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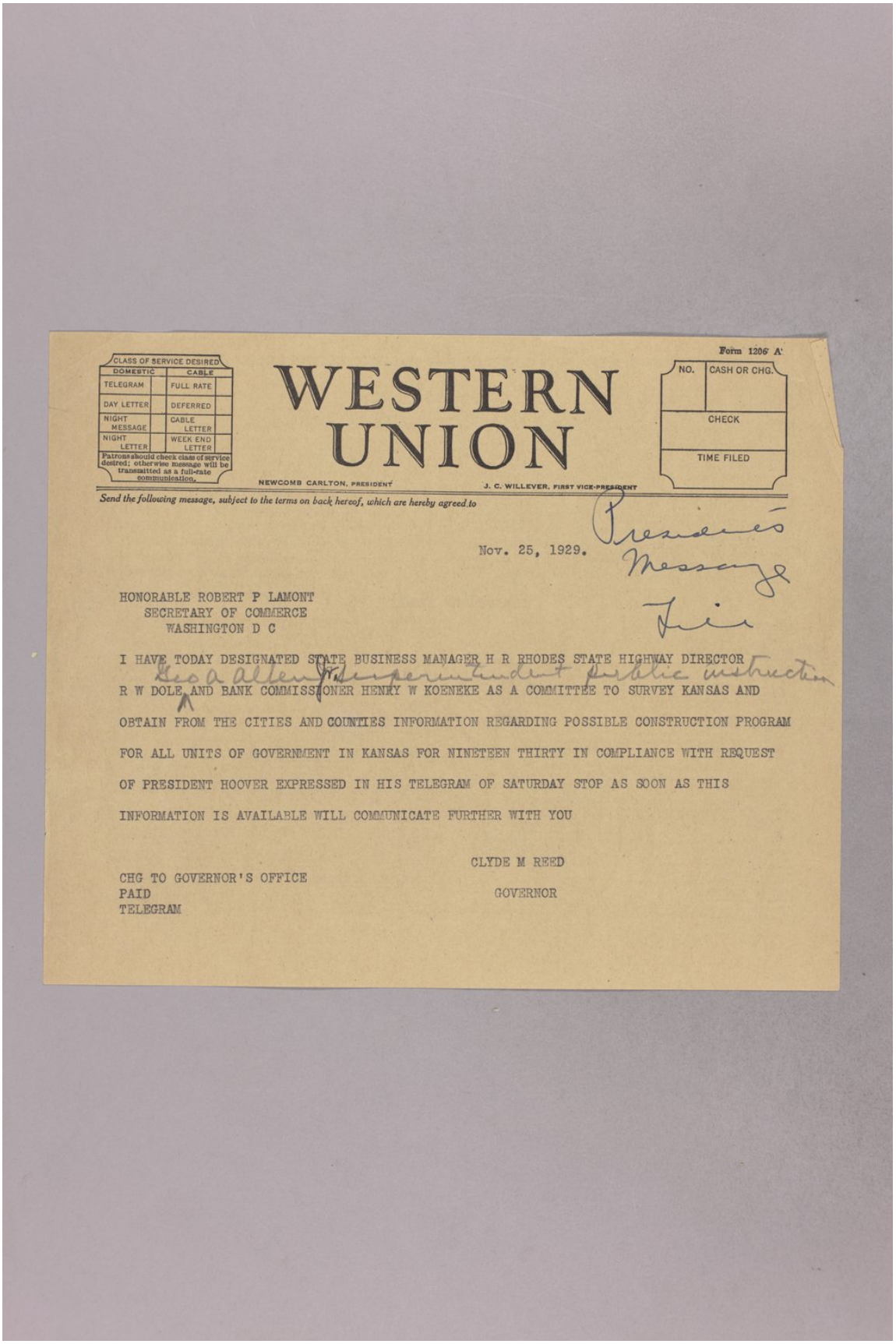
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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

DOMESTIC		CABLE	
TELEGRAM		FULL RATE	
DAY LETTER		DEFERRED	
NIGHT MESSAGE		CABLE LETTER	
NIGHT LETTER		WEEK END LETTER	

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT — J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

NO.	CASH OR CHG.
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TIME FILED	

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Presidents Message file

Nov. 25, 1929.

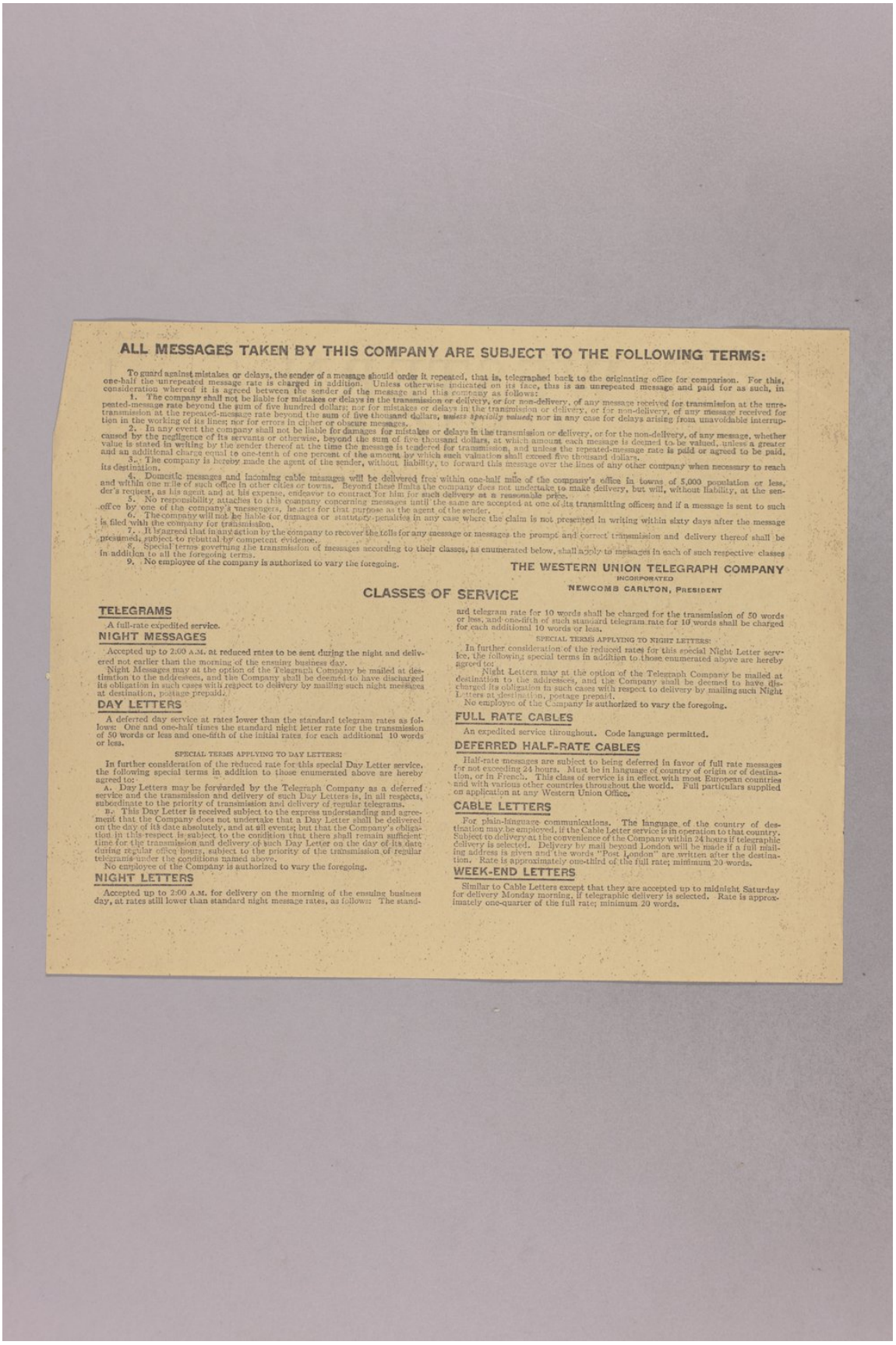
HONORABLE ROBERT P LAMONT
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
WASHINGTON D C

I HAVE TODAY DESIGNATED STATE BUSINESS MANAGER H R RHODES STATE HIGHWAY DIRECTOR
Geo A Allen Superintendent Public Instruction
R W DOLE AND BANK COMMISSIONER HENRY W KOENEKE AS A COMMITTEE TO SURVEY KANSAS AND
OBTAIN FROM THE CITIES AND COUNTIES INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM
FOR ALL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT IN KANSAS FOR NINETEEN THIRTY IN COMPLIANCE WITH REQUEST
OF PRESIDENT HOOVER EXPRESSED IN HIS TELEGRAM OF SATURDAY STOP AS SOON AS THIS
INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE WILL COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH YOU

CLYDE M REED
GOVERNOR

CHG TO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
PAID
TELEGRAM

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ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeated message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:

1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeated-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, *unless specially valued;* nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
INCORPORATED
NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

DAY LETTERS

A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

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In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

DEFERRED HALF-RATE CABLES

Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be in language of country of origin or of destination, or in French. This class of service is in effect with most European countries and with various other countries throughout the world. Full particulars supplied on application at any Western Union Office.

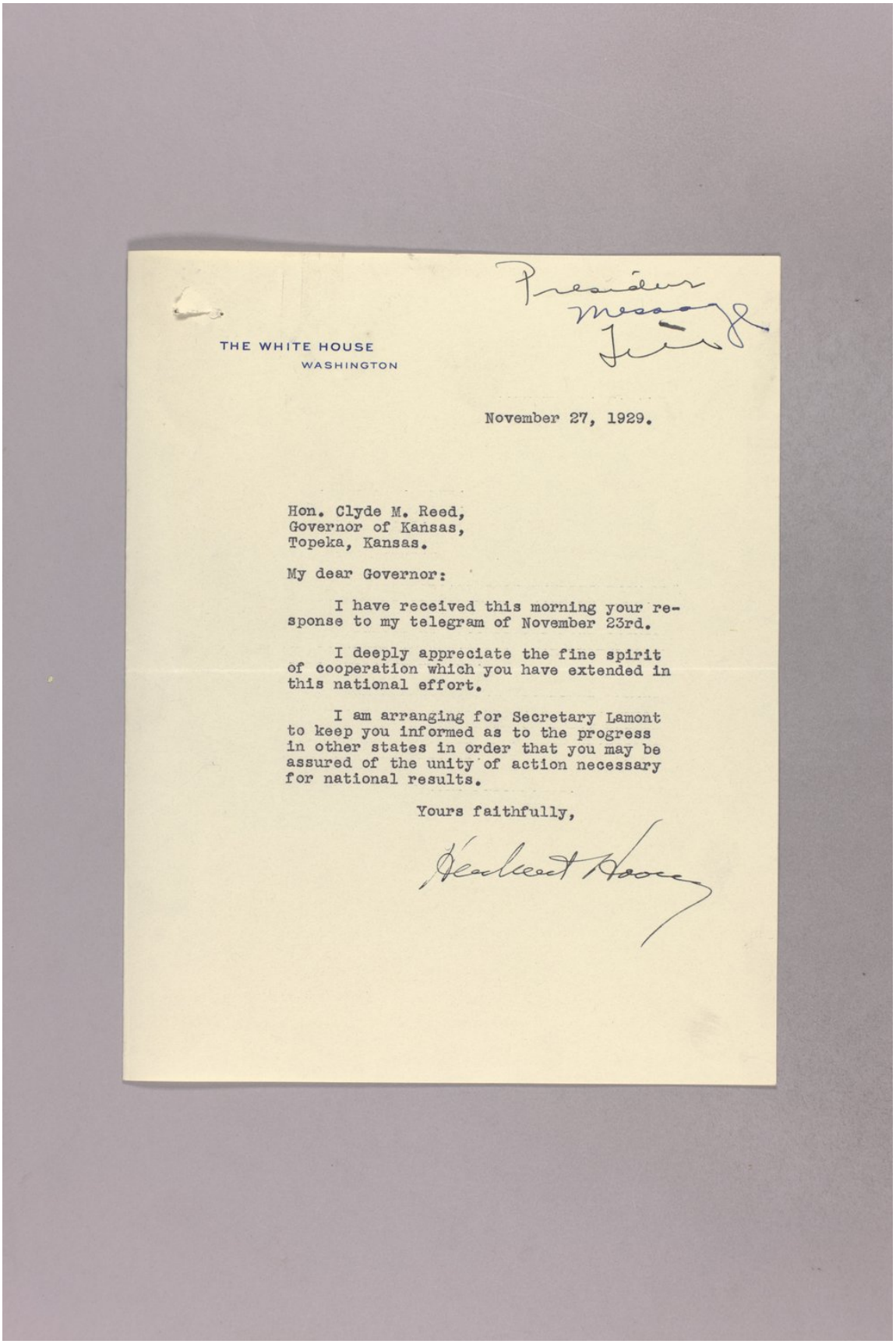
CABLE LETTERS

For plain-language communications. The language of the country of destination may be employed, if the Cable Letter service is in operation to that country. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours if telegraphic delivery is selected. Delivery by mail beyond London will be made if a full mailing address is given and the words "Post London" are written after the destination. Rate is approximately one-third of the full rate; minimum 20 words.

WEEK-END LETTERS

Similar to Cable Letters except that they are accepted up to midnight Saturday for delivery Monday morning, if telegraphic delivery is selected. Rate is approximately one-quarter of the full rate; minimum 20 words.

