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May 2, 1958

Dear Judge:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 29th commenting on the letter I forwarded to you from the Fish and Wildlife Service about the rat control program in Cameron County.

I was glad to present your views to the Department and, of course, if there's anything further you want me to do in the matter, please let me know.

With highest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Oscar C. Dancy  
County Judge  
Cameron County  
Brownsville, Texas

LBJ:ACP:jgh

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# CAMERON COUNTY

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

April 29, 1958

MAY 1 1958

Hon. Lyndon Johnson  
U. S. Senator  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyndon:

I am in receipt of your favor of April 17th with enclosure consisting of letter from Acting Director of the Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service; and, for your information, I will say that I don't think there is a member of the Court who would consider for one split second doing away with this service.

We are indeed grateful to our great Government that they help furnish this service to us; and, so far as I know or believe, it will be permanent. I believe it will almost come back and that we will almost have to keep the service.

Of course, I am just speaking for myself as Chairman of the Court; but, if any member of the Court is not friendly to this, I have not heard a word in opposition.

Thanking you for your fine cooperation, I am,

Yours very truly,

OSCAR C. DANCY, COUNTY JUDGE

OCD/ssm

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CASE & PROJECT

April 17, 1958

Dear Judge Dancy:

Here is another letter from the Fish and Wildlife Service about the rat control program in Cameron County.

I observe the Director's statement that the necessity for the continuation of the program rests with the Cameron County officials, as was indicated in the Director's letter of April 4.

With personal good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Oscar C. Dancy  
County Judge, Cameron County  
Brownsville, Texas

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ADDRESS ONLY THE DIRECTOR,  
BUREAU OF SPORT FISHERIES  
AND WILDLIFE

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

APR 16 1959

Dear Senator Johnson:

We appreciate your transmittal of Judge Oscar C. Dancy's letter of March 31 and Mr. Myron F. Ward's letter of March 19. Their appraisal of the worth of this cooperative rodent control effort to the county is gratifying. We believe the determination of the necessity for continuation of the program rests with Cameron County officials as indicated in our letter of April 4.

The letters from Judge Dancy and Mr. Ward are returned herewith as requested.

Sincerely yours,

A. V. JUNISON

(Acting) Director

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# CAMERON COUNTY

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

March 31, 1958

APR 3 1958

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson  
U. S. Senator  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyndon:

Re: Rodent Control

First I want to congratulate you on the recent write-up in Time. Time is such a strong Republican paper, that I was doubly glad, and you deserved every good word they said. -- You know, I have been telling you for a long time that you are on the way to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. -- Just take good care of your health, and you will get there.

Since writing you recently about the above matter, I have received a letter from one of the leading citizens of the county and one of my best friends; and, if I am not badly mistaken, he is one of your friends, too. He is Myron . Ward of La Feria. I am enclosing his Original Letter. I am making copies thereof, and sending to Senator Yarborough, and to Representative Kilgore.

I am not at all certain but that through the fine work of Mr. Waldorf and his bosses at Kingsville and San Antonio, that rodent control is the most important work we are doing in the County. - I did not realize this until it became known that there might be an attempt to do away with it.

As a further illustration, we will take Mr. Ward, for example, he lives on the road between La Feria and Santa Rosa. We call it Duke's Highway and the State is now putting on vast improvements. As I recollect, Mr. Ward has a neighbor in the distance of not over 1/8 of a mile. -- Now, suppose we use the "private enterprise" way and that Mr. Ward buys the poison, - which, as I understand, costs about three times as much as it costs the County -- and poisons the rats in his backyard, but his neighbor does not purchase it. -- It is only a question of a very short time until Neighbor Jones' rats will increase and run over and come back to Mr. Ward, and it would be a continuous fight from here on out.

But, the way the Wildlife people are doing it, they are certainly doing a very good job, because rats can even cross the Rio Grande. As a matter of fact, "Mr. Rat" is one smart animal. When the Good Lord distributed brains to the animal kingdom, he didn't overlook "Mr. Rat" — and still, "Mr. Rat" carrying these disease germs, might be more dangerous than a grisly bear or an African lion.

I know the "high-pressure" that is being laid on you; but, if it was put to a vote in Cameron County, a I think at least 95% of the people would be for this rodent control.

I feel that I should write you and let you know what the public opinion is.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,



OSCAR C. DANCY, COUNTY JUDGE

OCD/ssm



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Rancho de My-Mar Ward

PRODUCERS OF RED GRAPEFRUIT AND ORANGES

SANTA ROSA HIGHWAY  
LA FERIA, TEXAS

March 19, 1958

Judge Oscar Dancy,  
County Judge, Cameron County,  
Brownsville, Texas

Dear Judge Dancy:

I have read copy of letter Mr. C.R. Landon, District Agent, sent you relative to the poison for rats which the County is distributing to the farmers. Mr. Landon advised that a Mr. Scott L. Hargrove, Box 2045, Harlingen, Texas, complained to Senator Lyndon Johnson that by the County placing this poison in the hands of the farmers he can not enter the rat Bait formation and sales business.

To me, this gentleman is a vary poor business man if the eradication of rats etc by the action of the Public Health is keeping him from entering the poison business.

