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Governor Lloyd C. Stark
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Governor Stark:

At the suggestion of the Honorable Burns Strader, leader of the Campaign Committee for Judge Douglass in Eastern Jackson County, and supplementing the letter he wrote you a few days ago, he suggested that I send this letter by special delivery to you in order that you may be in a better informed position to confer with the Board of Election Commissioners from Eastern Jackson County next Monday.

As you no doubt know there are some 40,000 registered votes in Eastern Jackson County, The Judges and Clerks of the coming primary were mostly appointed by the predecessors of the present board and are either organization job holders or relative of organization job holders on the Democratic side and largely from the Republican side. To my knowledge there is a pad existing in Eastern Jackson County of not less than 8000 votes consisting of people who have died, moved away or those who never did exist. This pad is largely in Blue, Washington, and Brooking Townships. Your two Democratic Commissioners, Mr. Hardin and Mr. Hatten are closely allied with the Pendergast Organization. Mr. Hatten being an admitted Pendergast and Sermon Man taking his orders from Mr. Sermon and Mr. Hofstetter and Mr. Hardin who has a sister on the payroll has always been known as a Shannon adherent. Mr. Sermon says publicly that you are a double crosser and he don't like double crossers.

The democratic judges and clerks that have died and moved away have been replaced by men and women who are acceptable to the organization. The canvass of the recent registration that was recently conducted has resulted in very few strike outs. For one instance, Sni-abar Gardens where 22 voters are registered and nobody lives was discovered. It is impossible for Republican Commissioner Miles to carry on alone as Commissioner Garvin is controlled by Roger Sermon and Judge Hofstetter of the County Court. Sermon has made the statement that the organization didn't worry about Garvin as he was all right. I would suggest that you require your Election Board to replace all the judges and clerks, both Republican and Democrats before the primary election with persons at least half of whom should be suggested by the Douglass Organization and that you also require them to make a complete recanvass of at least the three large townships. For your information I wish to say that Mr. Hatten attempted to register last week a man by the name of C. C. Charlton who moved to Jefferson City about six years ago and is a foreman

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working for the State in one of the prison farms and is a well known Pendergast man. The Republican clerk of the election committee refused the registration due to the fact that he does not live here. However, Mr. Hatten stated that he was going to move back and therefore should be entitled to vote.

That is just one small example that we have to contend with. If we can have a fair election and get all ballots counted as cast there is no doubt but that Judge Douglass should get at least 10,000 votes in Eastern Jackson County But if Present Conditions are permitted to exist as they are he may get 2000.

Trusting that you will be able to read the law to the election board, and force them to perform, and wishing you success in your Douglass Campaign, I am

Yours sincerely,

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