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Hon. Lloyd Stark,  
Louisana, Mo.

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My dear Major:

I beg to hand you herewith extract from Sunday's Star. You will note in same, Mr. Pendergast has born out every statement he made to me with reference to just how he would handle the different aspirants for the governorship nomination sofar as the support of the Organization would go. He means just exactly what he says. He is not playing any favorite, however I know well enough Roy McKetrick stands high with a number of workers of this Organization. I know well enough if he develops strength throughout the rural districts, why he is going to be a powerful man to contend with. I knew this Organization well enough to feel a hunch.

I am writing you plain, and it shall always be that way. I feel that you will appreciate just what the other fellow is thinking. No doubt, you will realize and feel just as I do. Perhaps you are already aware of same, but believe were I yeu, it would be the logical thing to go into ( thru your friends) every district and hamlet McKetrick mas strength and endeavor to get all the strength I could in those spots.

I am going to meet Judge Welch again in a few mornings and am going to try and get him to work hard on Jim Aylward in your behalf. He has been feeling very kindly about this man Gross, and if Cress should develop any strength to warrant it, I think Jim might go for him. Jim is a fine fellow, and Welch has great influence with him. Cas is my good

friend, and I believe I can swing him wholeheartedly to you. If it gets to that point, then I will get in touch with you and perhaps have you come to Kansas City when I believe it is right, meet Welch and just have a plain talk with him. Welch is the most powerful part of this Organization- sofar as votes are concerned.

Again, I trust you will know I am trying to guide things so there won't be an unintentional slip on your part, therefore I am going to present in strictest confidence to you, just the pitfalls you must avoid with the Organization. I hate to bring up personalities, however it is important when a friend's welfare is at stake. Namely: you know Judge Miles Bulger, once presiding judge of our county court, had the Organization in his lap, was the most trusted advisor Pendergast ever had, could today be supreme with T.J.P. Bulger get drunk with power, thought he could chisel the Organization away from Pendergast, and set himself up as the Boss. Pendergast broke him overnight, disrobed him of power, and stuck him far into the mud. He is dead and will never be allowed to resume himself. Bulger disgraced himself further by throwing what strength he bad over to the republicans a few years age. Lately, he has tried to revive himself. He was a strong Milligan man in the recent

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senatorial fight. But what I am warning you against is: Bulger is a shrewed politician, he will look this field over, pick out the strongest man he can find, then hitch himself to the kite's tail and swing along and should the candidate be successful, of course demand recognition. Beware of that trap! You simply will have to be diplomatic and do your own thinking and make your own decision, however be careful of that kind of support. Pendergast would instantly drop any hopes he might hare in his breat for a candidate who would court Bulger's local support (nothing), and it might be you would never be courted. It occurred to me to post you in the matter, since now the track has been cleared and he has said the identical words wrote you.

Now personally, I am a personal friend of Judge Bulger's, think a great deal of him, and he has the warmest feeling for me, but then I just had to write you this information after

mature thought. I happened to study this matter many days, and it came to me to write you and set you right on the matter. Again, it may never occur, but I know Miles and just how he works. You be the captain of your own soul and thoughts in the matter. I just wanted to give you a guide pest to work by. I do not want to offend him, he is my personal friend, and I know these little things I pass to you are in strictest confidence. An unwarranted and innocent thing on your part might be the alibi, and you would not want that to happen to you.

With \$1,200,000 to work with, you can really appreciate what Washington intends out this way, and you know with Murray in the saddle to see that it is properly administered (we are not fools), just what is to be reckoned.

Please excuse me for turning over and writing on the back of paper, however I know it is not the best manners in letter writing, but I just regard them as notes and not to clutter up your desk.

With kind regards, I am,  
Your friend,  
Jimmy Hurst