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President's message

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 27, 1929.

Hon. Clyde M. Reed,
Governor of Kansas,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor:

I have received this morning your response to my telegram of November 23rd.

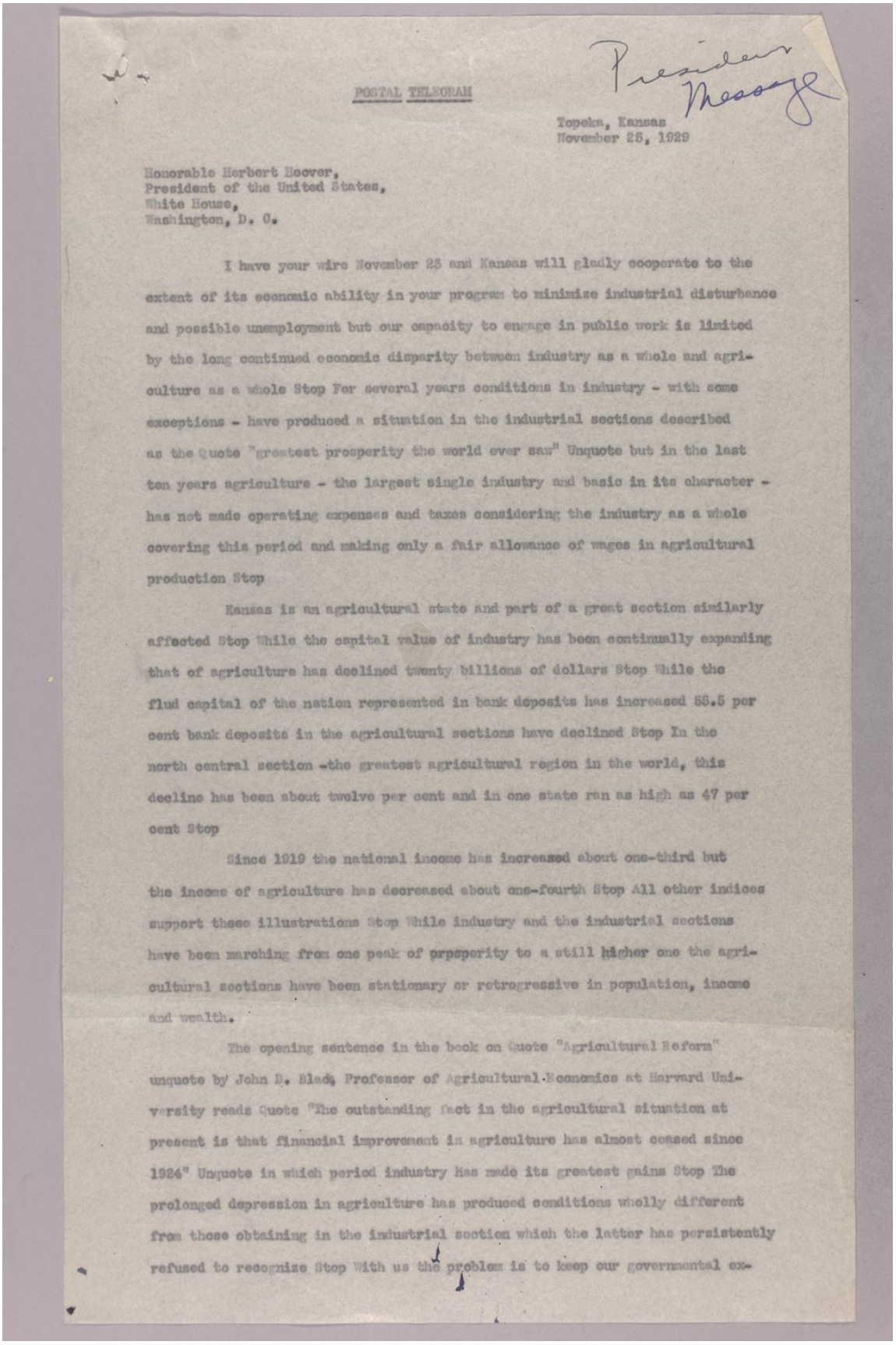
I deeply appreciate the fine spirit of cooperation which you have extended in this national effort.

I am arranging for Secretary Lamont to keep you informed as to the progress in other states in order that you may be assured of the unity of action necessary for national results.

Yours faithfully,

Herbert Hoover

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President Message

POSTAL TELEGRAM

Topeka, Kansas
November 25, 1929

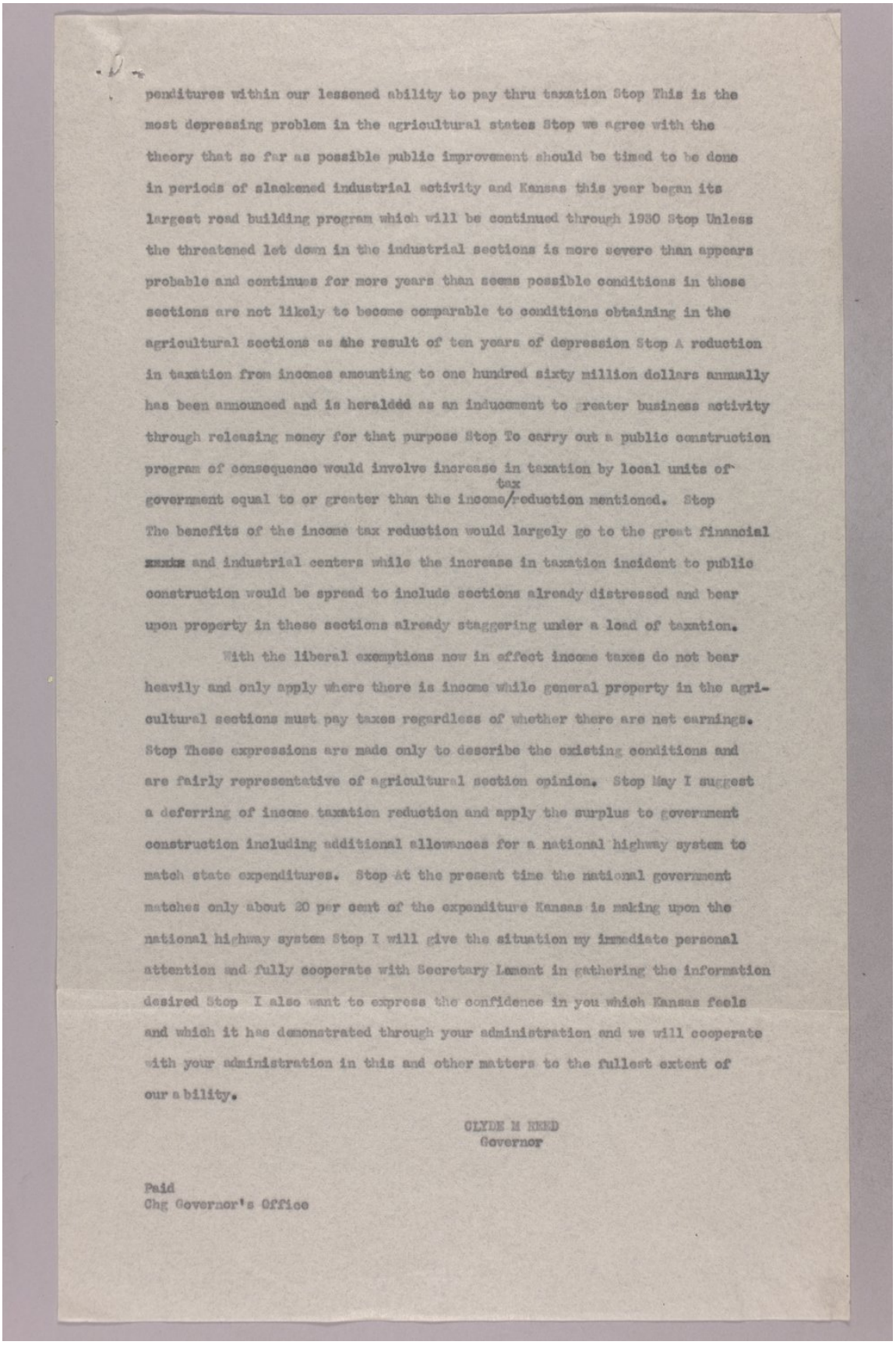
Honorable Herbert Hoover,
President of the United States,
White House,
Washington, D. C.

I have your wire November 23 and Kansas will gladly cooperate to the extent of its economic ability in your program to minimize industrial disturbance and possible unemployment but our capacity to engage in public work is limited by the long continued economic disparity between industry as a whole and agriculture as a whole Stop For several years conditions in industry - with some exceptions - have produced a situation in the industrial sections described as the Quote "greatest prosperity the world ever saw" Unquote but in the last ten years agriculture - the largest single industry and basic in its character - has not made operating expenses and taxes considering the industry as a whole covering this period and making only a fair allowance of wages in agricultural production Stop

Kansas is an agricultural state and part of a great section similarly affected Stop While the capital value of industry has been continually expanding that of agriculture has declined twenty billions of dollars Stop While the flud capital of the nation represented in bank deposits has increased 55.5 per cent bank deposits in the agricultural sections have declined Stop In the north central section -the greatest agricultural region in the world, this decline has been about twelve per cent and in one state ran as high as 47 per cent Stop

Since 1919 the national income has increased about one-third but the income of agriculture has decreased about one-fourth Stop All other indices support these illustrations Stop While industry and the industrial sections have been marching from one peak of prpsperity to a still higher one the agricultural sections have been stationary or retrogressive in population, income and wealth.

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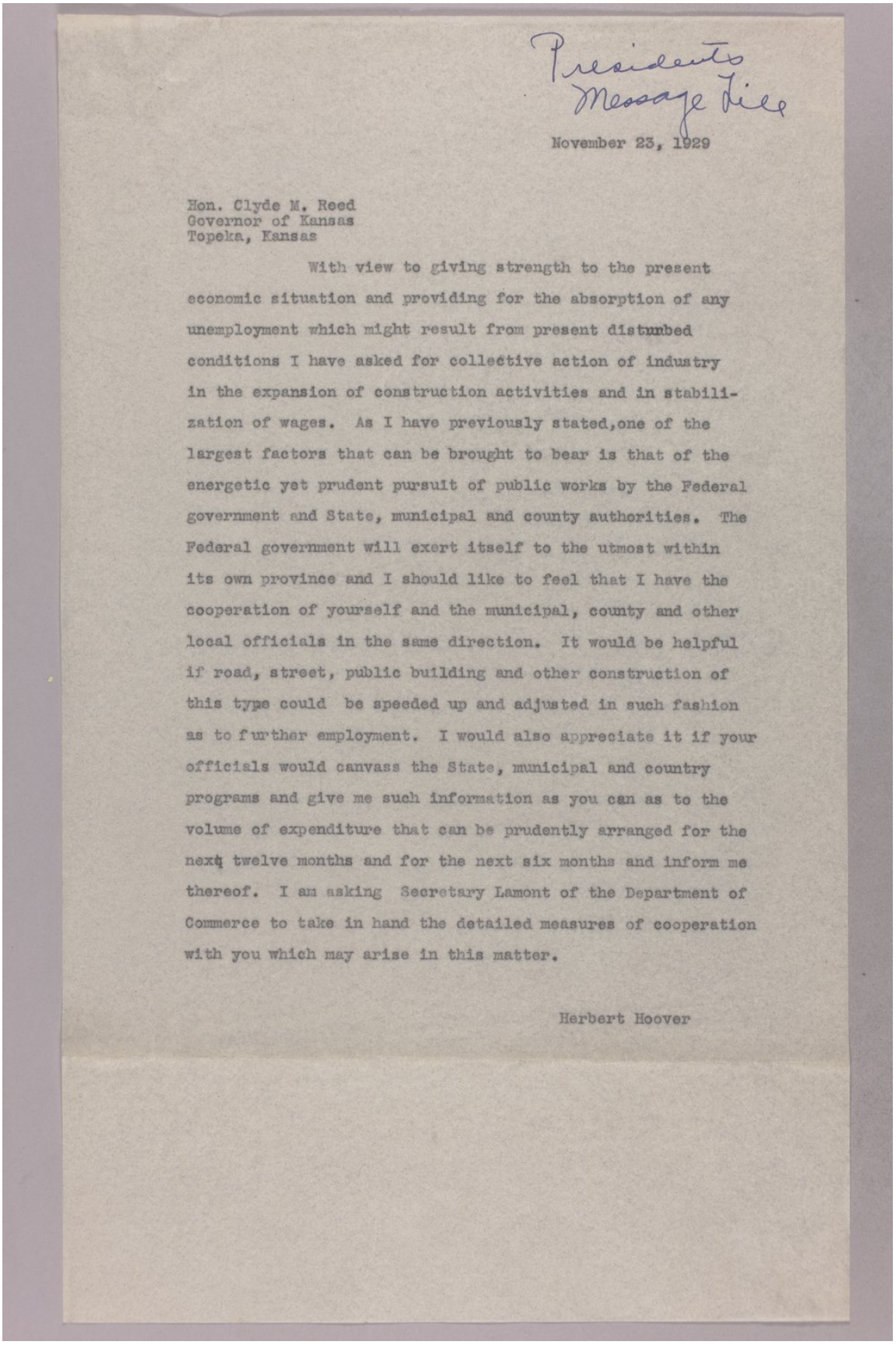
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With the liberal exemptions now in effect income taxes do not bear heavily and only apply where there is income while general property in the agricultural sections must pay taxes regardless of whether there are net earnings. Stop These expressions are made only to describe the existing conditions and are fairly representative of agricultural section opinion. Stop May I suggest a deferring of income taxation reduction and apply the surplus to government construction including additional allowances for a national highway system to match state expenditures. Stop At the present time the national government matches only about 20 per cent of the expenditure Kansas is making upon the national highway system Stop I will give the situation my immediate personal attention and fully cooperate with Secretary Lamont in gathering the information desired Stop I also want to express the confidence in you which Kansas feels and which it has demonstrated through your administration and we will cooperate with your administration in this and other matters to the fullest extent of our ability.

