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Lloyd C. Stark, Governor
Executive Mansion,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dear Governor:

As I happened to serve as Clerk of the January Term Grand Jury under Judge Southern, I have watched very closely the feeble prosecution of the cases resulting from our indictments, and just tonight read that the Attorney General intends to file ouster proceedings against Mr. Graves and Sheriff Williams. I am not concerned with the first mentioned, but in plain justice to Sheriff Williams I must speak a word. The service rendered by the Sheriff's office to our Jury was both co-operative, prompt and efficient, and the apparent anxiety to serve on the part of Sheriff Williams lead me, as well as other Jurors, to the opinion that he was glad of the opportunity to be relieved of the shackles of "City" domination for that time at least. Therefore, this action of the Attorney General's in hooking up the Sheriff with the prosecuting attorney seems to me to be nothing but throwing political curves either for the protection of his friend or to satisfy some personal animus held against the Sheriff. I cannot think that this "double feature" has your full approval. I have no interest in politics or any political angle of your "Clean Up" in Kansas City, and am sincere in the belief that any move you have

made has been devoid of any political consideration whatever.

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May I point out, if you please, what might happen in ease the Attorney General were to succeed in the ouster of the Sheriff.

Please refer to Sec. 11523 R.S. Mo. '29 in which you will find, I believe, that the County Court appoints a sheriff for the balance of the unexpired term. If I am correct, it is not hard for me to picture, after the passage of your Metropolitan Police Bill, your State Police entering the city on a genuine clean-up, running the mob of temporarily atrophied gamblers, thugs and all the rest of the law-defying element out into the County, seeking the protection of some political sheriff appointed by those "lilly white" judges our County Court, now being prosecuted so "vigorously" by the AttorneY General. Would this not be worse than retaining Williams, a Shannon factionist, when he has been surrounded entirely by the Pendergast faction in the City as well as by the same faction in the County as represented by the present County Court?

As a private citizen, a voter for nearly forty years and a deputy election commisioner until 1940, I am inclined to answer my question in the affirmative, even tho the Attorney General may have some mole-hill out of which he may be making his mountain.

Please understand that I am holding no personal brief Sheriff Williams, but am expressing myself to you in the hope that I may get over to you an angle of the situation that, possibly, you have not yet had. If it's "old stuff", I'm sorry I've bored you.

This communication is privileged, personal, on the square, and not inspired, and I will thank you to treat it as such.

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My many years of residence in Kansas City, where I have reared a family, has given me quite some insight into increasingly had conditions here, but my eyes were opened beyond belief by my service as a Grand Juror, altho, unfortunately for me, my mouth was closed as such.

However, if I can he of any service to you, in your determination to rid Kansas City of it's politico-criminal cancerous growth, it is not only my duty as a citizen, hut will he a

pleasure.

I stand ready in so far as my means and limited ability will permit.

Believe me, sincerely yours in the faith,

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