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Mr. H. Neville Hunsicker ✓
Mr. Gordon Galbraith
Mr. James W. Warren

Gentlemen:

In my opinion page nine of the October, 1974 FFA Board Minutes provides an inaccurate summary of the discussion of Regional Judging Activities (Page 9 of Minutes). I plan to introduce a motion at the January, 1975 meeting that the minutes be amended as follows:

Discussion of Regional Judging Activities

1. Omit second sentence of second paragraph.
2. Change third sentence to read as follows: Emphasis was placed on the need to make visits to candidates for Regional Star Farmer and Regional Star Agribusinessman awards and for paying the costs of these visits.
3. Rewrite paragraph four as follows: Mr. Edwards stated that in the Central Region the present volume of Regional Proficiency Award, BOAC, Chapter and Safety Award applications justified 6 judges for three days or 3 judges for six days. Such a procedure would require additional funds in the FFA travel budget.

Assuming that the minutes will be corrected, I submit the following rationale for an increase in the FFA travel budget for the purposes discussed in the October Board Meeting:

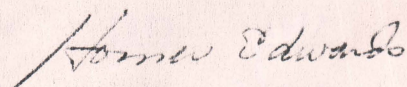
The average cost of bringing state people to Chicago at present prices is approximately \$160.00 per person. Increasing the number of judges from 3 to 6 would therefore require an additional \$500.00 for the Central Region. I assume the costs at present for the other Regions is approximately the same although some Regions may not need to add as many people because of a lesser number of applications to process. My estimate is that an increase of \$1,500 - 1,700 in the travel budget would be adequate for this activity.

With regard to visiting Regional Star Farmer candidates: If we plan to visit only the top two or three candidates for each award in each Region

and used active or retired state staff members or teacher educators from states not in the running, we should be able to do the job for \$500.00 per region or \$2,000 as a maximum budget estimate.

Please consider these estimates as you work on the FY 76 FFA budget.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Homer E. Edwards". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Homer E. Edwards, Senior Program Officer
Vocational and Technical Education

FFA Awards Judging
Central Region

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
Agricultural Proficiency	206	165	157	161
National Chapter	111	101	87	41
National Safety	29	28	24	25
BOAC	<u>35</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>19</u>
Total	381	326	295	246
Cost of Travel for Judges	\$567.	?	\$412.	\$378.