Frankly, your Mr. M.J. Waldrof, supervisor Cameron County Public Health unit is directly responsible for ridding this place, and others in this area of rats. His demonstration and instructions go a vary long way in getting us farmers to eradicate the rats on the farms.

Without the assistance of the County Health unit assistance the rural areas would be in a rather bad shape in so far as rats are concerned. The cost the tax payers have to make for this service is indeed small, and to this date I have heard no complain from anyone regarding this activity expense. The more of this type of work we have in the rural areas the healthier the whole county will be, so more power to Mr. Waldrof and employees like him. His work is good and needed.

I shall write to Lyndon and suggest that he not make any further efforts to assist Mr. Hargrove in his selfish move for personal gain.

Yours very sincerely,

*Myron*  
Myron F. Ward

cc to Mr. Landon  
Mr. Waldrof.

CASE & PROJECT

April 10, 1957

*Cameron  
County*

Dear Friend:

In the absence of Senator Johnson from Washington it is a pleasure to send you the attached letter and we are glad you gave us an opportunity to express an interest in this matter.

We hope you will continue to call on us whenever you feel we can be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Arthur C. Perry  
Administrative Assistant to  
Lyndon B. Johnson, USS

Mr. Stone L. Hargrove  
P.O. Box 2045  
Harlingen, Texas





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Washington 25, D. C.

APR 8 - 1958

Dear Senator Johnson:

We have received Mr. Stone L. Hargrove's letter of March 24 but do not feel we are in a position to comment on the conduct of Cameron County affairs by Judge Oscar C. Dancy and the County Commissioners' Court.

Mr. Hargrove is correct that the introduction of anticoagulant baits was a significant advance in the control of rats. We disagree they have solved the Nation's rat problems, although we wish that were the case. To be successful, control efforts must go further than simply baiting the animals; they must be concerned with the related structural, managerial and environmental factors which encourage rat infestations in the first place. This does not minimize the importance of removing existing rat population and successful baiting is an important means to that end. We believe the manner in which this Bureau extends technical service to the public is covered in the Acting Commissioner's letter of March 20.

We agree with Mr. Hargrove that we have a responsibility to make control findings available to the public. Our San Antonio District Office would be pleased to again offer Mr. Hargrove all the technical assistance possible as they did in early 1957 when he went into the bait formulating business.

As requested, Mr. Hargrove's letter is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) D. H. JANZEN

Director

Enclosure

# STONE L. HARGROVE

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(HIGHWAY 77)

P. O. BOX 2045

HARLINGEN, TEXAS

MAR 29 1958

March, 24, 1958

Hon. Lyndon Johnson  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Because Judge Dancy has sent me a copy of his letter of two days ago to you in which he defends the Cameron County rat bait give away program, I feel that I should point out to you some defects in his argument. First however, I would like to give you a little of the background of these letters.

Early in November '57 a country merchant told me: "Your rat bait would have been a good seller here several years ago- but now whenever any of my customers have rat trouble they just call up Mr. Waldorf at San Benito and he will bring out rat bait and generally will put it out for them". I then went to Judge Dancy's office and asked him to tell me how much rat bait the Co. was giving away and how much it was costing. He said that he would find out and took my name and address. After two months waiting I went again and he had done nothing, but our local County Commissioner, Tom Foster, was in the office and he said he would get the information for me. Then on Feb. 10, 1958 I addressed a letter to "Judge Dancy and the Commissioners Court" asking that the give away program be stopped and requesting a reply. I heard nothing until Judge Dancy sent me a copy of this letter to you and then he admitted he had not taken up the matter with the Commission. My only comment here is that people who give away or spend the taxpayers money seem reluctant to give out information as to where the money goes.

Now Judge Dancy says that it is a good idea to spend the County money to fight rats because they carry disease. He does not establish rat killing as a normal or essential Govt. activity. Nor does he give any reason for restricting the fight to mosquitoes and rats when it is well known that flies and roaches also carry disease. There is a long list of animals that carry disease - even including human beings.

Then the Judge goes on to prove that his program is ineffective by mentioning the very poor who cannot afford to buy rat bait. He fails to tell you that most of these on his relief rolls are living within city limits and ineligible to receive his free rat bait. He gives bait away only in rural communities. Does the good Judge think that city rats carry no disease?

As a cotton ginner I am fairly familiar with the farming situation here. It is my judgement that most of the farmers who receive the free bait are actually well able to buy their own. Also I believe that there are many poor taxpayers in the towns and cities who cannot afford to contribute to a fund which



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Hon. Lyndon Johnson

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March, 24, 1958

is used to give rat bait exclusively to their relatively well to do neighbors in the country.

The Cameron County rat program is not effective as an extermination effort. It is not fair in that the bait is not available to all citizens alike. It should be stopped. I believe this program was instigated by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Its continuance is possible only because the Fish & Wildlife people continue to sell the bait to them at a very low cost.

In this connection let me tell you of a visit to my office of Mr. H.E. Bridgewater, Kingsville, Texas who is Dist. Mgr. for the San Antonio office of the Fish & Wildlife Service. I asked if the 4-H boys and other groups who canvassed for the rat bait sales were making a profit. He said generally yes - they buy at 17¢ per lb and sell at 25¢ per lb. That is a mark up of 47% - considerably more than a merchant makes in the bait he handles. Now I ask you : Is that competing with private enterprise?