CLYDE M REED
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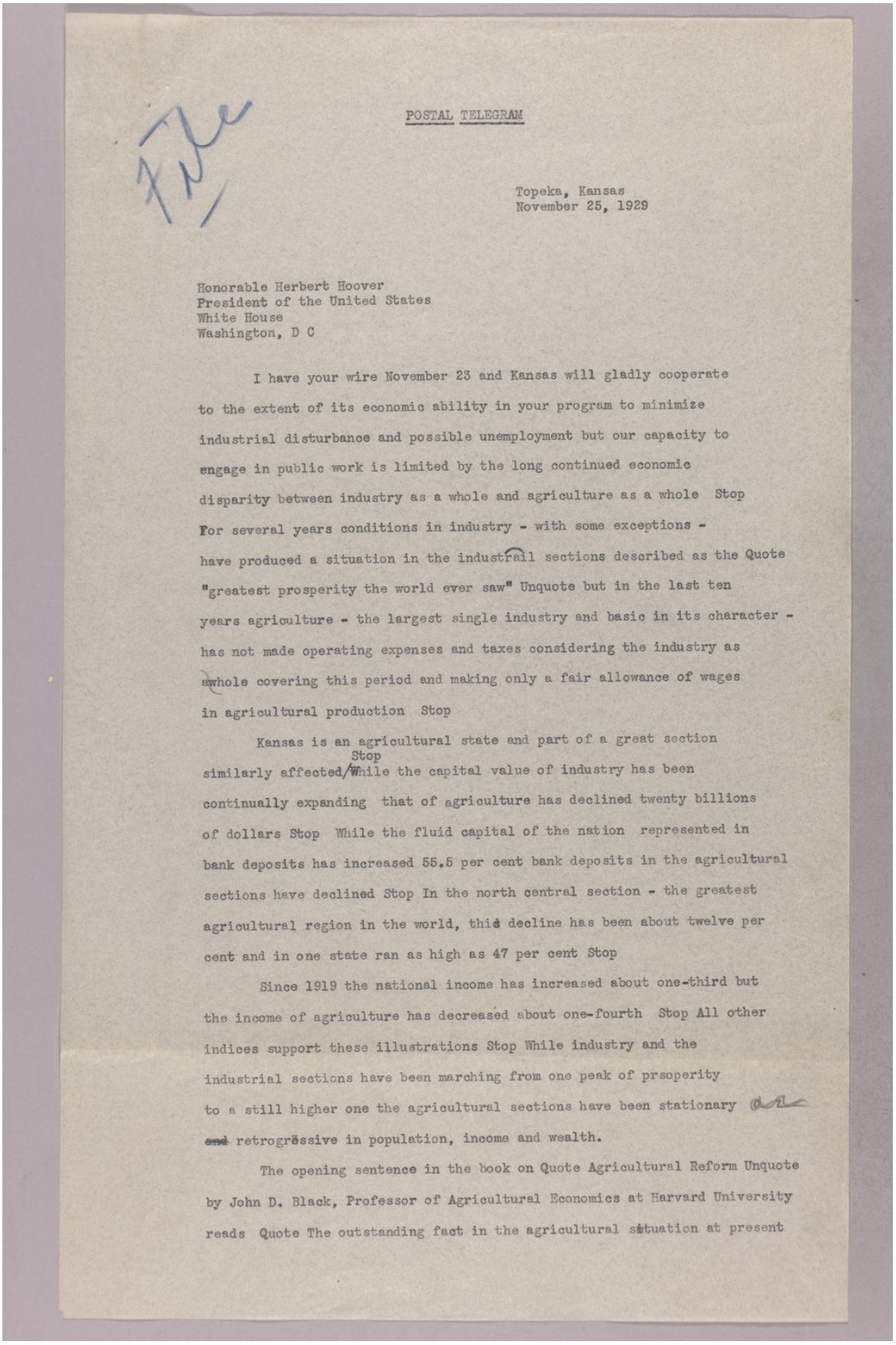
November 23, 1929

Hon. Clyde M. Reed
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Topeka, Kansas

With view to giving strength to the present economic situation and providing for the absorption of any unemployment which might result from present distunbed conditions I have asked for collective action of industry in the expansion of construction activities and in stabilization of wages. As I have previously stated,one of the largest factors that can be brought to bear is that of the energetic yet prudent pursuit of public works by the Federal government and State, municipal and county authorities. The Federal government will exert itself to the utmost within its own province and I should like to feel that I have the cooperation of yourself and the municipal, county and other local officials in the same direction. It would be helpful if road, street, public building and other construction of this type could be speeded up and adjusted in such fashion as to further employment. I would also appreciate it if your officials would canvass the State, municipal and country programs and give me such information as you can as to the volume of expenditure that can be prudently arranged for the next twelve months and for the next six months and inform me thereof. I am asking Secretary Lamont of the Department of Commerce to take in hand the detailed measures of cooperation with you which may arise in this matter.

Herbert Hoover

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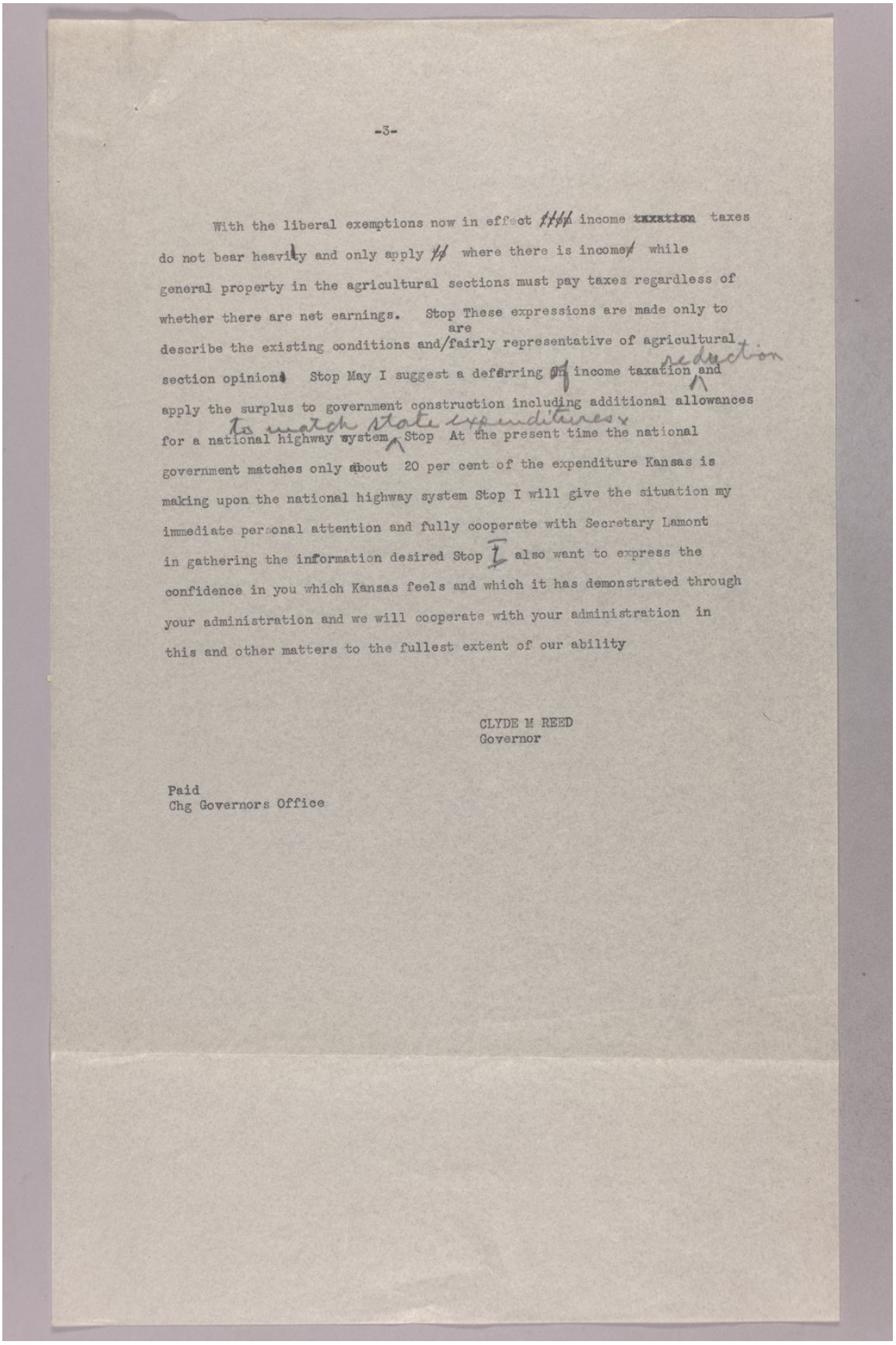
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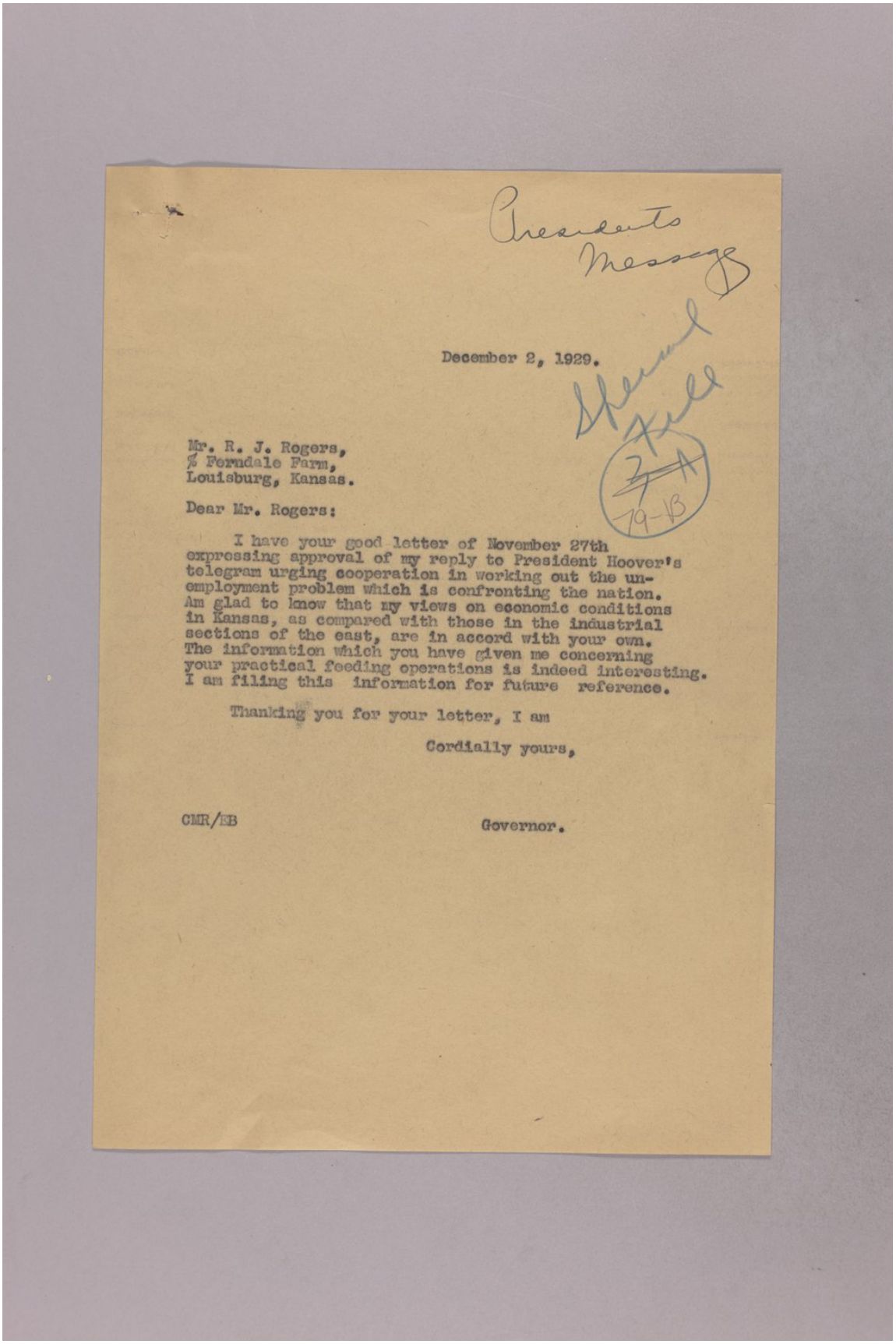
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Presidents Message

December 2, 1929.

