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Ans I am informed by Bdg Adm your sal Was out of line with sal paid other similar in other places etc

Gov. Harry H. Woodring, Govenors Office, State Capitol, Topeka Kansas

Dear governor Woodring:- I am writing you concerning my salary reduction at western University this year. Thru Press Reports I understood the reductions would not exceed ten percent. However I was very much surprised to learn beyond doubt today that I had reieved a reduction in salary of thirty three percent.

I have been receiving eighteen hundred dollars per year on a twelve month basis. I am sure you will find this a very low salary in keeping with the responsibilities there is attached to our work as Chief Engineer, Supt. Ldry. Dept. and Instructor in "Wiring For Lights and Power", "Plumbing Repairs and Installation", and "Power Plant Operation." During the summer vacation period is of course our repair time and during this time we have been supervising the exterior painting and interior decoration in addition to our trade repair work which we teach during the

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School year. I have been doing this work for more than fourteen years which has been very acceptable to all concerned and I have never reieved a complaint about my work. Of course the work I do is too much for any one person but our school is only a poor small negro school and every person in our organization should try to do all the constructive work they sensibly can in order to help out.

In my fourteen years service I have never had a vacation while others who have not been here nearly as long have their vacations regular every year. I understand I have reieved the largest reduction in salary of any person in our organization. This would lead me to believe that you and the Board of Administration did not fully understand my position. I have always lived in Kansas and my parents have lived in Kansas more than sixty five years. They were always the type one always likes to refer to. I have a family of six very find children and an exceptional wife who is also a native of Kansas

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of long standing. My children are doing very acceptable work in schools; I refer you to Dunbar, North East Junior High, Sumner High and Junior College (Teachers training course) all of Kansas City, Kansas. As for myself I refer you to Mr. A. B. Corney former member of the State Board of Administration or in fact any member of previous Boards of Administration's from Mr. James A. Kimbal to the present Board.

Under these conditions Govenor Woodring I would think my salary should be raised rather than lowered and I hope you can find some method by which you can do so. However should you not find your way clear; then we will carry on with what we have, doing the best we can always's. Should you want me to meet you or the State Board of Administation I will be glad to do so anytime.

Hopeing I may receive favorable action in the very near future and thanking you in advance for any favors shown me I am

Yours Truly,

Oscar F. Hall, Chief Engineer, Western University, Kansas City, Kansas