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Sophian Plaza
Kansas City, Missouri

May 14th 1935.

Major Lloyd C. Stark
Louisiana, Mo.

My Dear Major Stark –

I am deeply indebted to you for the governors assortment of wonderful fruit trees and roses you sent to me at Platte City. Grundy and Morton just called and said they were received and planted today as I had asked them to attend to that for me. They said they had never seen such wonderful roots in any trees or shrubs they had bought and both

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added “hurray for Stark for Governor.”

Now that I have thanked you heartily, I have news for you. You have you asked me to be very frank with you. Now any body who wants to say some thing pleasant will bring you good reports but that is just like campaigning among your friends. We must not use our time in strength with our friends. Its our enemies we must win over to our side.

While I was told to remain in bed for a week and keep perfectly

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quiet. I did a little [MS. illegible] campaigning and here is what I find. 9 out of every 10 people to whom you mention the 1936 campaign will say at once Mrs. N I'll do any thing you ask me to do, but what about the K.C. organization. Well! Then I must close my lips. I have no idea. Our thing of course is certain, you have to have them to win. You see Bennett Clark tried to fight them and how badly his candidate was defeated and also his appointments were turned down. Now you see he has done what Sen. Reed always said – “If you can't beat them – join them.” So Bennett has come into

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St. Louis go to see my good friend – of where I told you. He is my key man there, also Mrs – who is quite enthusiastic for you and is a power at work, splendid organizer etc.

The other parties of whom we talked are what my dear husband called “incense swingers,” always trying to tell what they can do. But the other is the one to tie our colors on for he a born organizer, and a devoted worker for you where he once starts. He says he must support a man who will take care of Senators (Louis')

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friends. I said and I am working for that man, and you must help me.

More in a few weeks when I get stronger I will try and do some real work and find the lay of things.

Have tried to talk to Mr. Aylward - but you know he lost a young Brother last week and is quite broken up. but got in a nice little conversation with his wife and a few complimentary remarks about National Chairman etc. etc. all these little things help.

Drop me a line whenever you can spare the time.

Pardon me if

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you think I am too frank, but I assure you it was Mr. Wilsons request of his friends.

So glad to have met your charming wife and hope to know her better.

Again many thanks for all the lovely fruits and roses. Let me know as soon as you can just what I shall say in reply to these inquiries I am constantly getting.

Pardon length of this letter and I will not be guilty of it again.

Sincerely your friend

Mrs. Louis M. Wilson