Mr. R. J. Rogers,
% Ferndale Farm,
Louisburg, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

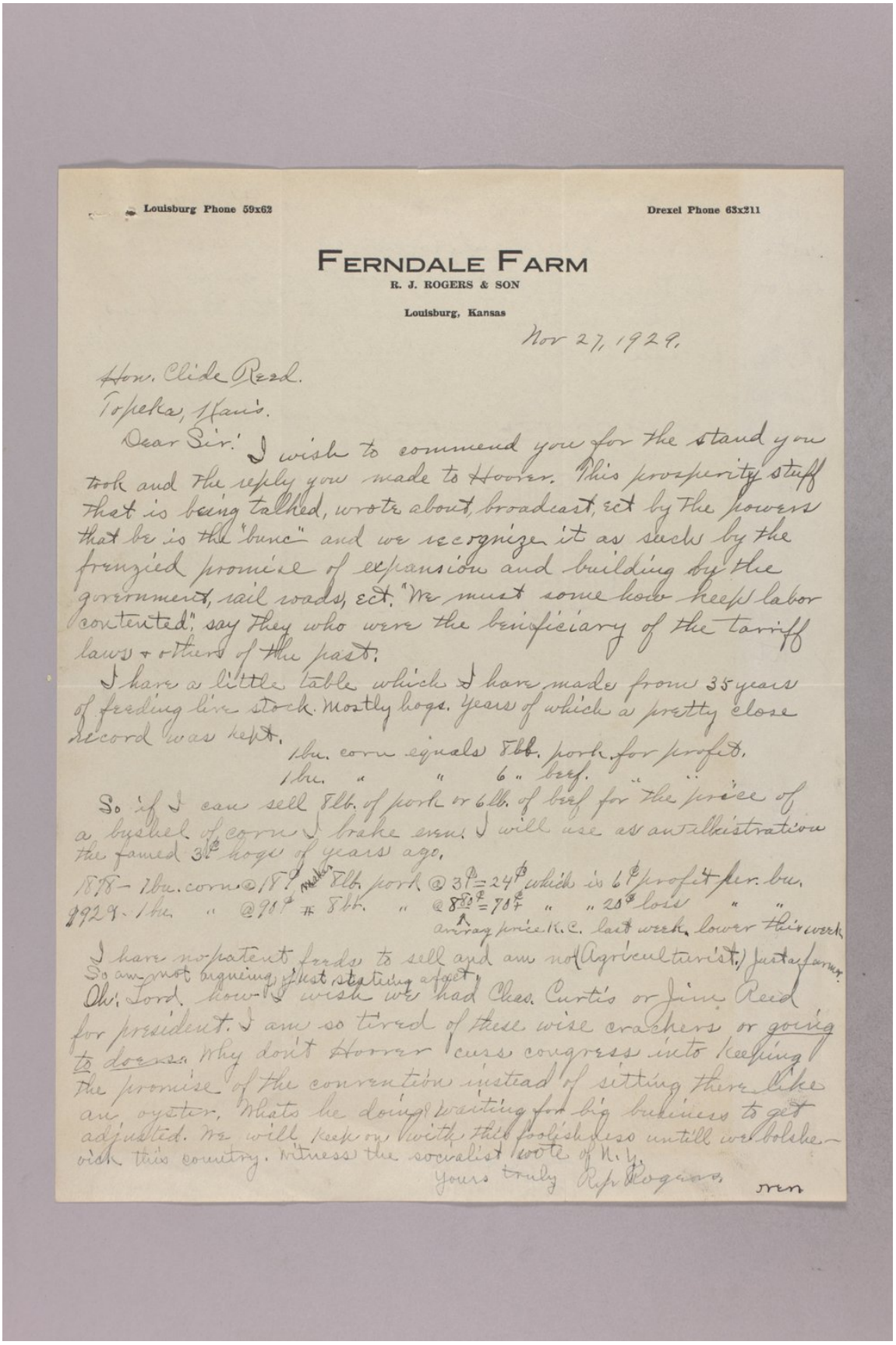
I have your good letter of November 27th expressing approval of my reply to President Hoover's telegram urging cooperation in working out the unemployment problem which is confronting the nation. Am glad to know that my views on economic conditions in Kansas, as compared with those in the industrial sections of the east, are in accord with your own. The information which you have given me concerning your practical feeding operations is indeed interesting. I am filing this information for future reference.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Cordially yours,

CMR/EB

Governor.



Louisburg Phone 59x62 — Drexel Phone 63x211

FERNDALE FARM
R. J. ROGERS & SON
Louisburg, Kansas

Nov 27, 1929.

Hon. Clide Reed.
Topeka, Kans.

Dear Sir: I wish to commend you for the stand you took and the reply you made to Hoover. This prosperity stuff that is being talked, wrote about, broadcast, ect by the powers that be is the "bunc" and we recognize it as such by the frenzied promise of expansion and building by the government, rail roads, ect. "We must some how keep labor contented", say they who were the beneficiary of the tariff laws + others of the past.

I have a little table which I have made from 35 years of feeding live stock. Mostly hogs. years of which a pretty close record was kept.

1 bu. corn equals 5 lbs. pork for profit.
1 bu. " " 6 " beef. " "

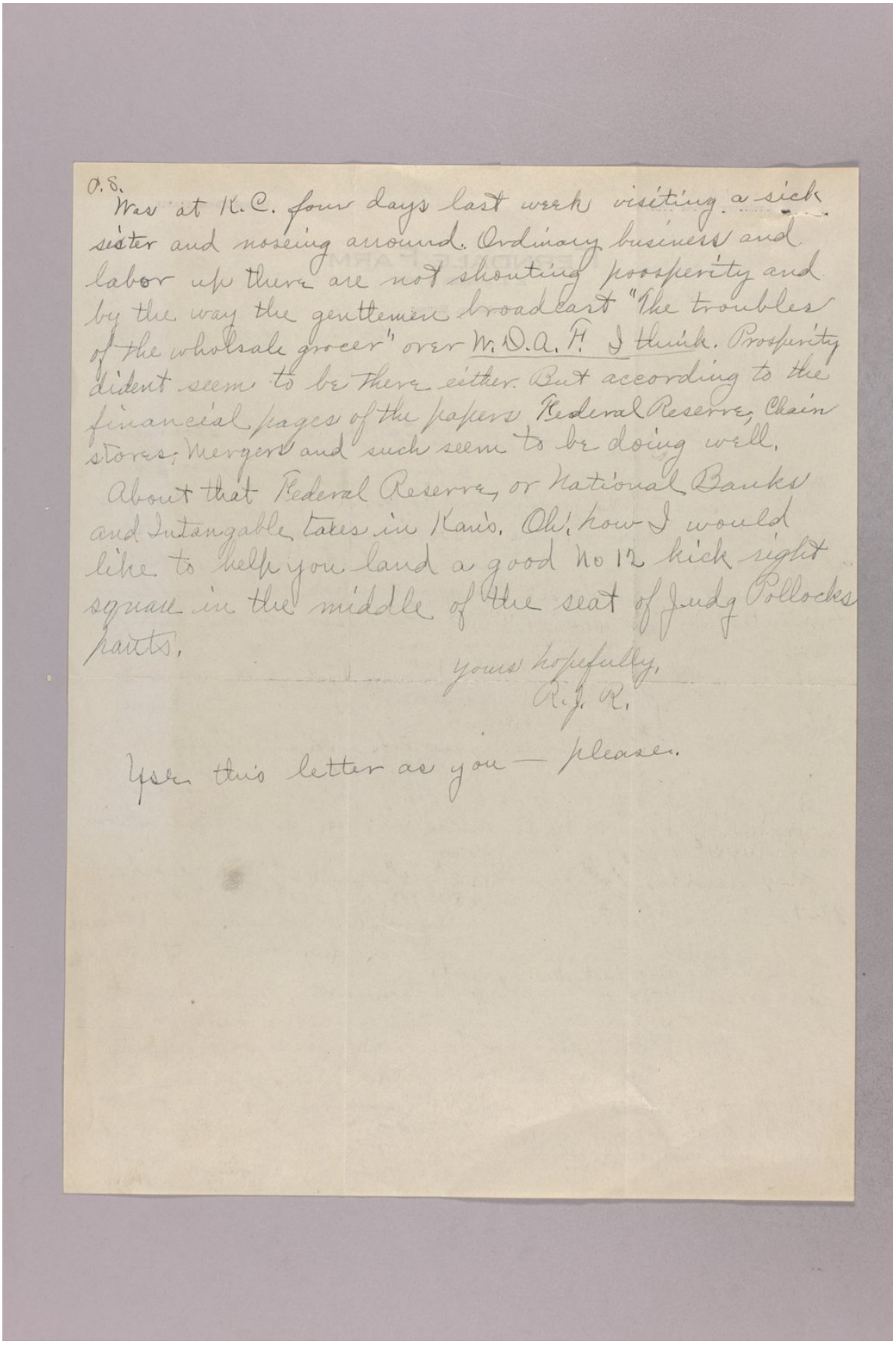
So if I can sell 5 lb. of pork or 6 lb. of beef for the price of a bushel of corn I brake even. I will use as an illustration the famed 3¢ hogs of years ago.

1878 - 1 bu. corn @ 18¢ 5 lbs. pork @ 3¢ = 24¢ which is 6¢ profit per bu.
1929 - 1 bu. " @ 90¢ 5 lbs. " @ 8.5¢ = 70¢ " " 20¢ loss " "
(↑ average price K.C. last week, lower this week.)

I have no patent foods to sell and am not (Agriculturist,) just a farmer. So am not arguing, just stating a fact.

Oh! Lord, how I wish we had Chas. Curtis or Jim Reed for president. I am so tired of these wise crackers or going to do ers. Why don't Hoover cuss congress into keeping the promise of the convention instead of sitting there like an oyster. Whats he doing? waiting for big business to get adjusted. We will keep on with this foolishness untill we bolshevick this country. Witness the socialist vote of N.Y.

Yours truly Ref Rogers.

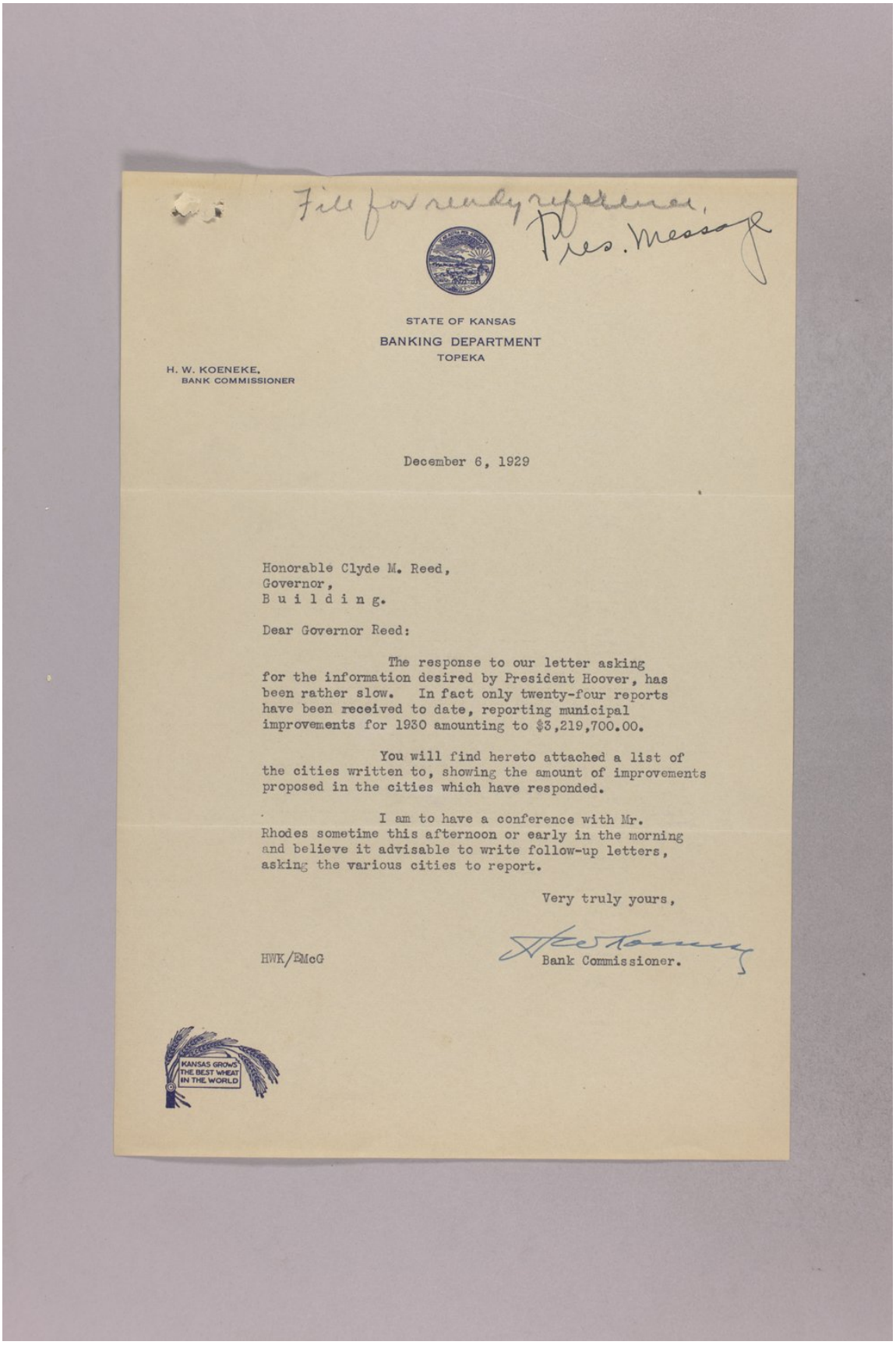


O.S.
Was at K.C. four days last week visiting a sick sister and nosing around. Ordinary business and labor up there are not shouting prosperity and by the way the gentlemen broadcast "The troubles of the wholsale grocer" over W.D.A.F. I think. Prosperity dident seem to be there either. But according to the financial pages of the papers Federal Reserve, Chain stores, Mergers and such seem to be doing well.
About that Federal Reserve or National Banks and Intangable taxes in Kan's. Oh! how I would like to help you land a good No 12 kick right square in the middle of the seat of Judy Pollocks pants.

yours hopefully,
R.J.R.

