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MEMO FOR THE PRESS

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In reply to the report of the Gillette Committee, Governor Lloyd C. Stark said today:

"This proves what I said on April 19, "All of this is just another effort of the Pendergast remnants and their allies in the 'smear Stark movement' designed to put the Pendergast crowd back in control of Missouri. I think the people of Missouri understand."

"There has been no lug put on anyone by me or my campaign committee. My specific instructions were 'any contribution from any source must be absolutely voluntary and no pressure be put on anyone.'"

"It is interesting to note that in an Associated Press dispatch from Washington on April 19 the following paragraph appeared in that dispatch,

"Gillette acknowledged he had discussed the Missouri complaints with Senators Bennett C. Clark and Harry S. Truman, both of Missouri."

"In various campaign material going out over the signature of Harry S. Truman, the Pendergast candidate' for United States Senator, several senatorial endorsements appear, one of which is an endorsement of

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Senator Truman by Senator Gillette, Chairman of this same investigating committee, and another endorsement is from Senator Miller of Arkansas, also a member of this investigating committee.

"I reiterate, "The people of Missouri understand.""