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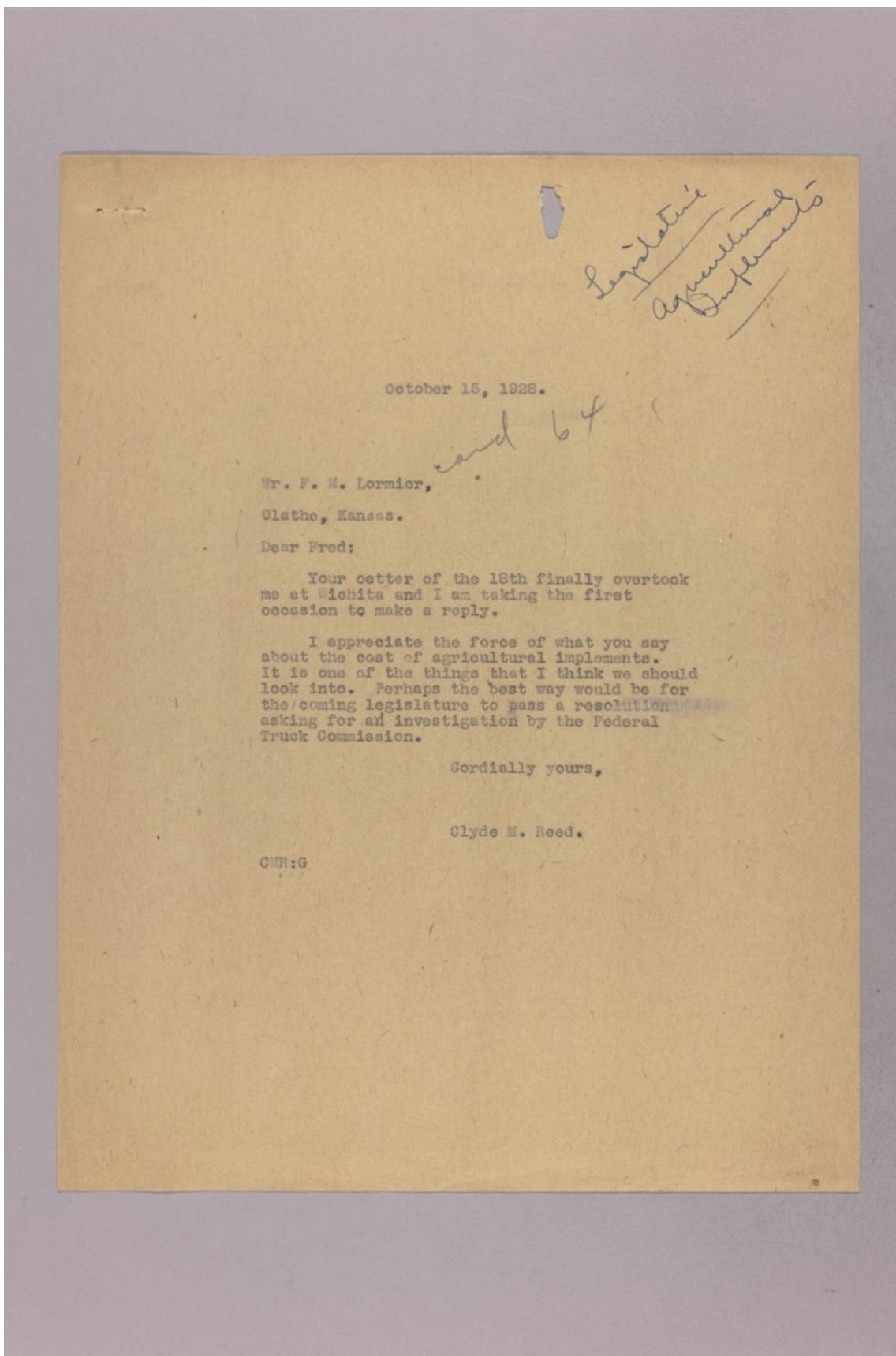
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Olathe, Kansas
September 18, 1928.

Hon. Clyde M. Reed,
Orear-Leslie Building,
1012 Baltimore,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

When I went home last night, and was thinking of your talk along the line of depression of the farmer because of increased freight rates, I wondered whether or not you knew that a corn planter that used to cost \$45.00 was now costing from \$75.00 to \$100.00; a wheat drill that used to cost \$75.00 now costs from \$100.00 to \$185.00; a mowing machine that used to cost \$45.00 now costs from \$75.00 to \$85.00; a walking plow that used to cost from \$12.00 to \$15.00 now costs \$25.00. You couldn't buy a wheat binder for less than \$235.00, a corn binder \$200.00, a wagon from \$100.00 to \$135.00, that used to cost \$60.00; a gang plow from \$80.00 to \$115.00, and a washing machine that probably cost \$50.00 from \$100.00 to \$175.00.

I don't think that our local dealers or distributors are making any more, possibly not as much as they used to, but it does look to me like there is, without a doubt, too big a difference in the prices of farm implements, compared to what they used to be.

You may have thought of this, may have looked it up, and it may be that this letter is unnecessary, but no doubt you are giving your very best endeavors for the benefit of the farmers, so thought I would write you.

With best wishes to you and yours,
I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,
F. M. Farmer