Yse this letter as you — please.

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File for ready reference.
Pres. Message

STATE OF KANSAS
BANKING DEPARTMENT
TOPEKA

H. W. KOENEKE,
BANK COMMISSIONER

December 6, 1929

Honorable Clyde M. Reed,
Governor,
B u i l d i n g.

Dear Governor Reed:

The response to our letter asking for the information desired by President Hoover, has been rather slow. In fact only twenty-four reports have been received to date, reporting municipal improvements for 1930 amounting to $3,219,700.00.

You will find hereto attached a list of the cities written to, showing the amount of improvements proposed in the cities which have responded.

I am to have a conference with Mr. Rhodes sometime this afternoon or early in the morning and believe it advisable to write follow-up letters, asking the various cities to report.

Very truly yours,

H. W. Koeneke
Bank Commissioner.

HWK/EMcG

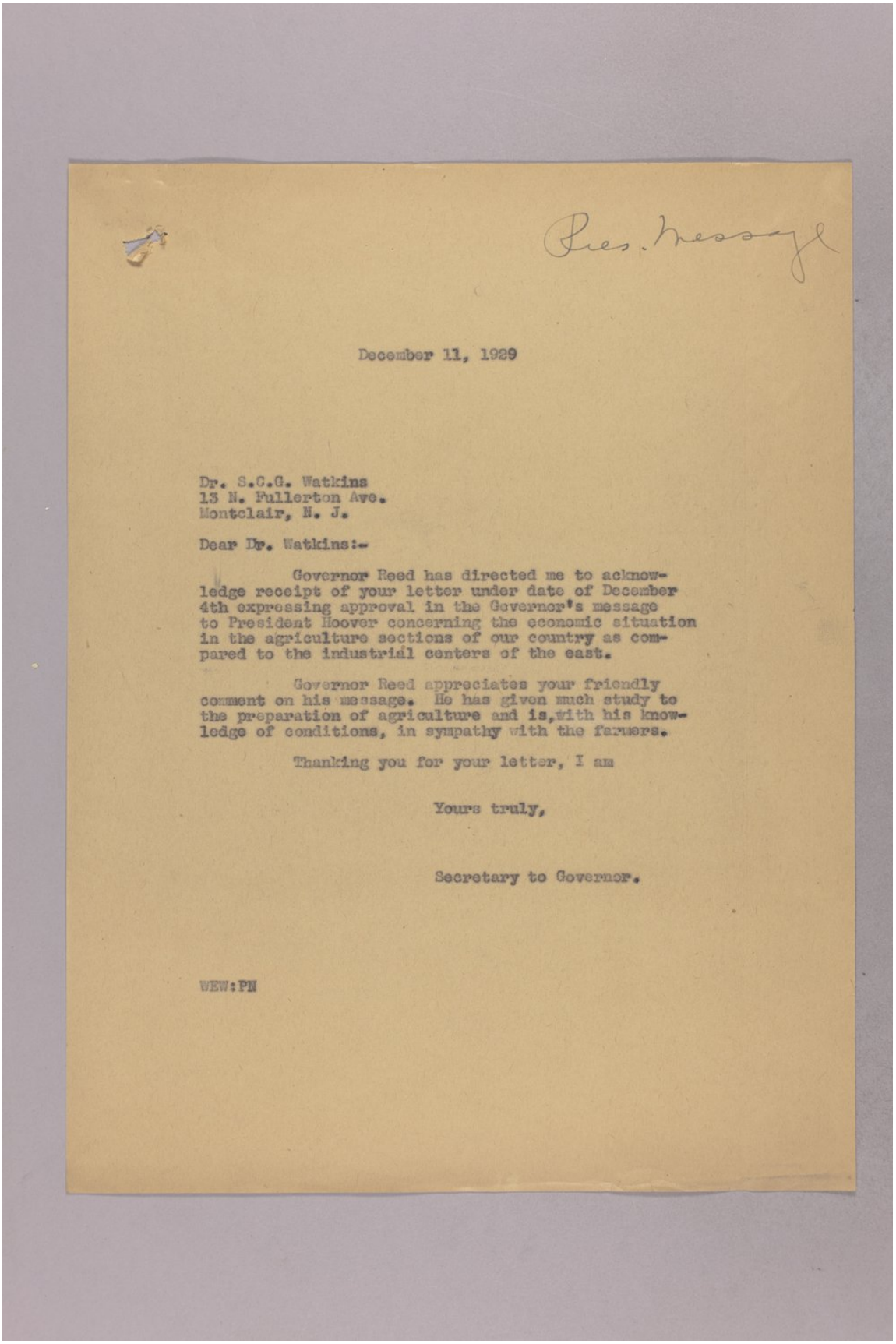
KANSAS GROWS THE BEST WHEAT IN THE WORLD

CITY	POPULATION	IMPROVEMENTS-1930
Abilene	5,717	
Anthony	2,781	
Arcadia	1,210	
Arkansas City	13,081	33,000.00
Arma	2,670	
Atchison	15,596	
Atwood	1,004	
Augusta	3,687	30,000.00
Ashland	1,134	
Baldwin	1,265	
Baxter Springs	5,448	500.00
Belleville	2,542	
Beloit	3,344	
Blue Rapids	1,466	
Bonner Springs	1,892	
Burlingame	1,353	
Burlington	2,265	
Caldwell	2,031	
Caney	3,397	
Chanute	10,021	
Cherokee	1,540.	
Cherryvale	4,494	
Chetopa	1,634	
Clay Center	4,460	
Clyde	1,132	
Coffeyville	19,207	560,000.00
Colby	1,895	
Coldwater	1,173	None
Columbus	4,135	
Concordia	5,175	310,000.00
Council Grove	2,650	
Dodge City	8,676	
Downs	1,540	2,500.00
El Dorado	9,024	200,000.00
Elkhart	1,056	
Ellinwood	1,137	
Ellis	1,827	
Ellsworth	2,012	29,000.00
Emporia	13,898	40,500.00
Erie	1,146	
Eureka	3,352	
Florence	1,701	2,000.00
Fort Riley	3,103	
Fort Scott	12,105	
Frankfort	1,288	
Franklin	1,241	
Fredonia	3,660	
Frontenac	2,854	
Galena	5,167	
Garden City	4,468	
Garnett	2,544	
Girard	2,904	
Goodland	3,231	
Great Bend	5,142	
Greensburg	1,356	
Halstead	1,328	
Harper	1,601	1,200.00
Hays	4,455	
Herington	4,559	
Hiawatha	3,358	25,000.00
Hillsboro	1,711	
Hoisington	2,930	
Holton	2,806	
Horton	4,065	
Howard	1,269	

CITY	POPULATION	IMPROVEMENTS-1930
Humboldt	2,667	
Hutchinson	27,808	
Independence	13,138	
Iola	7,404	140,000.00
Junction City	7,114	50,000.00
Kansas City	118,159	
Kingman	2,386	40,000.00
Kinsley	2,052	
Kiowa	1.586	
La Crosse	1,314	
La Cygne	1,033	28,000.00
Larned	3,233	
Lawrence	13,839	
Leavenworth	20,898	
Liberal	4,051	
Lincoln	1,600	10,000.00
Lindsborg	2,103	
Lyons	2,767	
Madison	1,355	
Manhattan	11,151	
Mankato	1,485	
Marion	2,162	
Marysville	4,306	
McPherson	4,453	
Meade	1,226	
Medicine Lodge	1,491	
Minneapolis	1,725	
Mulberry	1,824	
Neodesha	3,591	
Ness City	1,135	
Newton	10,014	
Nickerson	1,027	
Norton	2,721	None
Oakley	1,013	
Oberlin	1,503	
Olathe	3,644	
Osage City	2,697	
Osawatomie	5,807	
Osborne	1,856	
Oswego	1,879	
Ottawa	9,834	
Oxford	1,248	
Paola	4,071	
Parsons	15,268	100,000.00
Peabody	1,635	
Phillipsburg	1,284	
Pittsburg	20,945	
Pleasanton	1,282	
Pratt	5,551	
Protection	1,090	
Russell	2,283	
Sabetha	2,154	
Salina	18,148	
St. John	1,709	
St. Marys	1,318	

CITY	POPULATION	IMPROVEMENTS - 1930
Scammon	1,346	
Scott City	1,343	
Sedan	1,632	
Seneca	1,829	
Smith Center	1,544	
Solomon	1,002	
Stafford	1,603	
Sterling	1,739	
Stockton	1,237	
Tonganoxie	1,124	None
Topeka	61,501	777,000.00
Treece	1,008	
Troy	1,098	
Valley Falls	1,210	None
Wakeeney	1,373	
Wamego	1,607	
Washington	1,402	
Weir	1,408	
Wellington	7,971	
Wichita	108,117	850,000.00
Wilson	1,007	
Winfield	9,546	
Yates Center	2,113	

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Pres. Message

December 11, 1929

Dr. S.C.G. Watkins
13 N. Fullerton Ave.
Montclair, N. J.

Dear Dr. Watkins:-

Governor Reed has directed me to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of December 4th expressing approval in the Governor's message to President Hoover concerning the economic situation in the agriculture sections of our country as compared to the industrial centers of the east.

Governor Reed appreciates your friendly comment on his message. He has given much study to the preparation of agriculture and is, with his knowledge of conditions, in sympathy with the farmers.

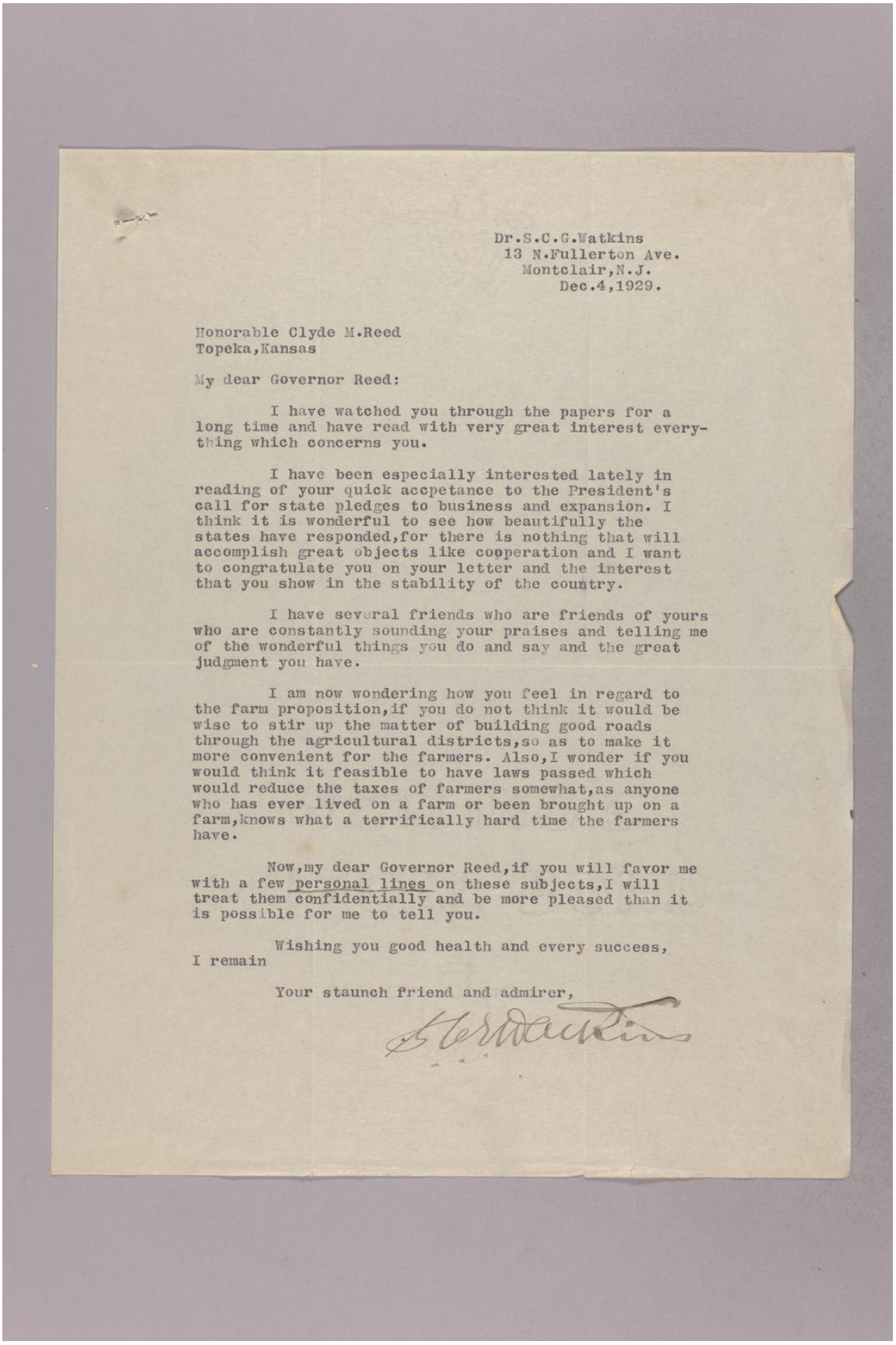
Thanking you for your letter, I am

Yours truly,

Secretary to Governor.

