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S. R. Hoar
Secretary of Agriculture.

May 21, 1919

Left Washington 7:45 AM

Philadelphia at Havemontry, NJ.

To investigate damages caused to store of property at the Arsenal at Annetol.

Dr. Dearborn or Mr. Friderly are with me and we are armed with phosphorus, adrenalin (Pipers) and hair, carbide, cat licks to find 500 tops nearly at the cimvil.

Arrived at Annetol at 3 PM and took journey to Annetol, about 8 miles over good roads. Then returned to Annetol station by shuttle car about 4 miles to office of Col. F. D. Miller and his charge and sent us back in his auto to Annetol transit where we were on way to New York before to find Mr. Watt.
24.11 M.C. is surgery in charge of the hospital. He went to the big car and came back to the stables of pig pens, stable houses, mess halls, fire engines, houses and placed where the rats were troublesome. They were worst about the barns, grain rooms, pig pens, but were also numerous under the car tracks where plenty of food were scattered, including.
The population of the camp has been reduced from several thousand to a mere handful of officers, attendants, employees and civilians. Most of the barracks and many of the other buildings are vacant and the lots that furnished over a wide area a fairly spread out as much good as Washington or concentration at the few places where food is to be found, which amounts for these apparent increases in numbers. As a matter of fact they are not so numerous as they seem. With 300 traps one man could clean up the bulk of the rats in a few days. All have been more adults than some of the feral cats that had been killed were mostly 30.
This was that another-cut
will be cut soon at some
trapping should be continued
all the staples ad want those
all come to try thum down.
The damage done has been
mainly at the staples at some
of pilot pens. The cots have cut
off the best grain at ground feed
and alfalfa ad worked much in
this stuff, they have been feeding
in the horses manors with aches
of getting the grain needed for the
horses, their work cut cut necessary
and worked in not eating the
feed of hay, they have cut the grain
just the peas or chickens.
Mr. Briggs in charge of the ice
plant shop we had to give up
using automatic feeders for his
chickens because the cots got
It will not be difficult to destroy them by thinking alone, but the thought that has been achieved has not yet arrived, so faithfully from preparing poisons to test at all once. He was to use various carbonates or salts at the foot pens, strychnine or broken bullets in the horse stable, both in tight poison boxes with both at each end, nailed shut and placed where the rats could run through them.

He was also to use platinum (steam electric post) in drilled outs under the board walls away from buildings and start garbage or animal pens which fire would do no harm.
Returned to Washington arriving at 9 P.M.

There is a striking difference in the vegetation between D.C. and New Jersey, the foliage of
plains is being a week or 10 days ahead at Washington. The
leaves full grown & fully two
- Deborah. At Walt's
& all of New Jersey larger
philosophy of life the old leaves
are still young & many still
in the red velvet stage. Others are only half in
full leaf.