I also asked Mr. Bridgewater to give me the address of parties who could tell me all about the Texas rat bait program. He said : Rodent Control Revolving Fund, PO Box 1941, San Antonio 6, Texas. This post office box is the mailing address of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in S.A. He admitted during the conversation "we run the business".

Now it seems to me this would be a good time to thoroly investigate the very "reason for being" of this nation wide rat bait "Demonstration" business. I can well imagine that twenty years ago when anti-coagulant baits were first introduced it might have been worth public money to make some demonstration of the new method of rat killing. But actually the use of anticoagulants is very simple. Labels on packaged bait for sale in 50,000.00 stores all over America tell how to use it. Read the instructions on my label enclosed and then ask yourself why we should keep on spending public money to demonstrate this use. I think that the Fish & Wildlife Service should be restricted to research and their findings made available to the public thru our regular County Agents.

I want to thank you for your interest in my problem, I think you are getting something started.

Yours very truly

s

Stone L. Hargrove



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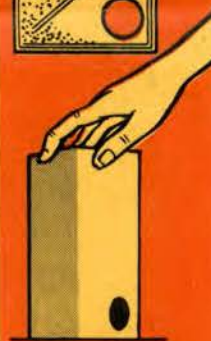
It is well known that rats and mice love to break in and steal. That is why they will sneak into the holes of the **LURAT** box and feed there in the sheltered area and never bother your grains and cereal which may be in the same room.

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when you are ready to begin your campaign against the rats and mice. This is the simplest and easiest of all methods of rodent warfare. The **LURAT** carton not only feeds the rodents most efficiently but also guards children and pets from accidental contact with the bait.

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P. O. BOX 2045

• HARLINGEN, TEXAS



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*Cameron  
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April 8, 1957

Dear Friend:

In the absence of Senator Johnson from Washington it is a pleasure to send you the attached letter and we are glad you gave us an opportunity to express an interest in this matter.

We hope you will continue to call on us whenever you feel we can be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

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Administrative Assistant to  
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Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

APR 4 - 1960

Dear Senator Johnson:

Judge Oscar C. Dancy's letter of March 22 refers to objections raised by Mr. Stone L. Hargrove in his letters of February 1 and 11 with respect to the propriety of the co-operative rat control program in Cameron County.

Judge Dancy states the position of the County Commissioners' Court in providing for a county insect and rodent control program. Whether that program shall continue in the county is the responsibility of the Cameron County Commissioners' Court.

The facilities for effective rodent control afforded by the cooperative arrangements between the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and Texas A & M College will continue to be available to Cameron County.

Judge Dancy's letter is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) D. H. JANZEN

Director

Enclosure

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# CAMERON COUNTY

MAR 24 1958

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

March 22, 1958.

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson,  
U. S. Senator,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyndon:

We seem to have quite a little static down here regarding rat poison. Frankly, I thought the State furnished this rat poison; but I find that it is the County. And I do not think Cameron County can make any better possible investment of public money than the money it pays for this particular preventative of the waste and the danger of epidemics spread by the rat.

I am not at all questioning the good faith of Mr. Stone L. Hargrove, of Harlingen. All of us believe in private enterprise—but there are just some things that cannot be done by private enterprise—and fighting the rat is one of those things.

I am sure you know the general economic conditions throughout the country—and the people out of work. If we undertook to make the individual purchase the rat poison, you would just simply completely do away with that preventative health movement.

I know of new way that you could force even wealthy people to buy rat poison. We will say that John Jones lives on one corner and Bill Smith lives on the adjoining corner; and John Jones buys the rat poison and kills the rats; and Bill Smith does not do it (and we cannot force him to do it). But there are literally hundreds of our poor people who are out of work, and have to go to our relief offices for weekly handouts in order to keep meat on their bones — they cannot buy bread, let alone rat poison.

If you had a community of twenty; and nineteen of them bought rat poison and one of them didn't; it would only be a question of a few months until the rats on the premises of that one would spread to the other nineteen.



Frankly, I think we have an outstanding setup on fighting the rat in this County. My information indicates that Mr. W. J. Waldorf, who is in charge of our insect and rodent control as a specialist, is doing an outstanding job. His heart is in this work, and he is not afraid to work. He is the kind of an official that we ought to have on all public pay rolls.

I won't go into details as to the danger of the rat -- but a few years ago we had a typhus fever epidemic that was unquestionably brought on by Mr. Rat; and it is well known that Mr. Rat carries Bubonic Plague and other tropic and semi-tropical diseases. We are a semi-tropic country; and we have to be on our toes all the time, to watch out for malaria, yellow fever, dengue, and everything else.

Of course, Mr. Rat, so far as I know, does not carry these diseases--but Mr. Waldorf is in charge of our fight on the mosquitoes, as well as the fight on the rat.

I am only speaking for myself on this, as the matter has not been referred to the Commissioners' Court--so I am sending a copy of this letter to each member of the Court; and if any of them differ with me, I am sure they will write you, because it may be some days before we have another meeting. But we put this work on unanimously; and if there is any member of the Court who is not happy about the work Mr. Waldorf is doing, I do not know it.

