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Major Lloyd Starks,
Louisiana, Mo.

Dear Major Starks:

In the outset of what I am about to say to you, I ask in strictest confidence nothing ever be mentioned about; that this letter be dealt with as though you had never received same, however I feel so kindly about you thru some correspondence I had with you several years ago about fruit trees up at my 20-acre place at Breen Station, Platte county, Mo., I have come to consider you a good friend.

Here is what I have to say to you: I enjoy the personal and confidential friendship of Hon. Thos. J. Pendergast of this city, a friendship that goes back many years. Each morning when I come down from my place in Platte county, I stop most every morning at his racing barn at Riverside racetrack (he is always there at 7 A.M., during the week). This morning while he was in a very excellent humor, our talk drifted to the next governor of the state. I casually mentioned I had seen the name of a very fine gentleman and friend of correspondence of mine mentioned as a possibility. Mr. Pendergast said "who?". I spoke your name, and said I think he would make an ideal governor, a man of his word and one whom I thought would make a grand and winning race." While he did not commit himself, yet knowing him as I do, I inferred you are his choice. And my only

reason for writing this letter is: I thought this information relayed on to you, would give you a chart if you do not already have it, to course your snip- and nothing done in the intrim that would hazard the fine support of Mr. Pendergast and his Organization.

I have admired you very much, and very much had hoped you would have been our present governor, but account of the sad and painful events and the position Mr. Pendergast was placed thru the death of Mr. Wilson, the setting, etc., I am sure of some things that might have passed, but that is water over the dam. The future is just around the corner.

Kindly excuse my prematureness in the matter, but I just felt it was the diplomatic thing to reach you as I am and let you know events; strange things and coversations develop- just as this one did.

You are at liberty to make Mr. Pendergast feel you are an acquaintance of mine, that you have known Jimmy Hurst. I don't think it will reflect on you when you near his answer.

Kindly just forget this letter was ever conceived or written, also remember I am your friend and silent plugger in the intrim.

Not acting the role of a campaign manager, but sometimes a word of warning acts good as a tonic: don't let them make the mistake of Dr. Nelson's campaign and three-sheet you too much in advance of the next campaign, whereby the reaction will work to the benefit of some darkhorse. Too much front running has often worked a harm to a sure

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winner. I am very anxious to see you our next governor- and i am as sure of it as night is night and day is day. Just forget this letter, but I thought it wouldn't hurt you to know where I think I caught the pulse this A.M.

With very kind regards to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Jimmy Hurst,

Breen Acres,

Platte County, Mo.