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Dr.S.C.G.Watkins
13 N.Fullerton Ave.
Montclair,N.J.
Dec.4,1929.

Honorable Clyde M.Reed
Topeka,Kansas

My dear Governor Reed:

I have watched you through the papers for a long time and have read with very great interest everything which concerns you.

I have been especially interested lately in reading of your quick accpetance to the President's call for state pledges to business and expansion. I think it is wonderful to see how beautifully the states have responded,for there is nothing that will accomplish great objects like cooperation and I want to congratulate you on your letter and the interest that you show in the stability of the country.

I have several friends who are friends of yours who are constantly sounding your praises and telling me of the wonderful things you do and say and the great judgment you have.

I am now wondering how you feel in regard to the farm proposition,if you do not think it would be wise to stir up the matter of building good roads through the agricultural districts,so as to make it more convenient for the farmers. Also,I wonder if you would think it feasible to have laws passed which would reduce the taxes of farmers somewhat,as anyone who has ever lived on a farm or been brought up on a farm,knows what a terrifically hard time the farmers have.

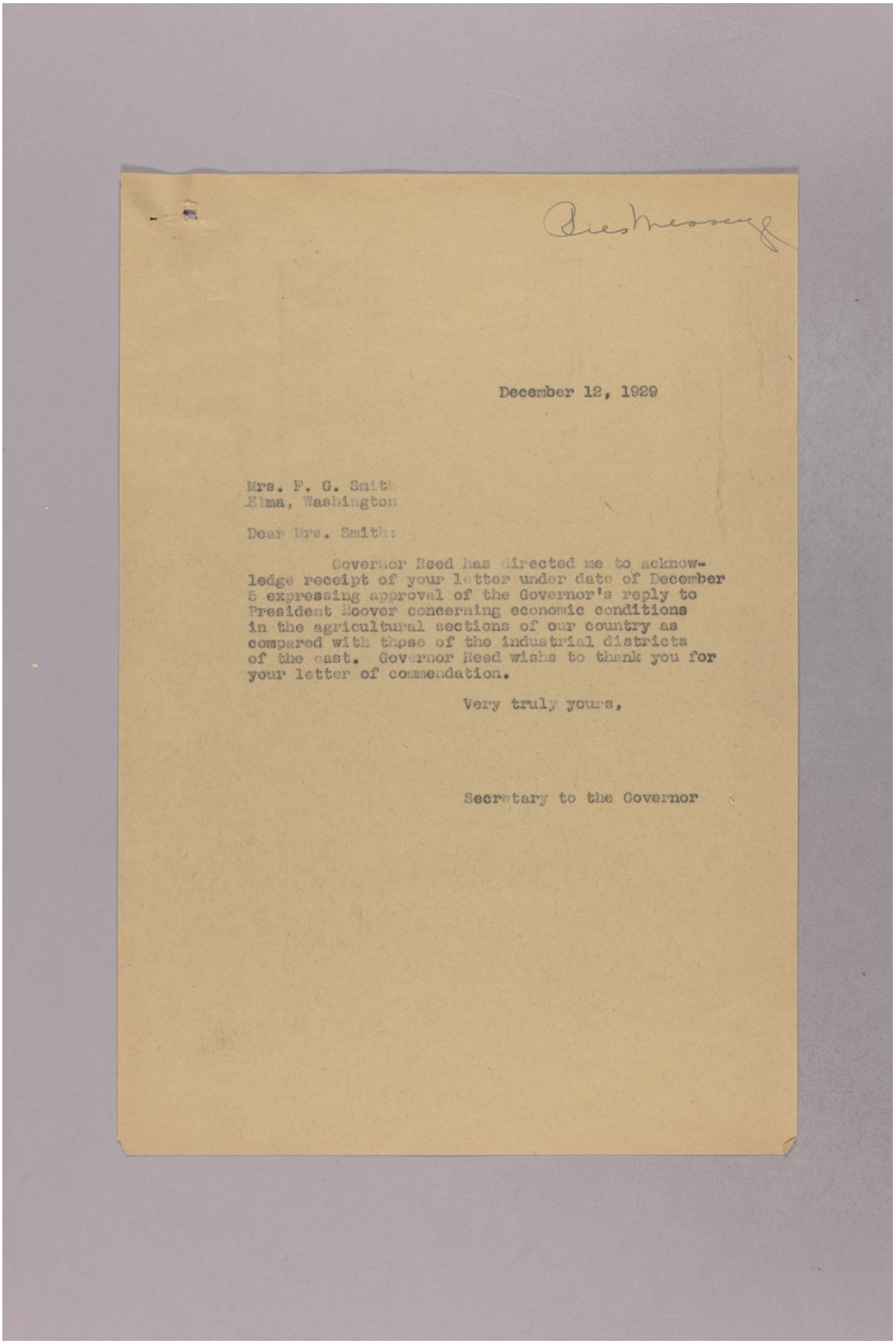
Now,my dear Governor Reed,if you will favor me with a few personal lines on these subjects,I will treat them confidentially and be more pleased than it is possible for me to tell you.

Wishing you good health and every success,
I remain

Your staunch friend and admirer,

S.C.G.Watkins

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December 12, 1929

Mrs. F. G. Smith
Elma, Washington

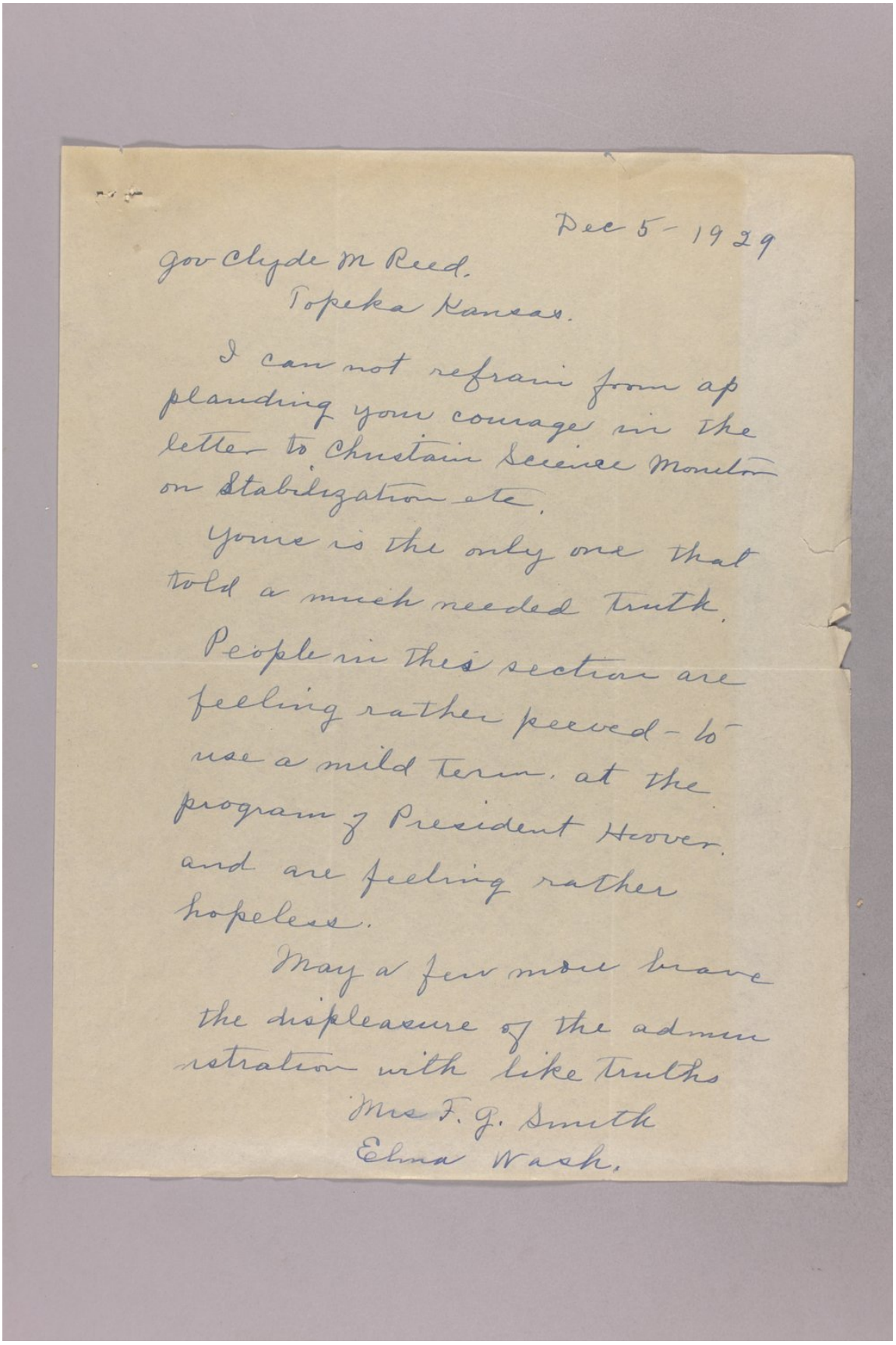
Dear Mrs. Smith:

Governor Reed has directed me to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of December 5 expressing approval of the Governor's reply to President Hoover concerning economic conditions in the agricultural sections of our country as compared with thpse of the industrial districts of the east. Governor Reed wishs to thank you for your letter of commendation.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to the Governor

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Dec 5 - 1929

gov Clyde M Reed.
Topeka Kansas.

I can not refrain from applauding your courage in the letter to Christain Science Monitor on Stabilization etc.

Yours is the only one that told a much needed truth.

People in this section are feeling rather peeved - to use a mild term, at the program of President Hoover. and are feeling rather hopeless.

May a few more brave the displeasure of the administration with like truths

Mrs F. J. Smith
Elma Wash.

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STATE OF KANSAS
BANKING DEPARTMENT
TOPEKA

H. W. KOENEKE,
BANK COMMISSIONER

December 13, 1929

Mr. Harry Rhodes,
Chairman of Committee,
B u i l d i n g.

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

I am herewith submitting to you figures showing the contemplated expenditures of the cities in the State of Kansas for the year of 1930, as follows:

Eighty-six cities out of a total of one hundred and forty-three, report expenditures of $6,458,137.06.

This being approximately sixty per cent, it would be safe to estimate that the balance of the cities not reporting would spend at least $3,000,000.00, making a total of $9,458,137.06.

I am herewith attaching a list of the proposed amounts to be expended by each city.

Hoping this meets with your approval, I am

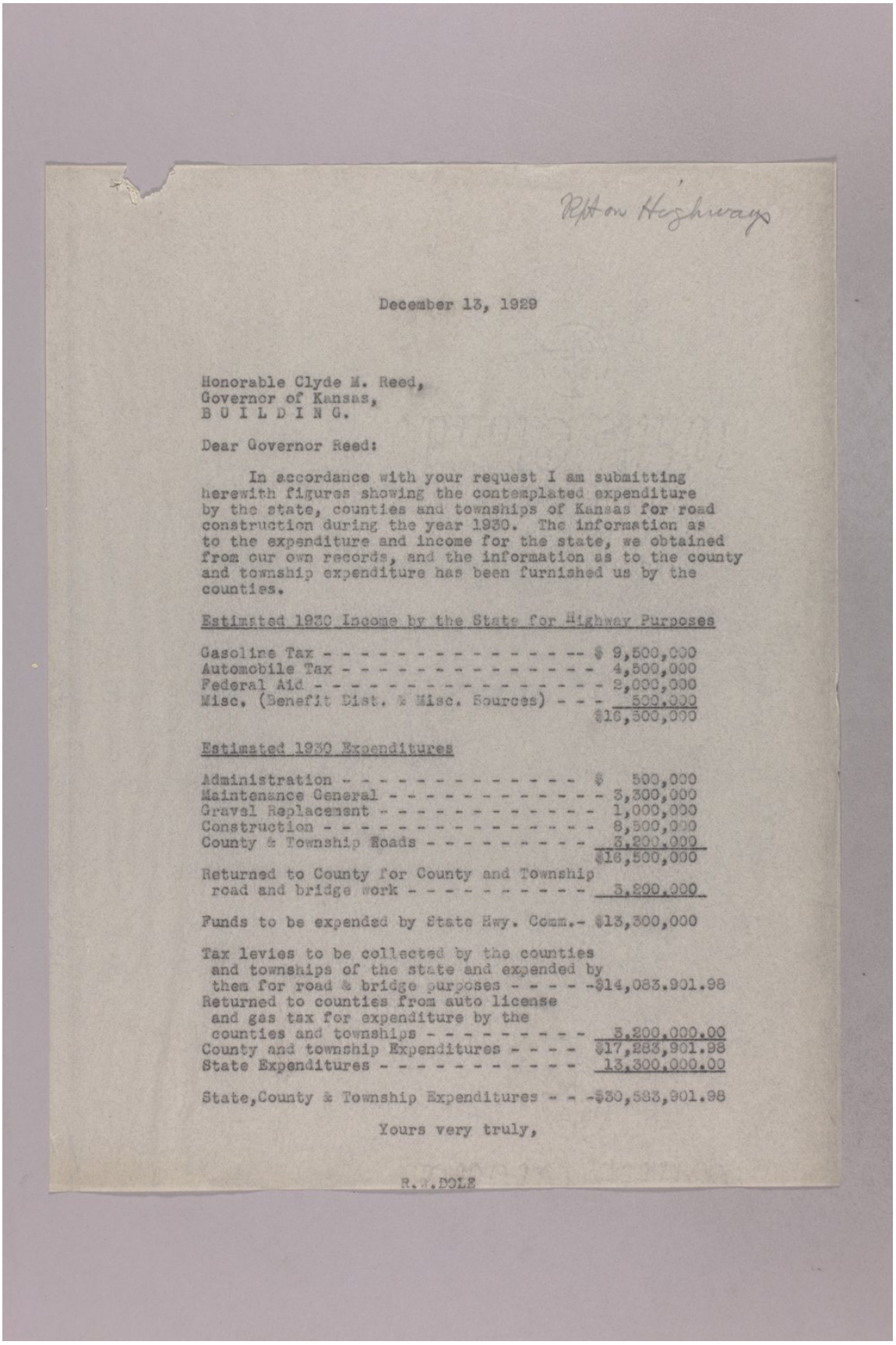
Very truly yours,

HWK/EMcG

Member of Committee.