I hate to disagree with Mr. Hargrove. He saw me I believe twice at my office at Harlingen. But you can put Oscar Dancy down as for the continuation of the program and for buying the bait by Cameron County.

We are getting this bait at wholesale or better; and I understand the retail price is about three times as high as the regular price.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Hargrove and a number of others; and I am sending you a copy of my letter to Mr. Hargrove.

Very truly yours,



OCD/eb

Oscar C. Dancy - County Judge.

Brownsville, Texas.

March 22, 1958.

Mr. Stone L. Hargrove,  
Box 2045, Harlingen, Texas.

Dear Mr. Hargrove:

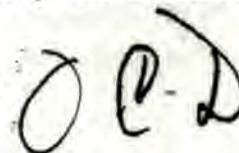
I am sure that you and I can disagree without being disagreeable. I am glad you called my attention to this; and don't hesitate in the future to call my attention to anything you think is wrong with County Government.

We members of the Commissioners' Court are just human, like the balance of the people; and we do not have eyes in the back of our heads. When things go wrong, we cannot find out until we are informed.

Your complaint has not been ignored by the writer, or I am sure by any other member of the Court. I believe Mr. Foster is possibly the only one at this time that I have consulted about this. Speaking for myself alone, I doubt if Cameron County is making any better investment of your tax money, than fighting the rat and the mesquite; and I shall continue the fight — and so far as I know or believe, every other member of the Court sees it as I do. However, I am mailing a copy of this letter to the other members of the Court, as well as to Sen. Johnson and to Senators Morse and Neuberger.

It just happens that I knew Mr. Morse personally—well and favorably. I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Neuberger; but I think Oregon has two outstanding Senators.

Very truly yours,



OCD/eb

Oscar C. Dancy — County Judge.

**COPY**

March 28, 1958

*Cameron  
County*

Dear Myron:

I have your letter and also the copy of your letter to Judge Dancy about the rat poison which the county is distributing to the farmers.

I am glad to know of your interest in the matter and am particularly interested in your recommendation. Judge Dancy has written me on the subject and I have in turn submitted his views to the Fish and Wild Life Service of the Department of the Interior.

I am glad to have the report about crop conditions in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

With personal good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Myron F. Ward  
Rancho de My-Mar Wafd  
Santa Rose Highway  
La Feria, Texas

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*Rancho de My-Mar Ward*

MAR 22 1958

PRODUCERS OF RED GRAPEFRUIT AND ORANGES

SANTA ROSA HIGHWAY  
LA FERIA, TEXAS

March 19, 1958

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Lyndon:

I understand that a Mr. Scott L. Hargrove, P.O. Box 2045, Harlingen, Texas, has made a complaint to you that the distribution of rat poison by the Cameron County Health unit is preventing him from entering the rat bait formation and sales business.

For your information the Cameron County Health unit pays for this rat poison. No Federal money is used in this worthy cause.

If Mr. Hargrove can not enter a business where there is competition he had better pick cotton or do other work.

Since the Government is not furnishing the funds to poison rats on this rancho, I see no reason for your office to further disturb yourself in this matter.

With Falcon Dam full, ample submoisture in our tillable and ranch lands, I cantsee any short crop this year for the farmers and ranchers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley during 1958.

With personal regards to you and Ladybird, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Myron*  
Myron F. Ward,

March 19, 1958

Judge Oscar Dancy,  
County Judge, Cameron County,  
Brownsville, Texas

Dear Judge Dancy:

I have read copy of letter Mr. C.R. Landon, District Agent, sent you relative to the poison for rats which the County is distributing to the farmers. Mr. Landon advised that a Mr. Scott L. Hargrove, Box 2045, Harlingen, Texas, complained to Senator Lyndon Johnson that by the County placing this poison in the hands of the farmers he can not enter the rat bait formation and sales business.

To me, this gentleman is a very poor business man if the eradication of rats etc by the action of the Public Health is keeping him from entering the poison business.

Frankly, your Mr. M.J. Waldrof, supervisor Cameron County Public Health unit is directly responsible for ridding this place, and others in this area of rats. His demonstration and instructions go a very long way in getting us farmers to eradicate the rats on the farms.

Without the assistance of the County Health unit assistance the rural areas would be in a rather bad shape in so far as rats are concerned. The cost the tax payers have to make for this service is indeed small, and to this date I have heard no complain from anyone regarding this activity expense. The more of this type of work we have in the rural areas the healthier the whole county will be, so more power to Mr. Waldrof and employees like him. His work is good and needed.

I shall write to Lyndon and suggest that he not make any further efforts to assist Mr. Hargrove in his selfish move for personal gain.

Yours very sincerely,

Myron F. Ward

cc to Mr. Landon  
Mr. Waldrof.



COPY

March 27, 1958

Dear Judge:

I have read with interest what you say in your letter of March 22nd and in the letter to Mr. Hargrove about a program to exterminate rats.

