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Governor Lloyd C. Stark

Executive Mansion

Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Governor:

Normally I am a Republican but I have contributed two or three times to your primary campaign fund and I picked up some information recently that I think you would be interested in some of the opposition is gathering data and among the data they have collected is something relative to Tom Farington in St. Louis writing the bonds for different contracts that the Pendergast gang in Kansas City have, and this particular item they are working on has to do with the wrecking and perhaps the construction of sane buildings at the Pentitentiary.

It seems that a Kansas City company got the contract and this company has recently gone into bankruptcy, and is a company having the names of two individuals but I cannot recollect them.

They did not have the equipment to do the wrecking and Farington got into the deal and then he got a contracting company in St. Louis, I believe it was a man by the name of Nolan - he fixed it up for Nolan to get the sub-contract from the Kansas City people, and he also wrote up the bond for Nolan, Then Nolan in turn hired some other sub-contractor to do the work and there were bonds again that Farington seemed to have written up, but Nolan got into a jam in meeting his payroll and Farington in order not to have the job fall down and go by default made a proposition with some banking company or finance

company to advance the money for the payroll with the understanding that he, Farington, would get one- third of the profit that the Nolan Contracting Co. made.

It so happens that the Kansas City gang also shook Nolan down because they shook him down for two-thirds of the profit - Farington got the other third and then Nolan spent more money than he had coming and the result is there is about \$40,000. held up that

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they will not pay Nolan and he in turn cannot pay his sub-contractor because the Kansas City crowd and Tom Farington, who is one of your police commissioners In St. Louis, are not sure if Nolan gets the money that he will pay them.

On the other hand there is some evidence that Nolan or somebody has turned the case in to the federal authorities for investigation as to whether Pendergast was in on the deal and to what extent, but the thing they are now trying to develop is that one of your employes in St. Louis on the police board is working hand and glove with the Kansas City crowd that you were out to get.

I am passing the information along to you just as it came to me - I cannot tell you who I am, but it will not cost you anything to check into it, and if you will find out who all the sub-contractors were and put them on the spot some of them will cough up.

Sincerely,

(Signed)

A Republican Supporter