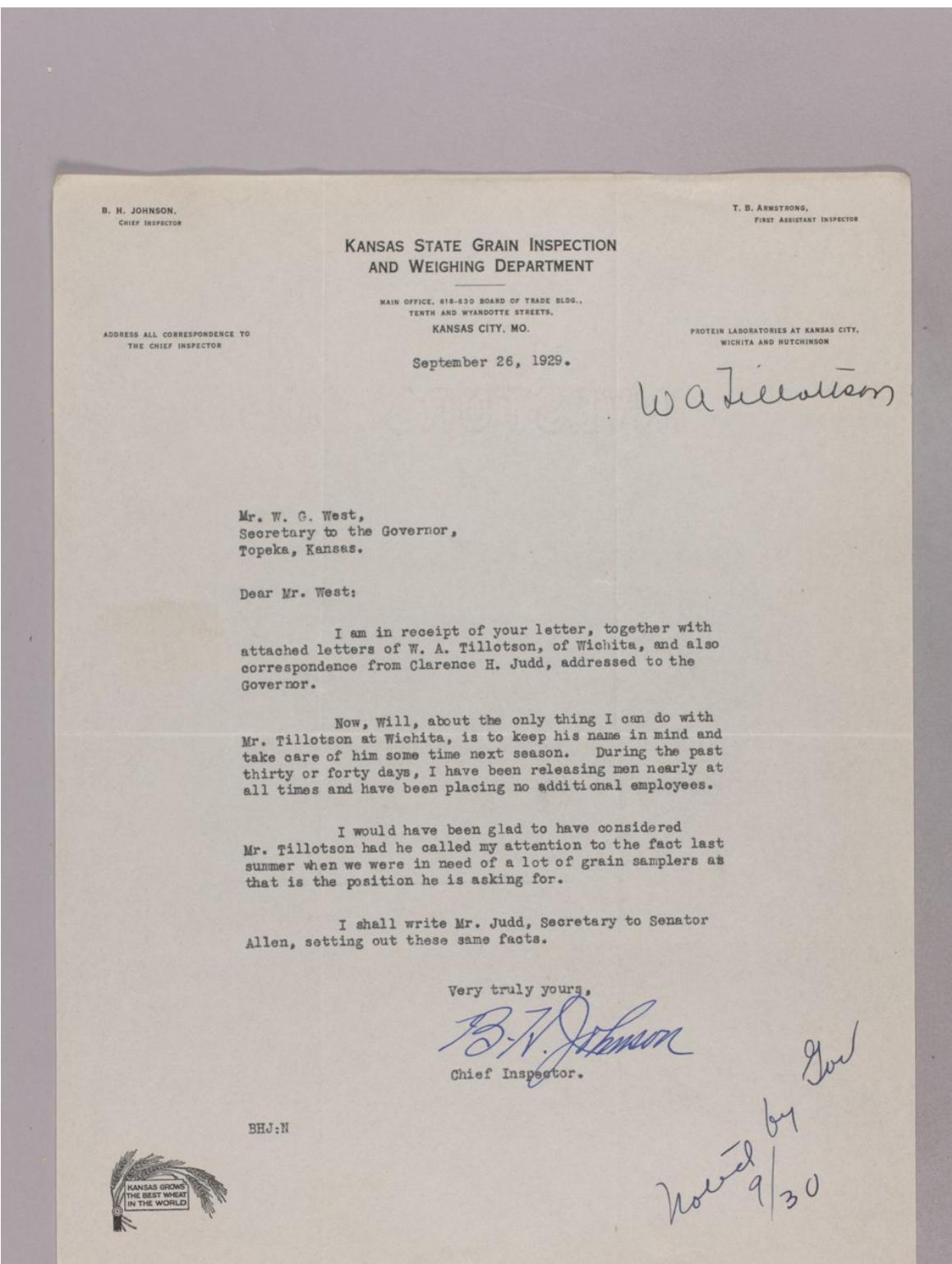


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In re Menard
Position

Independence, Kansas,
September 14, 1929.

Senator A. K. Barnes,
Alma,
Kansas,

Dear Senator:

With reference to your letter of the 6th to the Governor in regard to Mr. C. M. Menard, of Paxico, I have found that there is no position of that kind in the Grain Department at Kansas City, they are all full time jobs there and long hours. However, there is a part time job in Topeka which pays \$50.00 a month, and if your friend could arrange to go to Washburn Law School, which is one of the best in the country, I think he can have this at once.

He will have to decide this immediately, and if he desires it, will you please get in communication with Mr. W. G. West with reference to it.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

AML W