I am making inquiry here as to whether there is any authority for a Federal Program for such a purpose.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Oscar C. Dancy, County Judge  
Cameron County  
Brownsville, Texas

LBJ:ACP:jm

**COPY**

**March 27, 1958**

**Mr. Arthur C. Perry  
5141**

**Fish and Wildlife Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington 25, D. C.**



LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
TEXAS

CASE & PROJECT

United States Senate  
Office of the Democratic Leader  
Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1958

Dear Friend:

It is a pleasure to send you the attached letter regarding your request. I hope you will find the information of interest and I assure you it gave me pleasure to cooperate with you.

Please feel free to call on me whenever I can be of assistance.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Stone L. Hargrove  
P.O. Box 2045  
Harlingen, Texas



IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

MAR 22 1958

MAR 20 1958

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

We are pleased to furnish additional information requested by your constituent, Mr. Stone L. Hargrove of Harlingen, Texas, under date of March 4.

Cameron County conducts its insect and rodent control program as a public service as a result of past occurrences of equine encephalitis and typhus. County officials have requested and are receiving direction of the rodent control work from Mr. Edwin Kelley, District Field Assistant, Rodent and Predatory Animal Control Service, Texas A and M College. Mr. Kelley and other rodent specialists are supervised by the District Agent, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, San Antonio, under cooperative agreement between the Bureau and Texas A and M College. Detailed information on the operation of the Cameron County project is readily available upon request from Cameron County officials and the Office of Mr. C. R. Landon, District Agent, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Box 1941, San Antonio, Texas. Mr. Hargrove may find it desirable to make additional inquiry from those sources.

The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife conducts predator and rodent control under cooperative agreements with, and as an aid to state and public agencies, counties, cities, associations, trade groups and individuals (7 U.S.C. 426). Currently, approximately two dollars of non-Federal funds to each Federal dollar finances this public service control effort.

The Continental United States is divided into 18 Bureau control districts. In fiscal year 1957, 17,240 man days of Federal employment were directed at the cooperative control of all rodents -- prairie dogs, pocket gophers, ground squirrels, rabbits, woodchucks, field mice, kangaroo rats, porcupines, common house rats and mice, and others of lesser importance. About 25% of this cooperative rodent control effort was directed specifically at the control of rats and mice at an approximate cost of \$115,000. The



Bureau assists cooperators in developing, demonstrating, supervising and training specialists and property owners to remedy conditions which cause rat and mouse problems in the first place, as well as in reducing existing populations. Successful rat control goes considerably further than simply baiting the animals, dealing with structural, managerial and environmental factors.

Federal appropriations do not purchase rat and mouse baits for cooperative control projects under Bureau administrative supervision, nor for cooperative control projects receiving only technical supervision. Baits and control materials are procured from revolving funds provided by local agencies under cooperative agreements with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. In fiscal year 1958, 42,864 pounds of rat and mouse baits of all kinds were used on cooperative projects under the Bureau's administrative supervision. Cooperative technical guidance projects reported using 721,880 pounds. These local revolving funds are designed to promote the means for demonstrating and expanding the use of successful reductional and preventive methods against rats and mice, and enable public agencies to extend control benefits to areas beyond the scope of individual efforts to combat these roving, cosmopolitan pests.

Mr. Hargrove's letter is returned herewith as requested.

Sincerely yours,

W.S. D. H. JANZEN

Acting Commissioner

Enclosure

STONE L. HARGROVE

Cotton - Vegetable Specialties

Buyer - Ginner - Grower - Shipper - Broker

GENERAL OFFICE AND GIN  
PHONE GA 3-0229  
2709 N. COMMERCE  
(HIGHWAY 77)

P. O. BOX 2045  
HARLINGEN, TEXAS

MAR 6 1958

March, 4, 1958

Hon. Lyndon Johnson  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of the 26th last enclosing a letter from Mr. Suomela of the Fish & Wildlife Service. I also appreciate his kind offer to oblige with further information on the subject of the service's rat bait program. Let's ask him these questions:

1. How many pounds of rat bait did the Service distribute in each State of the Union last year? (calendar or fiscal)
2. How many men are employed in this work?
3. How many dollars of the taxpayers money was spent in this rat bait program?

These are the same questions I asked in my previous letter - but probably Mr. Suomela overlooked them.

Now, because he says this program is run by Texas A & M and Extension Service let me say that I called our County Agent about this. He says that all "demonstrations" in the County are organized by Mr. Edwin Kelly, of Edinburg - an employee of the Fish & Wildlife Service. And the bait is bought from the Fish & Wildlife Service in San Antonio. Mr. Kelly enlists the free services of Boy Scouts, 4-H boys, etc and they canvass the neighborhood. Cameron County gives the bait in rural communities and the F&W Service sells it at cost in towns and cities. They get free radio announcements free selling and free delivery. This is terrific competition for a man trying to make a living.

To give you a hint of what we are about to uncover: last year Cameron County gave away 13,000 lbs. of rat bait, at a cost of over \$5,000.00 of the taxpayers money. And that does not include what the F&W Service sold at cost. If this is typical of the situation all over the U.S. it is no wonder that the taxpayers are practically broke.

With many thanks for your co-operation, I am

Yours very truly

Stone L. Hargrove

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# COPY CASE & PROJECT

March 7, 1958

Dear Friend:

Thanks for your note of March 4th, in which you raise additional questions with reference to the rodent bait program of the Fish and Wildlife Service. I am going to bring your additional inquiries to the attention of the authorities and ask for official answers to them. As soon as a reply is received I will forward it on to you at once.

