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Professor F. A. Russell
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Professor Russell:

Paul Husted has just shown me the drawing of proposed action by the City of Lawrence, to take into the city limits certain properties. Fifteen acres owned by me and my family are to be included according to the sketch.

I wish to inform you that I bought my home property thirty years ago last May. At that time, there was nothing but a dirt road from 23rd street to my home, although the entire street from 23rd, to India Avenue, was entirely within the city limits. At an expense to me of perhaps \$1500.00, or more, I have hard-surfaced the street, and Wakarusa Township put in the culvert in front of my house at township expense. Furthermore - I paid Charles Sutton \$50.00 for the privilege of attaching my sewer to the Breezedale sewer before Breezedale was taken into the City of Lawrence. I have also paid for attaching my water line to the main on Massachusetts street. The lots on the East side of the street were all owned by me as far North as the Underwood property, until recently, when they became the property of Mrs. Dolph Simons.

Wakarusa Township has paid the City of Lawrence for fire protection, and of the several fires that have occurred since I have owned the property, only one of which started on my grounds, yet, each time the fire department has made the run to our property. I have personally, made a contribution for \$25.00 to the Fireman's Relief Fund. Also, as I recall, the city has never removed snow from the street.