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May 30, 1952

Mr. Amon G. Carter
c/o Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Amon:

Please accept the sincere thanks of the livestock interests for the invaluable assistance that you gave in contacting Senator Lyndon Johnson in behalf of the sheep producers of the Southwest.

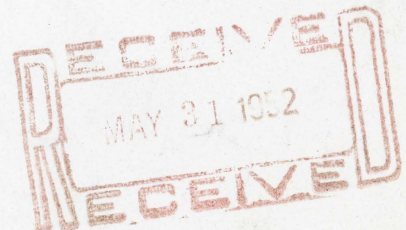
You will observe from the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to Senator Johnson that some measures have already been taken to correct the inequities affecting the classification of lambs and it is believed that further benefits will be felt down the line.

Ernest Williams, Secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, and the shippers with whom this matter has been discussed have asked me to express their appreciation for your efforts in their behalf.

Sincerely,

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Senator Lyndon M. Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

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Concerning the controversy over the classification of lambs and muttons, I am pleased to report that due to your efforts the Fort Worth livestock market was visited the first of this week by Mr. Lloyd Tobin, a meat grader from the United States Department of Agriculture. Tobin carried on a quiet investigation and then met with a commission man, the Manager of our Livestock Market Institute, and with Mr. Dick Alexander of Blanket, Texas, a sheep producer, and it is gratifying to report that Tobin's approach to the matter evidenced an open mind. It is evident that as a result of his investigation beneficial results have already been received in a more equitable classification of lambs and muttons.

Mr. Ernest Williams, Secretary of the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, with headquarters at San Angelo, Texas, has been advised as to Mr. Tobin's visit and his fair attitude in attempting to remedy what the industry thinks has been a discriminatory and unfair grading of sheep on this market.

It would be gratifying to the livestock industry and all those connected therewith to decontrol lamb and mutton, and pork and beef, especially lamb and mutton, as soon as possible.

Due to the drought in the Southwest a small percentage of sheep became fat. Most of the sheep that will be sold by Texas producers this year will go as stockers and feeders, purchased largely by Northern and Eastern buyers. The prices received by the producers will be based largely on those applicable to slaughter animals. Unfair prices for the latter due to grading will therefore be far-reaching and will affect sheep producers not only in Texas but in all those states where the sheep industry contributes much to the economy of those sections.

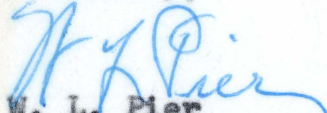
The National Lamb Feeders' Association, the National Wool Growers' Association, together with the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, will no doubt continue their efforts to

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protect the sheep industry which is so vital to the production of needed fiber and meat.

In behalf of the market interests at Fort Worth, please accept my sincere thanks for the assistance that you gave to the representatives of the sheep industry who visited Washington last week, and in all other matters in which you have been so helpful.

Sincerely,


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