It is good of you to let me have a chance to work with you on your request.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Stone L. Hargrove  
P. O. Box 2045  
Harlingen, Texas

LSJ:CS:rm

COPY

March 7, 1958

Mr. Glynn Stegall  
2221

Office of the Commissioner  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Department of Interior  
Washington, D. C.

CASE & PROJECT

February 26, 1958

Dear Friend:

I am rushing along to you the attached letter I have just received from the Commissioner of the Fish and Wildlife Service, with reference to the rodent bait situation, discussed in your letter to me under date of February 1.

I trust Commissioner Suomela's letter will give you the desired information.

When you have had a chance to review this correspondence, I shall be glad to have your reactions and further comments.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Stone L. Hargrove  
2709 N. Commerce  
Harlingen, Texas

LBJ:SS:rm





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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

FEB 22 1958

FEB 21 1958

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

It is a pleasure to reply to your communication of February 8 and explain the rodent bait situation reported to you on February 1 by Mr. Stone L. Hargrove, of Harlingen, Texas.

The distribution of rat bait in Texas, to which Mr. Hargrove refers, is done under the Texas A. and M. College System, operating through a Rodent Control Revolving Fund, which was initiated some 19 years ago by a small appropriation from the State of Texas. It has continued operations up to the present time through cash receipts from counties, municipalities and other agencies made in payment for rodent bait materials.

This arrangement has facilitated rodent control demonstrations which the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife is privileged to cooperatively conduct with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and other agencies. These organizations have frequently told us of the beneficial effects to agriculture resulting from such demonstrations. As a side effect, the demonstrations have contributed to an increased public demand for rat bait. The National Pest Control Association has informed us this is an appreciable factor in the increased business done by its member firms during recent years.

Should additional information be desired on this subject, we will be glad to oblige at any time. Mr. Hargrove's letter is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) ARNIE J. SUOMELA

Arnie J. Suomela  
Commissioner

Enclosure

COPY OFFICE & PROJECT

February 8, 1958

Dear Friend:

I am going to get in touch with the Commissioner of the Fish and Wildlife Service and ask for a full report on the problem you discussed in your letter to me. As soon as it is received, I will write you more fully, giving you full information on this matter.

I am glad you took time out to write me as you did and that you gave me a chance to check into this matter.

I fully agree with you in your interest in the elimination of all unnecessary government expenditures. I shall certainly keep in mind your recommendations as we consider the various appropriation bills.

I hope you will continue to write me about any problem in which you have an interest.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Stone L. Hargrove  
2709 N. Commerce  
Harlingen, Texas

LBJ:CS:rm



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February 8, 1958

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Office of the Commissioner  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
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P. O. BOX 2045  
HARLINGEN, TEXAS

FEB 6 1958

Feb, 1, 1958

Hon Lyndon Johnson  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

For a number of years the Govt. has made it hard on my business on account of restrictions on acreage, payments for not growing cotton, and Govt. sponsored and financed competition - the Co-ops. Finally I thought of something else to do and started to manufacture rat bait. Imagine my surprise, disappointment, and chagrin to find that the Govt was giving away rat bait - or selling it at or below cost. It seems that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service mixes rat bait and sells it at cost or below. Here in Cameron County the Commissioners Court buys it from the Federal Govt. and gives it away to farmers - not to the town and city people who actually pay three fourths of the taxes.

Now, Mr. Johnson I know you are very busy these days. But I am sure that you have assistants in your office who can ask the Fish & Wildlife Service for some data on their operations. I would like to know how many pounds of rat bait they distributed last year and how many men on their payroll are engaged in that work. When you see the figures you will probably be as surprised as I will be.

When you send me these figures will you please give me your opinion as to whether this is a proper Govt activity - and if you will try to stop the Govt distribution of rat bait?

I hope that you will be firm in the position you have expressed to the newspapers that you would cut down on some Govt expenditures so that you could spend more for defense without raising taxes. I think we should cut out all Govt. give away programs, both domestic and foreign, eliminate all Govt competition with private enterprise, cut down or eliminate subsidy payments and many "pork barrel" items.

Yours very truly

Stone L. Hargrove

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Feb,1,1958

Senator Wayne Morse  
Senator Richard Neuberger  
Rep. Al Ullman

Gentlemen: ( copy to each)

You men should be ashamed to ask the poor taxpayers from Maine to Calif. to pay for killing rats in Oregon. Of course, we have a lot of sympathy for Oregon - we have rats too, and a lot of other pests you do not have including the bôh wevil.

Do you believe that our ancestors, in setting up this Government, ever dreamed that they were starting a giant rat killing agency?

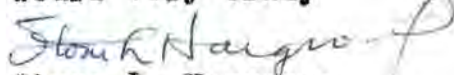
Do you honestly think that it is a proper Federal Government function to give away - or sell at cost - any rat bait?

Then do you believe the Federal Govt. should give away or sell at cost poison for all insects & pests ? How about including food, clothing, & hardware ?

If you believe in this kind of Govt. why don't you move to Russia where this is done on a grand scale?