KANSAS GROWS THE BEST WHEAT IN THE WORLD

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, Reed and President Herbert Hoover



Re Hon Highways

December 13, 1929

Honorable Clyde M. Reed,
Governor of Kansas,
B U I L D I N G.

Dear Governor Reed:

In accordance with your request I am submitting herewith figures showing the contemplated expenditure by the state, counties and townships of Kansas for road construction during the year 1930. The information as to the expenditure and income for the state, we obtained from our own records, and the information as to the county and township expenditure has been furnished us by the counties.

Estimated 1930 Income by the State for Highway Purposes

Gasoline Tax	$ 9,500,000
Automobile Tax	4,500,000
Federal Aid	2,000,000
Misc. (Benefit Dist. & Misc. Sources)	500,000
	$16,500,000

Estimated 1930 Expenditures

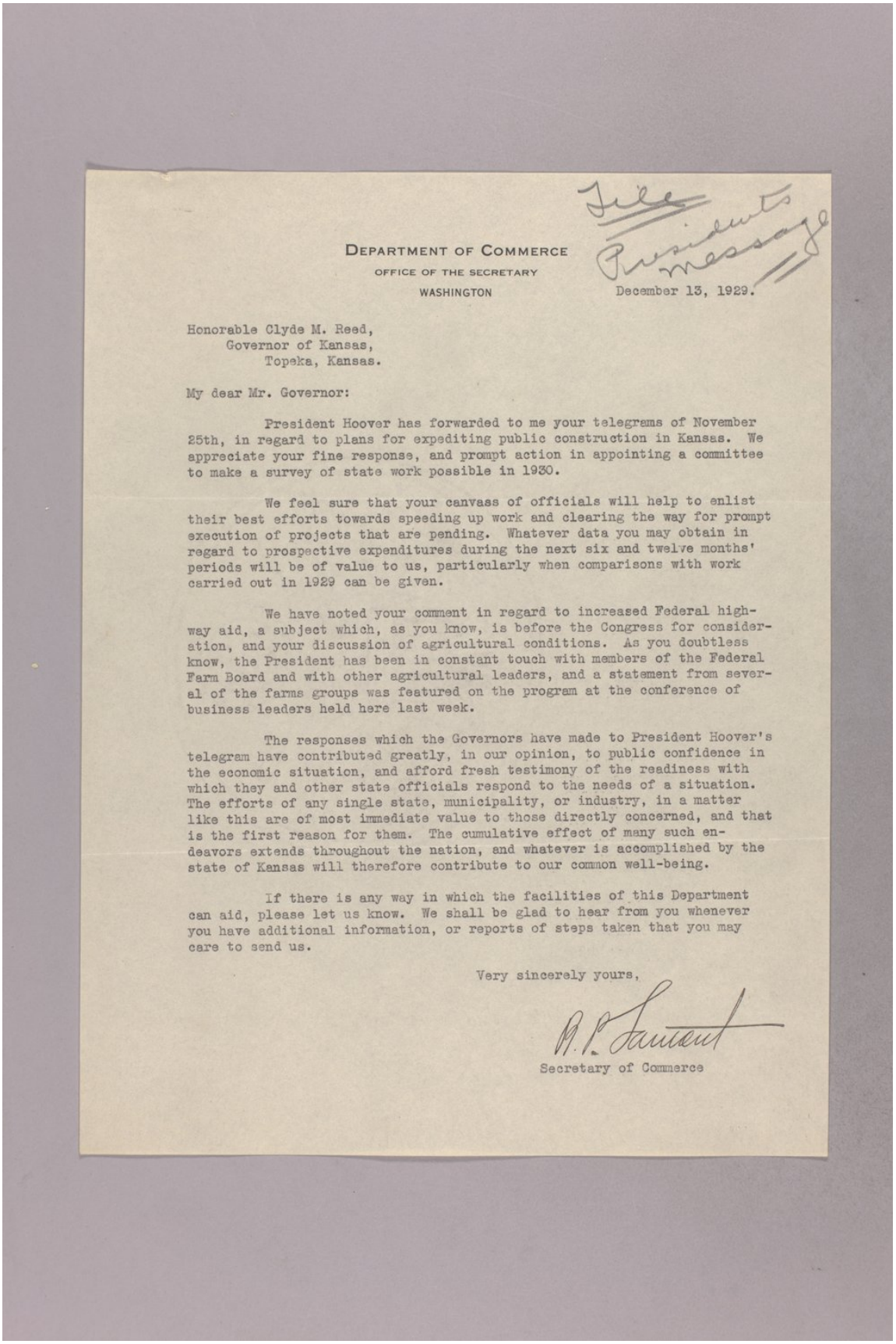
Administration	$ 500,000
Maintenance General	3,300,000
Gravel Replacement	1,000,000
Construction	8,500,000
County & Township Roads	3,200,000
	$16,500,000
Returned to County for County and Township road and bridge work	3,200,000
Funds to be expended by State Hwy. Comm.-	$13,300,000

Tax levies to be collected by the counties and townships of the state and expended by them for road & bridge purposes	$14,083,901.98
Returned to counties from auto license and gas tax for expenditure by the counties and townships	3,200,000.00
County and township Expenditures	$17,283,901.98
State Expenditures	13,300,000.00
State,County & Township Expenditures	$30,583,901.98

Yours very truly,

R.W.DOLE

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1929.

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

My dear Mr. Governor:

President Hoover has forwarded to me your telegrams of November 25th, in regard to plans for expediting public construction in Kansas. We appreciate your fine response, and prompt action in appointing a committee to make a survey of state work possible in 1930.

We feel sure that your canvass of officials will help to enlist their best efforts towards speeding up work and clearing the way for prompt execution of projects that are pending. Whatever data you may obtain in regard to prospective expenditures during the next six and twelve months' periods will be of value to us, particularly when comparisons with work carried out in 1929 can be given.

We have noted your comment in regard to increased Federal highway aid, a subject which, as you know, is before the Congress for consideration, and your discussion of agricultural conditions. As you doubtless know, the President has been in constant touch with members of the Federal Farm Board and with other agricultural leaders, and a statement from several of the farms groups was featured on the program at the conference of business leaders held here last week.

The responses which the Governors have made to President Hoover's telegram have contributed greatly, in our opinion, to public confidence in the economic situation, and afford fresh testimony of the readiness with which they and other state officials respond to the needs of a situation. The efforts of any single state, municipality, or industry, in a matter like this are of most immediate value to those directly concerned, and that is the first reason for them. The cumulative effect of many such endeavors extends throughout the nation, and whatever is accomplished by the state of Kansas will therefore contribute to our common well-being.

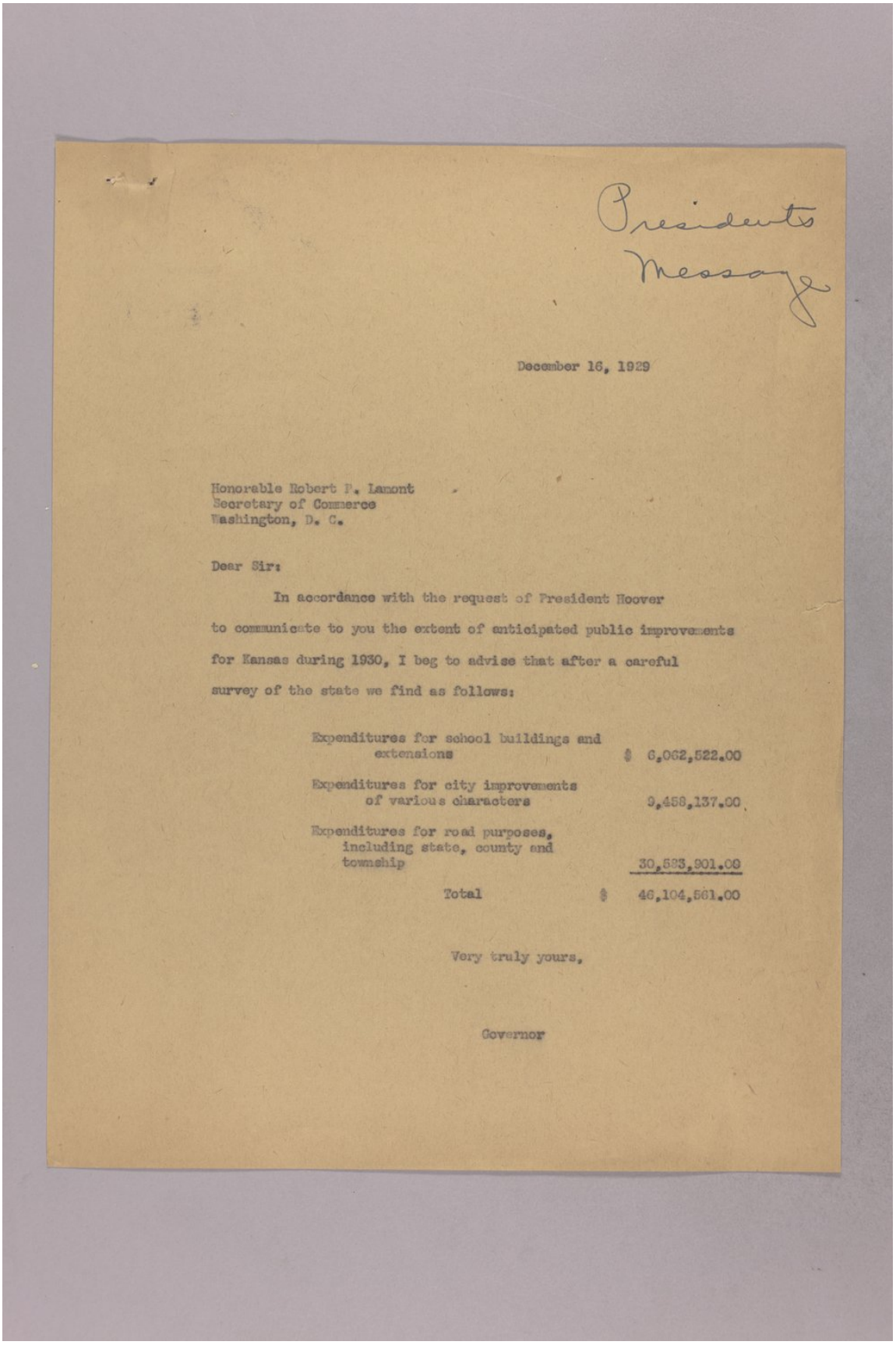
If there is any way in which the facilities of this Department can aid, please let us know. We shall be glad to hear from you whenever you have additional information, or reports of steps taken that you may care to send us.

