

Geology Hall, 3400-A, Troost Ave.

Dec 1, 1939.

Hon. Maurice Milligan,
U.S. District Attorney, City,

Dear Mr. Milligan;

As your very sincere friends and admirers we take the liberty to write you on matters of mutual interest and as we believe, of vital importance to your own political future. It is deeply trusted that nothing may lead you into making the grave mistake of entering the race for the U.S. Senate AT THIS TIME.

Your record for cleaning up crime and graft here is, to say the least, remarkable. All honest citizens are placed in deep obligation to you. It is our opinion that these obligations will not be forgotten, provided you do not allow ambition to over-reach your own interests. Your own individual attention positively is necessary to a complete cleanup. Running for the Senate NOW would not only create dissensions and gravely endanger your own success, but also it would bring about exactly the conditions that the Machine needs and in spite of all that you already have accomplished, would becloud your reputation as well as your good work to date and would seriously endanger your chances permanently. But by accepting the high office of Governor of Missouri, your reasonable and proper advancement would be definite and certain, AND YOU WOULD BE IN BETTER POSITION THAN EVER TO COMPLETE THE SPLENDID WORK ALREADY DONE. Few indeed would hesitate to admit the validity of your claims to that high office; and all WOULD BE FORCED TO ADVISE YOUR LEVEL-HEADED DECISION as well as your willingness to do your share of the VERY NECESSARY TEAM WORK.

The Machine is far more strongly entrenched in Kansas City and in Missouri, than most people realize. Few understand THE REAL CAUSES THAT CREATED THAT

ORGANIZATION, and very many have no idea that PENDERGAST WAS NOT AND IS NOT THE REAL BOSS. That control, as far as the writer can see, has not yet been phased and probably is very little worried. The persons whom you have convicted and sent to prison, CAN SOON BE QUIETLY REPLACED.

In conclusion, permit us to urge post earnestly that you enter the gubernatorial race and announce that your decision is dictated by your own personal desire to stick right with the clean up until it really is completed.

Sincerely your friend,
staunch admirer
and well-wisher,