May I suggest that you tell your constituents to get on with their own rat killing and let the Federal Govt devote its attention and resources to the foreign rats.

Yours very truly

  
Stone L. Hargrove  
PO Box 2045  
Harlingen, Texas.

P.S. No doubt there are more than 500 stores in Oregon which have good stocks of several kinds of rat bait. They can help your people and are entitled to the business.

## Congressman Asks War On Field Mice

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (UP)—Oregon congressmen today called for a government "crash" program against raids of field mice.

The congressmen said the field mice have caused \$5 million worth of farm crop damage in Oregon.

Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger and Rep. Al Ullman reported as many as 20,000 marauding mice per acre in some areas of eastern Oregon damaging wheat, hay, Alfalfa, and other crops in their forage for food.

The lawmakers asked for emergency funds from the Fish and Wildlife Service, the Agriculture Department, and the Public Health service for a "crash program of extermination."

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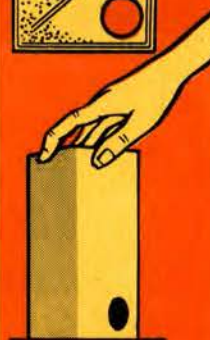
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## CASE & PROJECT

April 3, 1958

Dear Judge:

Senator Johnson is now away for a few days rest during the Easter recess. It's for this reason that I am acknowledging your letter of March 31st and enclosure with further reference to rodent control in Cameron County.

We have been pleased to present the matter to the Fish and Wild Life Service here. I am taking the liberty of submitting your present letter and asking for consideration from the standpoint you have outlined.

As soon as we have some further information we will be in touch with you again.

Sincerely

Arthur C. Perry  
Administrative Assistant to  
Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Oscar C. Dancy  
County Judge  
Brownsville, Texas  
ACP:ale



**April 3, 1958**

**Arthur C. Perry  
5141**

**Fish and Wild Life Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington 25, D.C.**

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CLASS PROJECT

March 31, 1958

Dear Mr. Hargrove:

In the temporary absence of Senator Johnson, I am acknowledging your letter of March 24th with regard to the rat bait program in Cameron County.

In order that your views may be fully considered, I am taking the liberty of submitting them to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I am asking that we be furnished a report on the matter as outlined by you. Just as soon as we have this, we will be in touch with you again.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Arthur C. Perry  
Administrative Assistant to  
Lyndon B. Johnson, USS

Mr. Stone L. Hargrove  
P. O. Box 2045  
Harlingen, Texas

LBJ:ACP:jgh

**COPY**

**March 31, 1958**

**Arthur C. Perry**

**5141**

**Fish and Wildlife Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington 25, D. C.**



from S's P-58 desk  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

AGRICULTURE

Mr Perry: Screw worm

Art:

I also think

the matter of a cooperative  
program regarding the  
screw worm problem may  
while the President is in Mexico!  
come up. The Senator  
is interested in this and  
may wish to raise it  
with the President on the plane.

Bill Macomber

COPY

*Handwritten:* Pest control  
(Screw Worm)

December 6, 1958

Solis Horwitz

Walter

Screw Worm Eradication

The attached letter from Dolph Briscoe, Jr.  
is self-explanatory.

Senator Johnson spent as much time discussing  
with President Lopez-Mateos the screw worm eradication  
as he did any other subject. It is a very serious matter.  
The Senator is very interested in having you and Arthur  
set up a meeting with the Department of Agriculture in an  
effort to bring about an eradication program in Texas of  
the type we understand is now being successfully carried  
out in Florida and in the Southeastern states.

I cannot stress enough the seriousness of the  
screw worm situation. President Lopez-Mateos was interested  
and sympathetic. Senator Johnson believes that he will be  
fully cooperative insofar as Mexico is concerned. We are  
anxious to make a press release on the subject at the earliest  
possible time so if you will get on it right away and give us  
full and complete information as to what might be done, we  
will appreciate it.

WJ:ms

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Name or subject FOREIGN RELATIONS - MEXICO

relative to screw worm infestations in the southeast

statement from office of LBJ January 17, 1959

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November 12, 1958

*ACR*

Dear Friend:

The attached letter is an interim report sent to you with regard to your recent request. Further information will be forwarded to you as soon as it is available.

You may be sure of the desire of Senator Johnson to be helpful whenever possible.

Sincerely,

Arthur C. Perry  
Administrative Assistant

Mr. Harrison Davis  
Dorchester, Texas

ACP:vws



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 30, 1958

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson  
United States Senate

Dear Senator Johnson:

This has reference to your letter of August 22 and our reply of September 9 concerning the scrapie eradication program.

A Scrapie Study Group has been selected by the Animal Disease Eradication Division of the Agricultural Research Service to make a comprehensive study of the various aspects of the disease. The group will meet to review all available information and will travel to various locations to consult with members of the industry, research workers, and regulatory officials. At the completion of the assignment, the group will submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Animal Disease Eradication Division.

We are enclosing copies of memorandums dated October 14 and October 22 to secretaries of sheep and goat breed associations and societies informing them of the members of the Scrapie Study Group, details concerning the meetings, and inviting them to send representatives.

We will advise you further after the study has been completed.

