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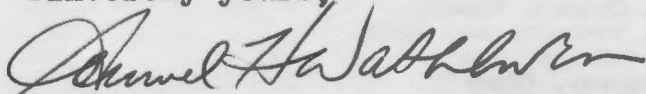
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Dear Mr. Ross:

Enclosed is a copy of my statement made at President Ford's conference with livestock producers held October 30, 1974 at the White House. I didn't have extra copies that day, but I wanted to send a copy for the conference record.

Thank you for your interest in the sheepmen's problems.
We appreciate your concern.

Sincerely yours,



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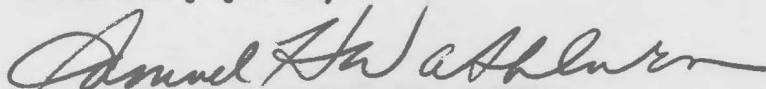
Dear President Ford:

Thank you for your interest and concern for livestock producers shown by holding your conference on October 30, 1974 at the White House. I appreciated being included to represent sheep and lamb producers.

I'm enclosing a copy of my statement for your records of the conference.

Please call on me at any time that I might be of service.

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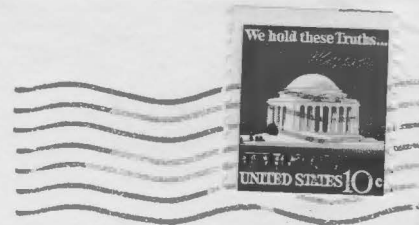
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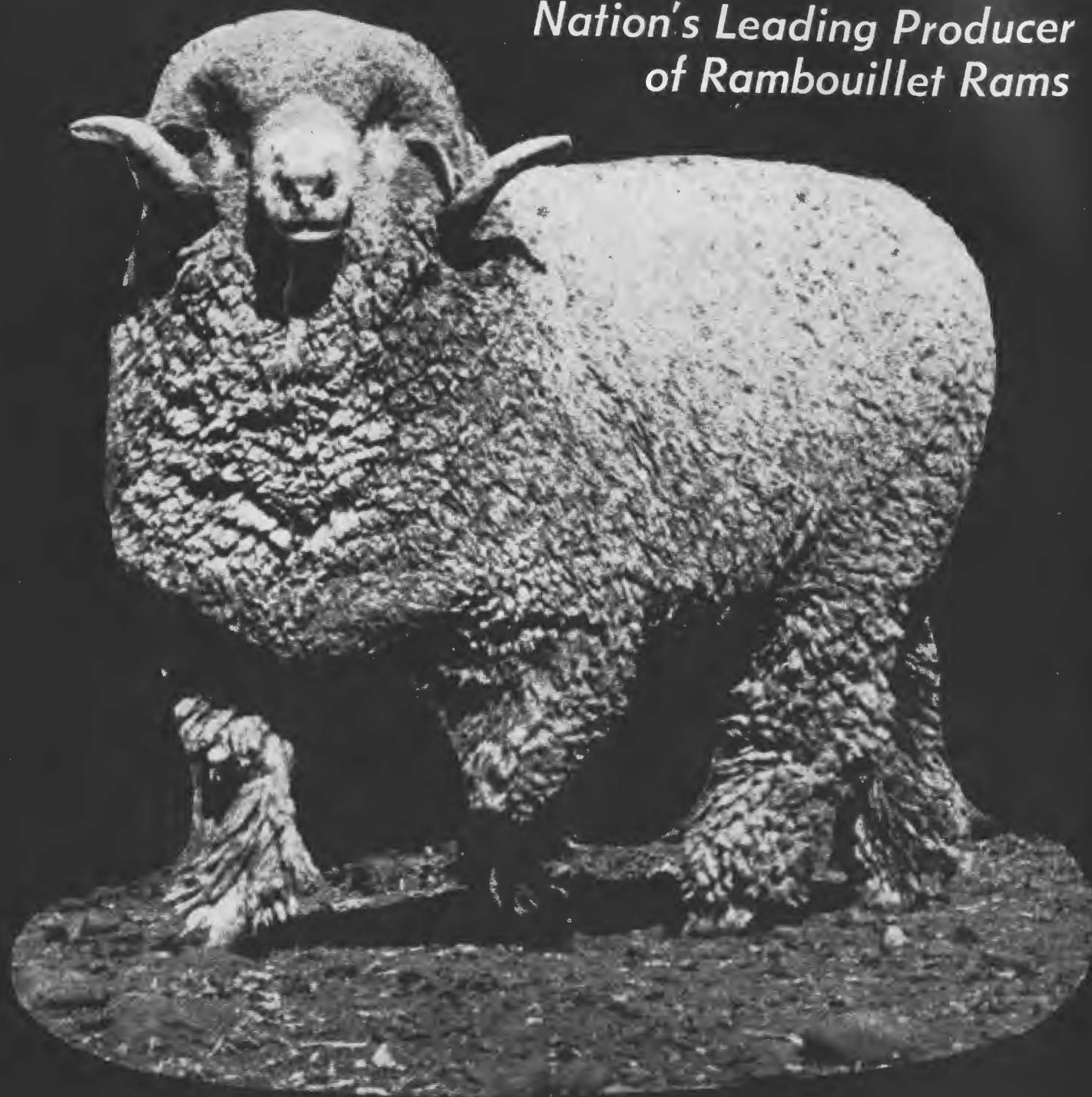
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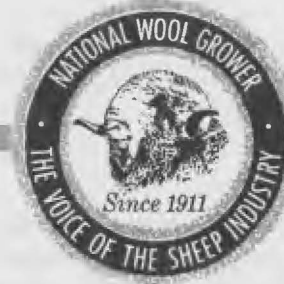
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