Very sincerely yours,

R. P. Lamont

Secretary of Commerce

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Presidents Message

December 16, 1929

Honorable Robert P. Lamont
Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

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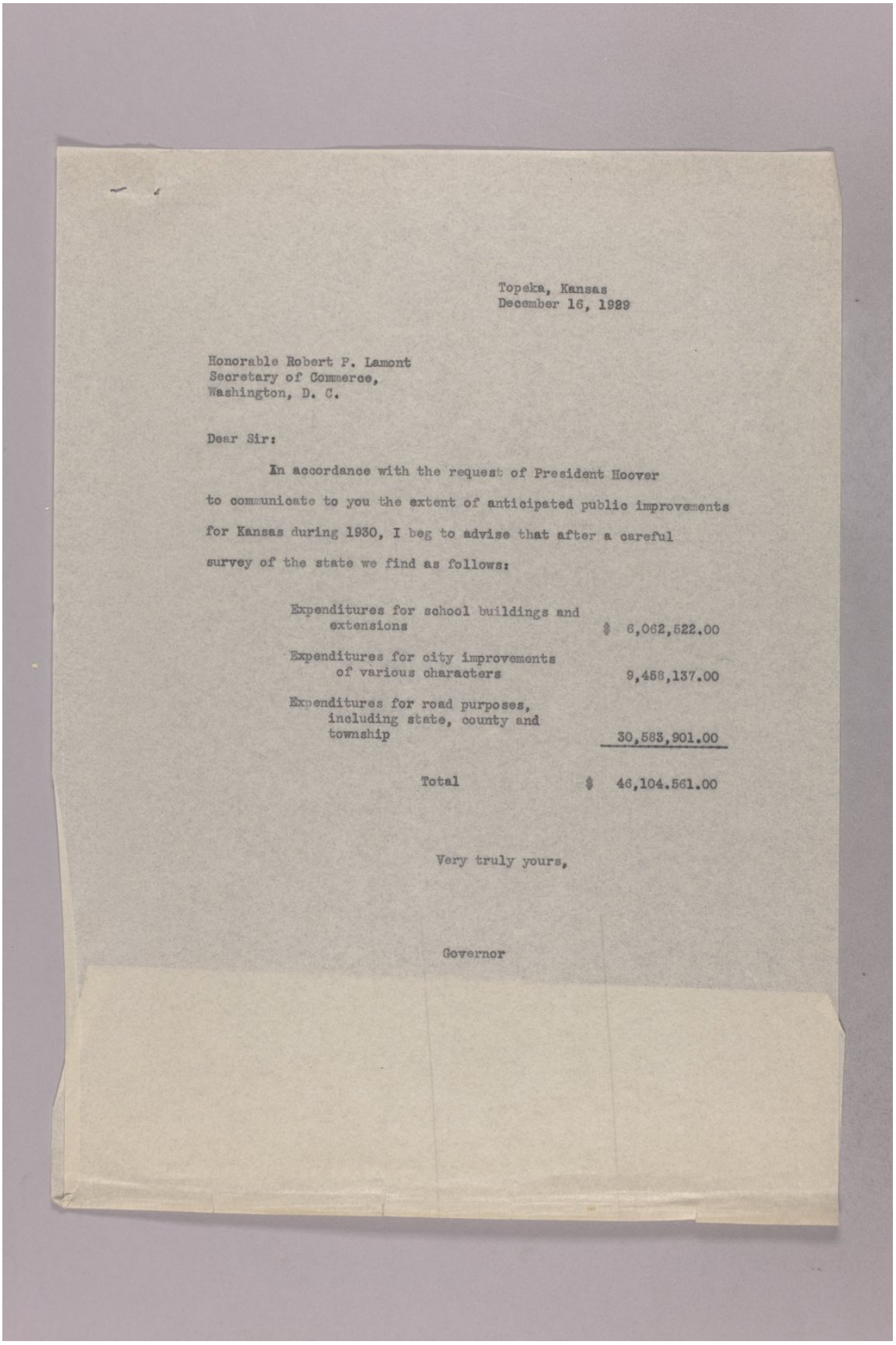
In accordance with the request of President Hoover to communicate to you the extent of anticipated public improvements for Kansas during 1930, I beg to advise that after a careful survey of the state we find as follows:

Expenditures for school buildings and extensions	$ 6,062,522.00
Expenditures for city improvements of various characters	9,458,137.00
Expenditures for road purposes, including state, county and township	30,583,901.00
Total	$ 46,104,561.00

Very truly yours,

Governor

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Topeka, Kansas
December 16, 1929

Honorable Robert P. Lamont
Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

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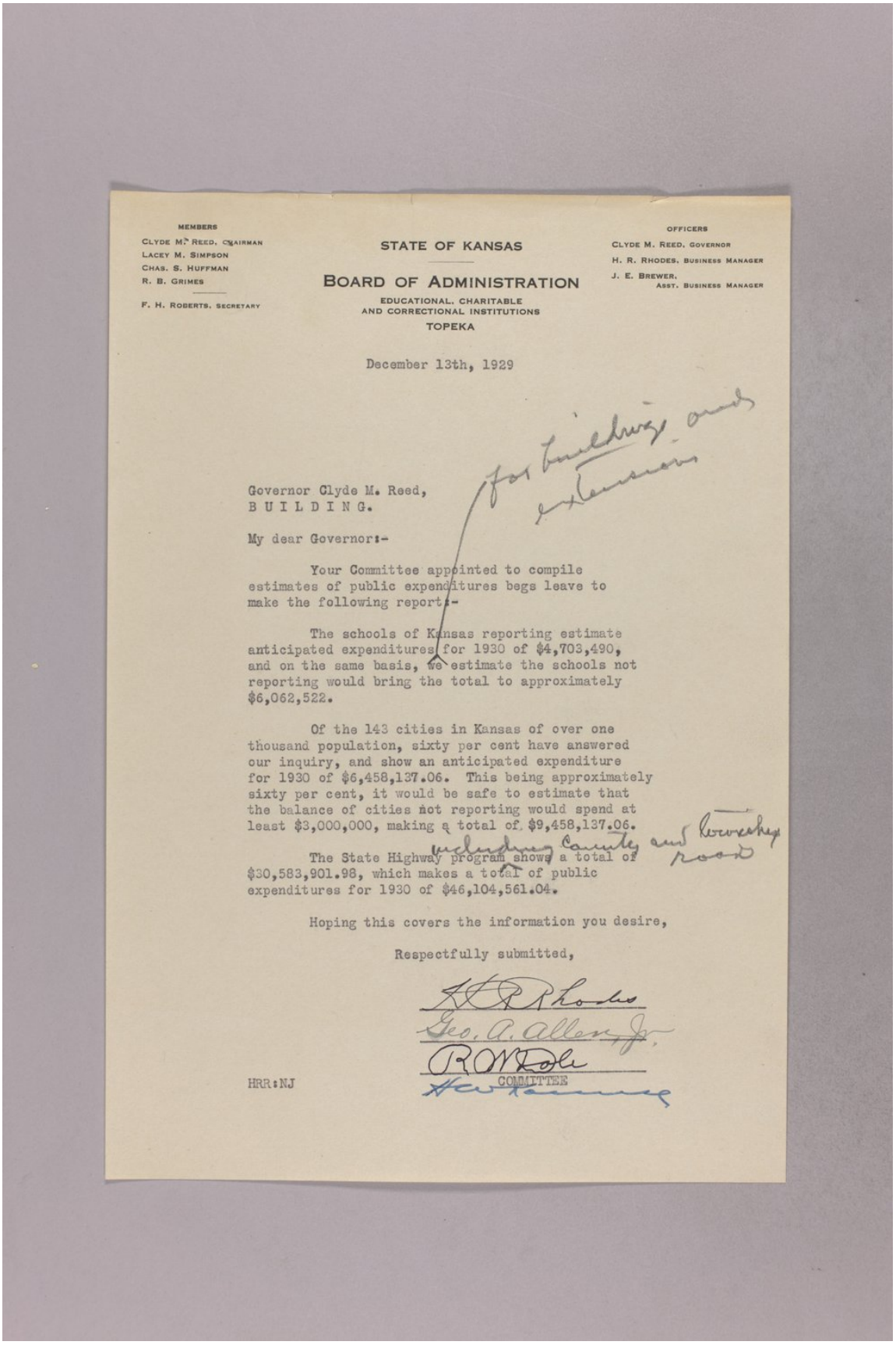
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December 13th, 1929

for buildings and extensions

Governor Clyde M. Reed,
B U I L D I N G.

My dear Governor:-

Your Committee appointed to compile estimates of public expenditures begs leave to make the following report:-

The schools of Kansas reporting estimate anticipated expenditures for 1930 of $4,703,490, and on the same basis, we estimate the schools not reporting would bring the total to approximately $6,062,522.

Of the 143 cities in Kansas of over one thousand population, sixty per cent have answered our inquiry, and show an anticipated expenditure for 1930 of $6,458,137.06. This being approximately sixty per cent, it would be safe to estimate that the balance of cities not reporting would spend at least $3,000,000, making a total of $9,458,137.06.

The State Highway program shows a total of $30,583,901.98, which makes a total of public expenditures for 1930 of $46,104,561.04.

Hoping this covers the information you desire,

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. Rhodes
Geo. A. Allen, Jr.
R. W. Dale
COMMITTEE

HRR:NJ

Governor Clyde M. Reed correspondence, Reed and President Herbert Hoover

STATE OF KANSAS

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

GEO. A. ALLEN, JR.
SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

W. A. STACEY
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

TOPEKA

Dec. 13, 1929

Honorable Clyde Reed, Governor
B U I L D I N G

Dear Gov. Reed:

In response to your request of last week, I immediately sent questionnaires to all county superintendents, and city superintendents in cities of the first and second classes, inquiring the approximate amount to be expended for new school buildings, additions, extensions, and repairs during the year, 1930. Most of the replies have been returned promptly, and, while all are not yet in, I take pleasure in making you the following report:

9 cities of the first class(2 not returned) . .	$2,143,000
54 cities of the second class(22 not returned) .	936,769
80 counties (25 not returned)	1,623,721
Total for those reported	4,703,490

On the same basis the remaining cities and counties should swell this total to a grand total of $6,062,522. I, therefore, report to you the total building program of the public schools of the state will easily approximate $6,065,000.

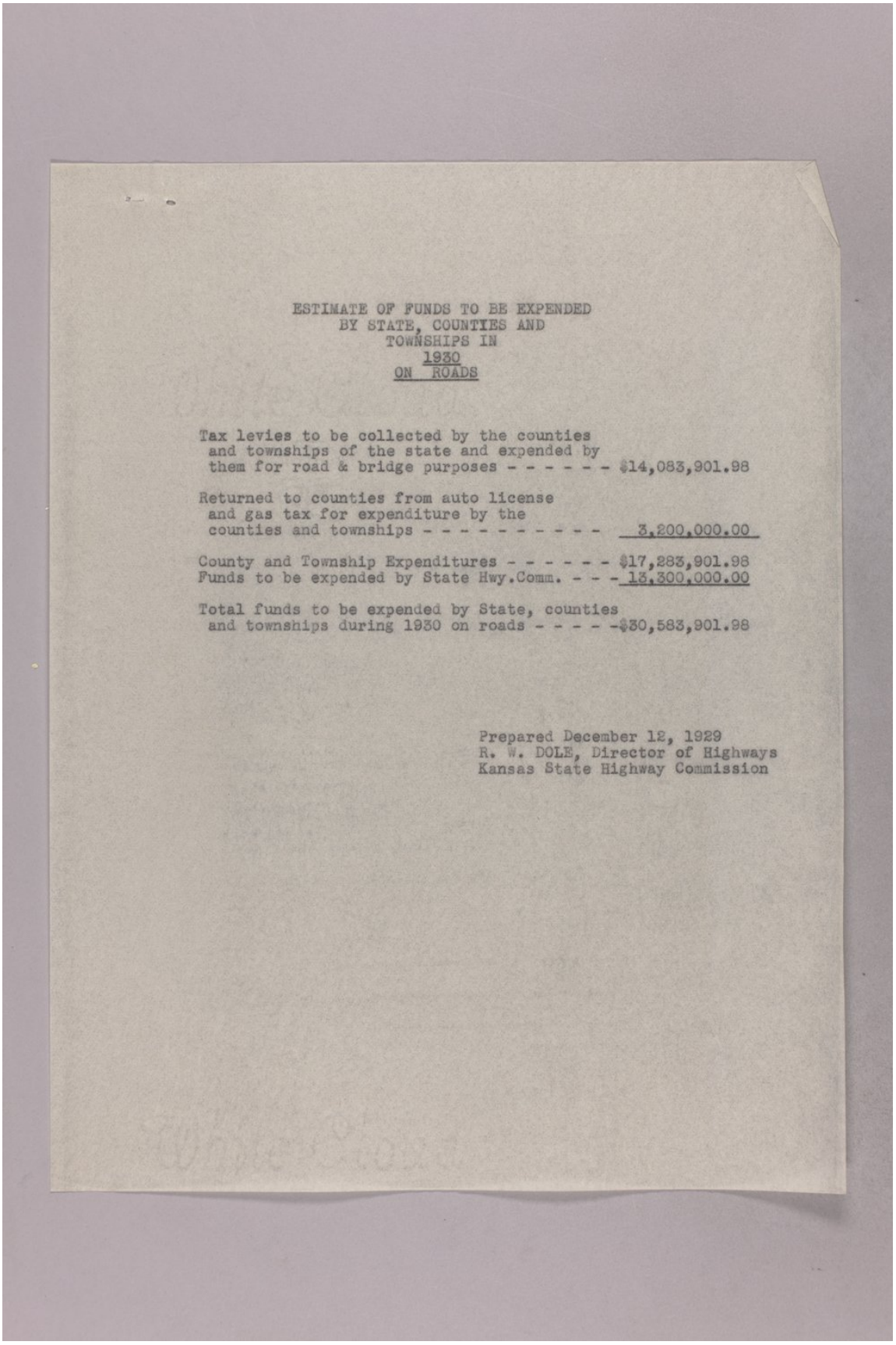
In case you wish to know the largest estimate in each group, I find them to be:

City of the first class, Topeka	$1,273,000
City of the second class, Concordia	275,000
County, Reno	130,000

Sincerely yours,

Geo. A. Allen, Jr.
State Superintendent

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ESTIMATE OF FUNDS TO BE EXPENDED
BY STATE, COUNTIES AND
TOWNSHIPS IN
1930
ON ROADS

Tax levies to be collected by the counties and townships of the state and expended by them for road & bridge purposes - - - - - - $14,083,901.98

Returned to counties from auto license and gas tax for expenditure by the counties and townships - - - - - - - - - - - 3,200,000.00

County and Township Expenditures - - - - - - $17,283,901.98
Funds to be expended by State Hwy.Comm. - - - 13,300,000.00

Total funds to be expended by State, counties and townships during 1930 on roads - - - - -$30,583,901.98

Prepared December 12, 1929
R. W. DOLE, Director of Highways
Kansas State Highway Commission