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Mr. Robert Locke, Science Editor,
Kansas City Journal-Post,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Locke:

I received your letter of October 25 and want you to know I fully appreciate the kindly sentiments expressed. Many similar letters are being received from friends and well-wishers in all parts of the country, and I am deeply grateful for these encouraging messages of good will.

As you know, I have a big job ahead as Governor of Missouri during the next three years, and it is my firm belief that the best way to show my appreciation of the faith and confidence reposed in me by the people of Missouri, is to give the state the very best administration of which I am capable.

I am not ambitious, politically, and hence, and for reasons stated above, do not wish my friends to do or say anything that might impair the effectiveness of my administration as Governor.

It is my urgent request, therefore, that nothing be done toward the organization of such a club as you suggest, or any other activity along that line, at the present time.

Thanking you for your offer, and with best wishes, I remain,
Sincerely yours,
Governor