Sincerely yours,

E. L. Peterson  
Acting Secretary

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September 10, 1958

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Arthur C. Perry, is written over the date. The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat slanted style.

Dear Friend:

In the absence of Senator Johnson, who is away due to the adjournment of Congress, I am sending you the attached interim report with regard to your recent request. As soon as further information is available, it will be forwarded to you.

Let me assure you of the Senator's continuing desire to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Arthur C. Perry  
Administrative Assistant to  
Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Harrison Davis  
Dorchester, Texas  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

September 9, 1958

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson  
United States Senate

Dear Senator Johnson:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 22 to which you attached a copy of a letter from Mr. Harrison Davis, Dorchester, Texas, and materials from the National Suffolk Sheep Association expressing their views and recommendations on the scrapie eradication program.

The United States Department of Agriculture is cooperating with the various states in a program to eradicate scrapie, a relatively new and obscure disease of sheep. The program, mutually agreed to by the Federal Government and the individual states, is administered under the laws and regulations of the states.

Mr. Pearson L. Linn, President of the National Suffolk Sheep Association, has already been in contact with the Animal Disease Eradication Division of our Agricultural Research Service, which presently has his Association's program proposals under review. As soon as some decision is reached, we will advise you.

Mr. Davis' correspondence is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

True D. Morse  
Under Secretary

Enclosure

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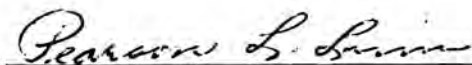
## PROPOSED PROGRAM

The disease called scrapie is relatively infinitely small in its comparative dangers. At this point the eradication program has resulted in the slaughter of approximately 35,500 to 53,500 sheep as a result of approximately 126 infected animals. The percentage of known incidence is thus established at approximately .0035 to .0024. The present eradication program seemingly can not be scientifically sustained and unless, and until, research shows that an eradication program has such a sustaining scientific basis, certain features of the present eradication program should be considerably curtailed or modified, except where it pertains to affected animals and their immediate progeny. Control and eradication measures should be extended beyond these procedures only on the basis of firm and definite research information.

In flocks where scrapie appears, infected animals and all of their immediate progeny under 42 months of age (in any flock) should be destroyed and full compensation for loss should be paid by State and Federal Governments on a 50-50 basis. State-Federal agreements should be executed as is done in other programs.

In certain definite circumstances, when it is considered by the State to be in the public interest, the entire infected flock may be destroyed and losses compensated for on the same basis. Such flock destruction should be on a basis of mutual agreement between all parties, namely, the Federal Government, the State, and the owner; or the flock should be safely isolated and retained for study.

July 28, 1958

  
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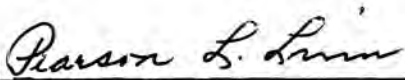
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## SCRAPIE RESEARCH PROPOSAL

The Secretary and President of the National Suffolk Sheep Association are instructed by their Board of Directors to use their best efforts to encourage the Agricultural Research Service in as many areas as possible in the scrapie research undertaken by the U.S.D.A., so that we can hope for the answers to many of the perplexing problems in scrapie. The Secretary and President are directed to encourage any research avenues that may open up, either public or private.

  
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Pearson L. Linn  
President

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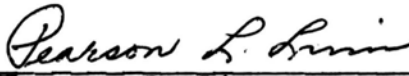
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**POLICY REGARDING THE PRESENT SCRAPIE PROGRAM**

The Board of Directors has instructed the Secretary not to supply any information to the Animal Disease Eradication Service on any scrapie flocks until authorized by the Board of Directors.

  
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Pearson L. Linn  
President

July 28, 1958

August 14, 1958

Senator Lyndon B. Johnson  
Senate Office Building  
Capitol Station  
Washington 25, D. C.

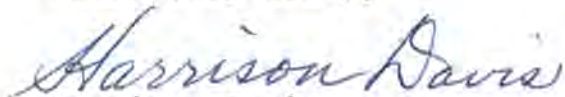
Dear Senator:

I am enclosing herewith a statement by the President of the National Suffolk Sheep Association, which I think well explains the problem now faced by sheep raisers in this area. It is apparent that the cure is worth than the disease in this matter when you destroy 35,000 to 50,000 sheep as a result of 126 infected animals. It also appears that the Department of Agriculture does not have an answer to this disease at the present time.

Speaking as a Director of the above organization and as a lifetime sheep raiser, I want to state very frankly that it will be impossible for me or any other sheep raiser to live with the program now espoused by the Department.

I would certainly appreciate your making inquiry of the Department for this apparent abuse of their authority under previous Destruction Acts for the purpose of avoiding disease. Any assistance that you may be able to give us will be more than appreciated by all the sheep raisers in Texas and other parts of the United States.

Yours very truly,



Harrison Davis  
Dorchester, Texas

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August 18, 1958

Dear Friend:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 14 and enclosure about the sheep disease called scrapie.

In an effort to be helpful and in line with your request, I am contacting the Department of Agriculture to see what may be done. Just as soon as I have some report on the situation it will be furnished to you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Mr. Harrison Davis  
Dorchester, Texas

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**August 22, 1958**

**Mr. Arthur C. Perry  
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**Department of Agriculture  
Washington 25, D. C.**