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Hon. L. J. Pettyjohn, Secretary of States State House, Topeka, Kan.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the application which you received yesterday, signed by F. W. Nevman and others for authority to change the routing of the Jefferson Highway, will it be permissible for your office to notify Paul Russell of Paola, Kan.? He is one of the directors and represents the interests of one of the most important towns on the present route.

This new move (apparently on the part of the partisans of Pleasanton, Kan., and Pittsburg, Kan.) looks like a trick which the real workers in the interest of the Jefferson Highway should be given a chance to head off. It appears that by the new routing, only one of the six Eastern Kansas county seats, which under the original plan were linked together by the Jefferson Highway, would be left on the route, and it is the only highway of Eastern Kansas providing a good automobile road connecting the county seats. Sar. 108

Mast of the county seats interested and many citizens thereof have given time, labor and material in helping to improve the route preliminary to its hard surfacing thru the use of federal aid. I was over much of it last summer and found it one of the best and most picturesque automobile roads I have seen and one which most economically can be hard surfaced. Hard surfacing under federal aid undoubtedly would have begun last summer but for the obstruction tactics of a political faction in Linn County. This faction has done serious injury to the interests of Eastern Mansas counties from Wyandotte south, but I believe if the officers and business interest of the state will lend their moral support for a while longer to the old management of the Jefferson Highway and the men who are honextly trying to make this road deliver a maximum of service to the counties that are helping to build it, the selfish interests which for a year have been blocking progress will have to give up.

Yours very truly,

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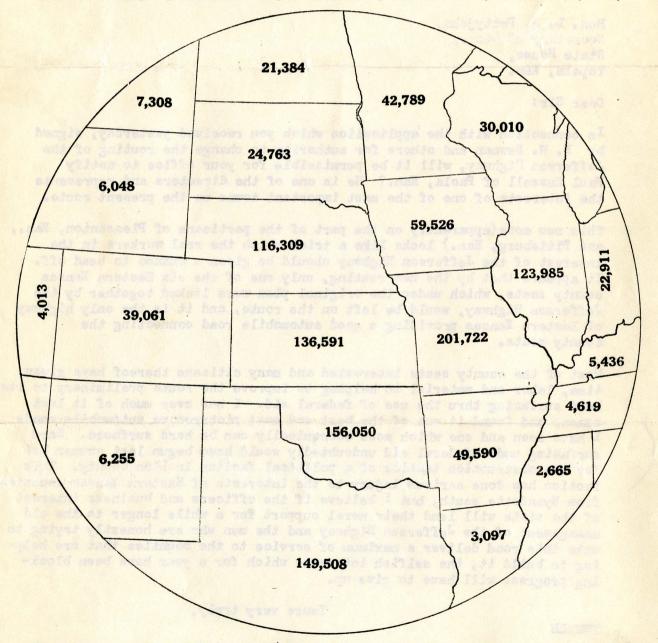
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